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We Have a Third Dance Olympian!

Melanie Stelatos, a grade five student at Winchester P.S., will travel to Wetzlar, Germany, later this month as a first-time member of Team Canada Dance for the 2016 World Championships hosted by the International Dance Organization (IDO). She joins Brayden Tokarski and Taylor Roth who will be in Graz, Austria, and Riesa, Germany, respectively, in their own disciplines, as reported in our Sept. 23 issue.

Melanie will compete in three disciplines : ballet, jazz and modern. After auditioning with hundreds of dancers across Canada, she was chosen to represent the country and will compete in five routines. She has been training since August and has already rehearsed for over 100 hours, in addition to the many hours she dances weekly at her home studio, Oshawa's Hooper's Performing Arts.

A seven year "dance veteran," she enters her fourth year with Hooper's. She credits her dance teachers Fritha King, Chelsey Prosser, Ashley Schofield, and Rachel Parish for their patient instruction and guidance, which have paved her path to the international stage.

The photo shows Melanie performing at a Richmond Hill competition last February.



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Less than Half the Picture *By Richard Bercuson*

The Minnow Tour



A three hour tour - on a school bus. It redefines dread. The last time I travelled on one of those beasts was when I coached high school sports and it was the only affordable mode of transportation. Naturally, I sat at the front as far from the nonsense as I could get without being duct-taped to the hood and completely out of earshot.

So then it came as a pleasant surprise that my SS Minnow tour of Whitby, courtesy of the town, wasn't three hours long anyway; it was barely two. The weather wasn't getting rough nor did the bus get tossed. The co-skippers, Whitby's Recreation Manager Sarah Klein and the Whitby Library's Rhonda Jessup, didn't need to muster courage after all, just loud voices. The portable PA system was wonky.

I learned some new things about our town. For instance, there's a 3D printer at the main library branch and you can take courses in how to use it. We stopped at the Station Gallery, an art gallery on the same lot as the Iroquois Park Sports Centre. On display that day were beautiful carvings by local artists. I'd always thought the building was a poorly attended snack stand. In fact, part of it was the Grand Funk Railway Station that was moved from its previous location at the site of the GO station across the road.

Coffee and snacks

I joined 30 other Whitby newbies for a pleasant Saturday morning. It began with coffee and terrific snacks, some of which could drag me from my nutrition plan (see also, "Chocolate chip cookie addiction"). At the end, when we returned to the central library, we were each given a goodie bag.

Here's my view of treat bags for adults: I love 'em. I've organized a few coaching seminars and the secret to success was always providing folks toys when they left. Pens, pads, it didn't matter. So you can imagine my thrill at receiving: a tin of mints, two pencils, a portable charging device for, well, portable devices, a ticket for one free public skating session, an LED light

keychain (perfect for finding late night backyard doggie-do), assorted pamphlets, and a 2017 Seniors Safety Calendar. I didn't take that last one personally because everybody got one.

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Last stops

We drove by the marina (420 boat slips, if you need a trivia question). We even spent some time at the Brooklin library, our last stop. I had a passing notion to invite the whole gang to my lower east side hovel for lunch. Alas, the leftover cookies beckoned instead.

The most fun was watching our co-skippers do head counts, walking up the bus aisle and asking, "Is anyone missing a buddy?" Ah yes, those halcyon days of team trips...

I was the only Brooklinite on board. When Sarah announced I was also the newspaper editor up here, no one seemed impressed. They'll take notice when BTC is the flagship publication of a global media empire.

Getting kids in the game

- Scotiabank Backyard Rink is back!

Whitby families can once again teach their young children hockey and ringette skills thanks to the Scotiabank Backyard Rink program.

This program gives parents and their children aged seven and under a safe place to practice stickhandling and skating. Nets and ice time are provided by Scotiabank's Community Hockey Sponsorship Program, patrons provide sticks, pucks and protective equipment.

The program, which started in 2009,

continues as a joint effort between the Town of Whitby, Scotiabank and Whitby Minor Hockey Association.

From September through March, the program runs Mondays (1:30–3:00 p.m.), Wednesdays (11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.) and Fridays (11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.) on Scotiabank Arena 1 at Iroquois Park Sports Centre, 500 Victoria Street West, Whitby, and on also on Wednesdays (1:00–2:30 p.m.) at Luther Vipond Memorial Arena, 67 Winchester Road East, Brooklin.

September Traffic Blitz Nabbed 1,000+

A four-day traffic safety blitz in early September around Durham Region schools resulted in more than 1,000 traffic tickets being issued.

The Durham Regional Police Traffic Services Branch, in conjunction with officers from all divisions, initiated a zero-tolerance traffic enforcement campaign targeting school and community safety zones during the week of September 6 to September 9, 2016.

During that week, officers issued 1,071 tickets for various driving offences in and around schools, which included 600 tickets for speeding, 47 for stop sign violations, and 20 for distracted driving.

The goal of the annual "In the Zone" enforcement campaign is to ensure high officer visibility and proactive enforcement in and around school zones during the first week back to school.

Oops - and Uh-oh

In our Sept. 23 issue story about local dance kids going to the Dance Olympics, we erred. Braydon Tokarski trains at Katie's Dance Connection in Oshawa, not at Elite Dance Works. His choreographers Jerome Bobb and Andrew Insanally also happen to be Team Canada's choreographers.

We learned after publication that a third Brooklin dancer, Melanie Stelatos, will also be dancing at the Dance Olympics, competing in the jazz, ballet and modern dance competitions. See the front page photo and short article, including the link to her gofundme web site.

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The Brooklin Beat By Dan Surette

I hear banjos...



Sam, the young'un on the far right, playing with the Willowridge Band.



This is a story of a young man who grew up on ol' time country music and bluegrass, even though he's not from Kentucky, Tennessee or anywhere else in Appalachia. He is one of our own, Brooklin native Sam Marshall, who attended Meadowcrest, Winchester, and Wilson schools and now plays banjo for Jim Hayward and The Willowridge Band.

He would go camping with his grandparents as they visited town fairs and jamborees to hear the pickings of Earl Scruggs, Ralph Stanley and the songs of Bill Monroe, the Father of Bluegrass music. The music grew in him, so much so that his mom and grandparents gave him the second hand banjo underneath the bed in his Grandma's house. Today, that very same instrument has become his calling card.

Let's first step back a bit. Bluegrass music gets its name from a strain of grass called Kentucky Blue Grass, which audiences would sit on as they listened to it outdoors. Bluegrass music has a tradition of musicians being able to sit in on a song or two in a live performance. In that sense, it's not unlike jazz.

For those not aware what real bluegrass is like, you should check out any Tony Rice recordings with the Bluegrass Album Band as well as Earl Scruggs, Ralph Stanley, and Steve Martin and the Steep County Rangers. Yes, that Steve Martin - comedian, film star, and Grammy award winner for Best Bluegrass Album.

Sam recalls how when he was a youngster, his grandfather's cousin, Dalton, was a banjo master and always asked him to play along, trading off licks and passages and giving him a dose of good advice here and there. As Sam's talent grew, he sat in on different jamborees and

"grew his chops" and network.

His grandparents suggested he go to the Orono Bluegrass Festival, run by Jim Hayward, at the at the Orono Fairgrounds. Jim's band, already established, would invite Sam on stage for a few tunes. From that, Jim and Sam's friendship, and mentorship, grew. When Sam was 16, Jim's band was playing at Port Perry Town Hall and he invited Sam to come to the show. They needed a full time banjo player so he was invited to join the group. He's now been with the band for nine years.

Their fine multi-generational sound is captured in their latest CD release "Willowridge Mountain Home" with Jim providing eight original compositions on the 14-track album. Hayward does the main vocals and guitar, Gary Meyer handles harmony vocals, mandolin and guitar, while Sam picks the banjo. The band is anchored by the bass and harmony vocals of Dickson Raynard who is also the recording engineer. Canada is listening to this group as their album was nominated for Album of the Year for the Central Canadian Bluegrass Awards. It seems they're about to make it big. If you would like to purchase one of their three CDs, visit willowridgebluegrass.com.

They have an important show coming up on October 18 at 7pm as special guests with the East Coast sensations, the Spinney Brothers. Tickets are going fast for this show at Oshawa's LVIV Hall. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by phone at 416-281-1479.

Jim is still playing that old banjo. He just completed a Live Sound Production diploma at Metalworks Studio and will bring that experience to the band's live show.

Grandma and family must be proud. But BTC readers could use an old time ditty about Brooklin. Perhaps in 4/4 time?

Local Puddy Tat's Scowl Makes It Big

Mr. Gophie is the feline friend of Brooklinite Sabrina Novotny. He made it into In Touch Weekly magazine because of his, um, resemblance to a model. Which goes to prove that even a model has a "Pawpeliganger."



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Our Brooklin Kids *By Leanne Brown*

Why 6 am hockey practice is worth it



It's 10 pm on Friday and my daughter will not go to sleep.

We have a 6 am hockey practice, which means wakeup time is going to be early. Along with our night owl, my husband and I need to get to bed so we can get up early. However, an exciting field trip that day and over-tiredness is keeping her (and the rest of us) up. Tomorrow morning is going to be tough.

At 4:45 am, I slowly wake her. This early morning wake-up is torturous for my little seven-year old who would prefer to sleep in her warm bed. "I'm not going! I'm too tired!" she whines, snuggling up with her pillow.

I rub her back and quietly explain, "You have to go. You made a commitment to your team and you have to go to practice."

"I don't want to go!"

"Your team needs you."

"I just want to sleep. I'm so tired."

I start thinking, it is early, maybe she can miss this one practice. It is, after all, only hockey. That's when my husband strolls into the room and flicks on the light "Time to get up, pumpkin!"

She rolls over, pulling the blanket over her head. "But I'm so tired!"

My husband says, "You made a commitment to play hockey. You are responsible to be there for your team. Come on, let's go!"

I give her a kiss and she rolls out of bed. She is not at all happy about going to hockey at 6 am. And I feel

her pain. My bed is calling me, too. I head downstairs to make coffee and a morning shake for her.

At the rink, she lethargically slumps on the bench. She complains that "it stinks in here," which it does. In the dressing room, we wrestle her into equipment as she sits blurry-eyed, complaining all the way. We argue over how exactly we should tuck in the XL shirt on her XS body. I accidentally pull her hair while putting her helmet on. My husband laces up her skates twice (the first time wasn't quite to her liking) and our player hits the ice.

Suddenly a light turns on in her eyes and she skates her heart out, putting 100% into every drill. An hour later, she comes off the ice, sweaty and beaming from ear to ear.

As we leave the rink I ask, "How was practice?"

She happily exclaims, "Fun!"

"Are you glad you went?"

She smiles and starts cartwheeling through the arena complex.

As we head out for breakfast with

the team, she asks why some kids get to skip early morning practices.

I begin, "You know how when you cheat on a drill..."

She completes our familiar mantra, "...you don't learn the skill." With that, she smiles even more. She's answered her own question.

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Friday, October 7: Ashburn artist Jay Dart will have a solo exhibition at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery. The show runs till January. Exhibition link: <http://rmg.on.ca/exhibitions/jay-dart-greetings-from-yawnder/> Jay's website: www.thedart.ca

Saturday, October 15: Beef dinner Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Beef dinner at 42 Bagot St., Brooklin (east of Cassels St. bridge). Lots of beef & potatoes, lots of pies! Tickets: \$17.50 Adults \$7.00 Children. Call Harry 666-0814 (h.agar@sympatico.ca) or Ray 655-8025

Saturday, November 12: Pre-ordering of Holiday House Tour tickets has begun - in person at

the gallery, by phone or on-line at www.whitbystationgallery.com The event day is Sat. Nov. 12th, 10 am - 4 pm. Tickets are \$30 each. Station Gallery is an official stop this year with artisan food sampling and a silent auction featuring tabletop holiday trees decorated by different community businesses and local talent.

We are hosting a raffle again this year - tickets are \$5 for a chance to win a chauffeur driven town car on event day (for 4) with 'front of the line' lanyards - which means no waiting in line!

We are also accepting entries for our Annual Members' Exhibition. This year's theme is GLIMPSE. Entries are accepted until 4 pm on November 4th. The opening re-

ception is on Thursday, December 8th at 7 pm.

Tuesdays: Brooklin Toastmasters, 7:15 p.m. for Meet & Greet, Meeting from 7:20 to 9:14 p.m. at the Brooklin Community Centre & Library (NEW LOCATION), 8 Vipond Road, 2nd floor Boardroom (NW corner). For more information, contact John at 905-683-4439 or jajhj@sympatico.ca or Loran Weston-Smyth at lorn@lornawestonsmyth.com or 416-910-4109. Brooklin Toastmasters provides a supportive and positive environment where members have the opportunity to develop their communication and leadership skills.

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Yes Woman *By Marissa Campbell* (Paid Advertising Feature)

Boot Camp Diva

Misty Mozejko, RHN and owner of **10,000 Strong: A nutrition and fitness revolution**, wants everyone to know that “no matter where you are in life—fitness or otherwise—you can do it.” This in response to the cringe worthy fear the words *boot camp* elicit.

I should know, since I was covering in my sneakers the day I showed up for my first Yes Woman experience. Things you should know up front about me. I’m a diva. I admit this freely. I like soft, cushy, yummy things. I’m not afraid of hard work. I’ll get out there, when push comes to shove, with as much gusto and commitment as anyone. But when there’s no pushing or shoving, I’m happy to relax, curl up with a good book... maybe nap. The very words ‘boot camp’ fly in the face of this time-honoured tradition of laziness. So when The Brooklin Town Crier asked me to don my workout clothes and get my game on, I admit I whimpered.

I like going to the gym. I enjoy yoga. But I do these at my own pace, which is to say some days there’s no pace whatsoever. Not so with boot camp.

When I walked into the bright, air-conditioned studio, I saw things hanging from the ceiling that had me envisioning strung up dead bod-

ies. On periphery were elastic bands, balls, weights, mats, and boxes. All that paraphernalia could have been intimidating, but I was greeted right away by happy boot campers, some of whom had been enrolled in the program for several years. I was also swept up in the enthusiasm of the personal trainers, who push you to work to your fullest potential. I informed both Natalie and Nassi of my plentiful old-lady injuries: bad knees, aching hips, rotator cuff drama. They assured me all exercises could be modified and tailored to my needs. They didn’t disappoint.

Geared to both men and women, there are forty classes to chose from each week and every class is a half hour. You might think, “What? Only a half hour?” And my response to you would be, “OMG, when is this half hour ever going to end?”

They are tough classes, but in a deliciously good way, challenging you to do your best. I worked muscles I hadn’t felt in years. I know this because I felt them for days afterwards. Anything I couldn’t do, I was encouraged to try a different exercise or modify it to my ability and fitness level. I didn’t feel odd nor judged. Everyone was working at



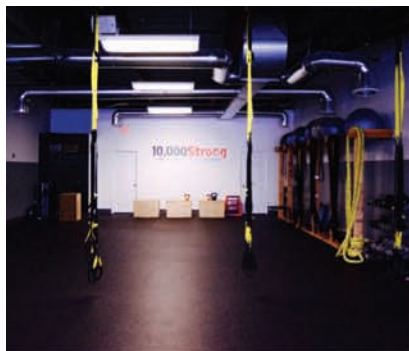
Marissa Campbell does her workout. These were NOT selfies.

their own pace, doing their own personal version of each exercise. And because the coaches are personal trainers, you get in-depth motivation and guidance every step of the way. There was a lot of energy in those classes, and, to my delight, they were actually a lot of fun. Who knew you could laugh while doing burpees—even modified burpees, as in my case?

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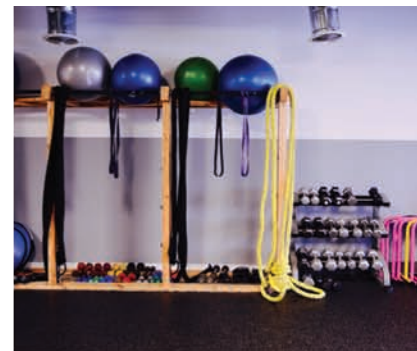
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Misty and her crew of personal trainers are going to “give you everything you need to get you to where you want to be.” And they mean it. I was impressed with not only the dedication, but also the passion they all shared for their clients. I was only there a week, but I miss it already. Boot camp rocks. Even divas can do it!



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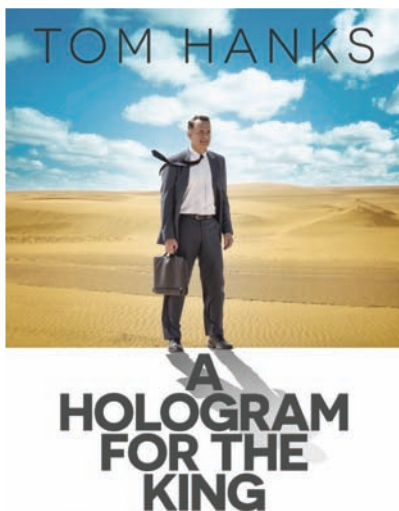
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Thursday, October 20 at 6:30-8:30 p.m.
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Being a firm believer in "give where you live," Louis Bradica participated on May 12th in the Keller Williams Energy annual Red Day, helping the Oshawa Boys and Girls Club by painting its locker rooms, walls, and doors with a splash of hope, as well as cleaning windows and doing landscaping to enrich the grounds for the youth.

Currently Brooklin is a seller's market. And, as people look to move to the community from the west, prices are lower and the homes bigger. "The addition of the 407 will be beneficial to our commute," explains Louis. In addition to the new Brooklin High School (Go Bears!), plans

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Spinning Yarns for Cancer Patients

The ladies of The Court of Brooklin pose proudly with some of the 22 blankets they created and donated to Hearth Place in Oshawa, a cancer support centre. Each lady made a few squares and they were sewn together and the borders crocheted by others to form the blankets, much needed accessories for those undergoing chemo treatments who often get cold during the process.

The Court of Brooklin's ladies will be at it again soon. However, to do so, they need yarn, which means they're calling on the Brooklin community to donate some.

If you can help, contact Sylvia Pugelj, the Engage Life Coordinator, at Sylvia.Pugelj@atriaretirement.ca or call her at (905) 655-7718.

Standing at the far left is Carolyn Hoar, Hearth Place's Volunteer Coordinator and Pediatric Cancer Support leader. The organization, which exists entirely through fundraising, will need more blankets and so

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Tracy Hanson to Join Ontario Chamber of Commerce

The Whitby Chamber of Commerce announces that CEO Tracy Hanson will be leaving to join the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) executive team as the new Vice President, Network and Membership Relations. In this new role, Hanson will continue to support and influence the business climate in Ontario.

members. In her new role, Hanson will work with and support local chambers of commerce and boards of trade in more than 135 communities across Ontario, including Whitby.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to join the OCC and champion the business community across the province. At the same time, it was a decision that required a great deal of thought and reflection," says Hanson. "I've been proud to lead the Whitby Chamber over the past few years and believe we are one of the strongest Chambers in Ontario. My time here is definitely a highlight in my career."

"We are very lucky to have had Tracy throughout the last several years guiding the Whitby Chamber's evolution," comments Board President Andrea Kennedy. "And we are lucky again now to have her going to the OCC where she can continue to champion Whitby and Durham Region at the provincial level."

Hanson leaves the Whitby Chamber in mid-October but will remain available to the team and the Board throughout the transition. The Board will continue to communicate directly with the membership as they progress through this transition.

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From the Archives

T.J. Holliday House, 1947



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This house, located at 60 Baldwin Street, was built for Thomas Jackson Holliday around 1880 by the Balfour Brothers. The house was on the west side, just north of Mr. Holliday's store, and originally had a tower that was removed in 1947. It was demolished in December 1995 and is the current site of the Home Hardware and its parking lot.

WHITBY ONTARIO • CANADA Solid Waste Services Holiday Collection Schedule

During the week of October 10-14 (Thanksgiving) Solid Waste Collection Services (Green Bin Organics, Blue Box Recycling, Yard Waste and Residual Garbage) for Monday October 10 through to Friday October 14, will be revised as follows:

Normal Collection Day	Area #	Revised Collection Day			
		Organics (Green Bin)	Recycling (Blue Box)	Residual (Garbage)	Yard Waste
Mon Oct 10 (Thanksgiving)	1	Tues Oct 11	Tues Oct 11	No collection	No collection
Mon Oct 10 (Thanksgiving)	2	Tues Oct 11	Tues Oct 11	Tues Oct 11	Tues Oct 11
Tues Oct 11	3	Wed Oct 12	Wed Oct 12	No collection	No collection
Tues Oct 11	4	Wed Oct 12	Wed Oct 12	Wed Oct 12	Wed Oct 12
Wed Oct 12	5	Thurs Oct 13	Thurs Oct 13	No collection	No collection
Wed Oct 12	6	Thurs Oct 13	Thurs Oct 13	Thurs Oct 13	Thurs Oct 13
Thurs Oct 13	7	Fri Oct 14	Fri Oct 14	No collection	No collection
Thurs Oct 13	8	Fri Oct 14	Fri Oct 14	Fri Oct 14	Fri Oct 14
Fri Oct 14	9	Sat Oct 15	Sat Oct 15	No collection	No collection
Fri Oct 14	10	Sat Oct 15	Sat Oct 15	Sat Oct 15	Sat Oct 15

Please remember to set waste out by 7:00 a.m. on your revised collection day.

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