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## **CLWA Member Elected to M&L Council**

Jane Lakatos was elected to one of the three Councillor positions, She received 839 votes, second highest in the Councillor race. She is currently the CLWA Treasurer. Bonnie Danes was unsuccessful in her bid for Mayor but she received 659 votes. (More election news on page 3 and 5).

## **Speaker Series**

The Directors of the CLWA are developing a Speaker Series to give our members and waterway users a chance to hear from experts about issues that impact the waterway. The series will start this summer, hopefully in June, with date, time, and location to be announced in a future newsletter and on the CLWA Facebook page.

Some topics that will be covered are:

- Boating safety and boating regulations, speakers from the Ontario Provincial Police.
- How human activities impact our shorelines, water quality and overall health of our waterways with speakers from Conservation Authorities and Ministry of the Environment and Conservation.
- Impacts of Air B and Bs and other vacation users on Water Quality and residents enjoyment of the waterway, what regulations are in place for Short Term Rentals; speakers could be politicians and municipal planners.

We are open to suggestions and if you have a topic that you would like to see covered, please let us know. Send us your ideas at [info@clwa.ca](mailto:info@clwa.ca)

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## President's Message - Jim Nichol

On behalf of the CLWA Officers and Directors – Happy New Year, welcome to 2023. We hope you had a nice holiday season and are as ready for 2023 as we are.

First, a look back at 2022. We had a great Canada Day and we had a successful new CLWA Member Labour Day Fishing Derby. We're working on both for 2023 already. More good news from last year – CLWA member Jane Lakatos was elected to the Marmora & Lake Council. We tried hard to get CLWA members, both resident and non-resident voter,

to participate. The election results and statistics are included in this newsletter. And, we had a very successful Photo Contest. You'll enjoy the pictures,

Now for 2023. We are going to bring you another new program – a Speakers Series. Planning is underway for a session in June and some details are on page 1.

It wouldn't be New Years without a Resolution. Why not make one to get involved with your lake association. Recruit a new member. Run for the Board. Work on a Committee. It will be an easy one to keep.

## Bill 23

There is a lot of talk about Bill 23 but also a lot of questions. What is it? What will it do? Should you care? Should you do anything about it? Where can you get more information? Here is a partial answer to that last question. Most of these sources have a slant toward protecting the environment but so does CLWA's philosophy. Maybe there are different sources with different perspectives, we'll try to provide those as we go along in future newsletters. We welcome your comments, [info@clwa.ca](mailto:info@clwa.ca).

- Bill 23 Proposed Planning Act and Development Charges Act, 1997 Changes: Providing Greater Cost Certainty for Municipal Development-related Charges... <https://tinyurl.com/y58rp9fm>

-FOCA: Position paper... <https://foca.on.ca/land-use-planning-overview/>

-FOCA Comments submitted to Hon. Laurie Scott, MPP, Chair, Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy... <https://tinyurl.com/2p83p6z5>

-The Skink, A TLB Newsletter for November... <https://tinyurl.com/53em77cs>

-Cottage Life, December 13, 2022, Ont. government in legal quagmire over Bills 23: Pending amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act would allow developers to build on floodplains without permits... <https://tinyurl.com/23vxcz5h>

-Cottage Life, December 13, 2022, Ont. government in legal quagmire over Bills 23: Toronto Zoo, Parks Canada voice concerns over planned development of the Greenbelt... <https://tinyurl.com/2jcf62az>

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# Your Hydro Bill is Going Up. Ouch!,



By Leslie Garrett,  
Published October 7, 2022 - Cottage Life

If you've received a recent bill from Hydro One, you might be confused by some proposed changes to hydro rates. And if you haven't yet received a bill, you're likely in for an unpleasant surprise. Thanks to a delayed Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approval for Hydro One to raise rates, your next bill may reflect both the 2019 increase and retroactive charges to cover the 2018 increase.

"The information we've been given is that [Hydro One] has been ordered to catch up right away," says Terry Rees, the executive director of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA). "So it's going to be a bit painful right off the bat." What's not yet clear is whether the increase will appear on a single bill or be phased in over multiple bills.

What's more, says Rees, another change is on the way: the OEB is proposing the elimination of the seasonal rate class, to which most cottagers belong. Instead, he says, cottagers will find themselves either in the R1

(medium-density) or R2 (low-density) class, depending on the location of their cottage. An R2 customer is charged a higher rate because it costs more to deliver power to them, says Rees, noting that slightly more than half of cottagers will see their bills at least double.

Asked about this second impending change, a spokesperson for Hydro One said, "Hydro One has advocated on behalf of its customers on how the elimination of [the seasonal] rate class would have a negative effect on more than half of our seasonal customers."

The change in rate classes is still being debated. FOCA has been monitoring this process closely, and Rees wants answers specifically to what cottagers can expect their total bill to include, when the government plan takes effect, and when cottagers will find out whether they're being converted to R1 or R2. "It's certainly our intent to make sure that we stay on top of these proposed plans," says Rees, including "who's affected, by how much, and what, if any, opportunity we have to weigh in to see if we can make this a more fair and reasonable transition."



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## Municipal Election Results

### Marmora and Lake

Mayor: Jan O'Neill

Deputy Mayor: Mike Stevens

Council: Eric Daoust, Jane Lakatos, Ron Derry

### Havelock-Belmont-Methuen

Mayor: Jim Martin

Deputy Mayor: Hart Webb

Council: Kathy Clement, Jerry Doherty, Beverly Flagler

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## Cottage Q&A: Inheriting the Cottage and Capital Gains

By Jackie Davis

Published: November 24, 2022 - Cottage Life

My brother and I were given title to the family cottage as an early inheritance from our elderly father in 2020. The cottage was built in 1990. Our father chose to designate it as his principal residence as of 1994 and paid the capital gains for the period between 1990 and 1994 in his 2020 tax return. If and when my brother and I ever choose to sell the cottage, which had an MPAC assessed value of \$550,000 in 2020, would the starting value for the capital gain be based on that \$550,000 amount, or on the 1994 value of \$135,000 that our father used in his 2020 tax return?—Harry V., Catchacoma Lake, Ont.

Neither value. The starting value for the tax calculation if and when you sell it will be the cottage's "fair market value," determined by the cottage's sale price. That's obviously not MPAC's assessed value, and it's not the historical FMV from 1994.

Getting an appraisal of the cottage's value now if you don't end up selling it for, say, five years, wouldn't be useful. Market values are fluctuating, says Peter Lillico, a lawyer with Lillico Bazuk Galloway Halka in Peterborough, Ont. "The cost of the appraisal would just be money thrown away."

But it wouldn't be a waste to calculate the cottage's adjusted cost base now. (Math equation time! The adjusted cost base = the cost base, a.k.a. the value as of the date of purchase or inheritance + the value of the capital improvements since the date of purchase or inheritance.) To find this number, you'd get a historical appraisal to establish the cottage's 2020 value—the cost base—and add the money you've spent on any capital improvements since acquiring the cottage—a new roof or an expanded dock, for example.

Then you and your brother "are loaded for bear," says Lillico. The adjusted cost base is the amount you'd subtract from the sale price when you're ready to sell in the future.

**Editor's Note:** This is not legal advice from CLWA. Consult proper legal authorities for that.

**QUESTION:** Would you be interested in a seminar on Cottage Inheritance as part of the CLWA Speakers Program?

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### Chris' Live Bait February Fishing Derby -Tentative

At time of writing, it is unknown if the February "Pike Only" Ice Fishing Derby will be held. The tentative date is Saturday, February 18, but that depends on ice conditions. Please go to the Chris' Live Bait website at <https://www.chrislivebait.com/> for status and details.

Should the derby be held, Crowe Lake Waterway Association will provide cash prizes for adult and the child categories.



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Red squirrels make mushroom jerky to prepare for the winter

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Eligible to Vote 4,844

- Resident 2,856 (59%)
- Non-resident 1,988 (41%)

Turnout 1,794 (37%) (cast at least 1 vote)

- Resident 1,267 (44%)
- Non-resident 527 (27%)

Mayor		
Jan O'Neill	1,097	62%
Bonnie Danes	659	38%

Deputy Mayor		
Mike Stevens	1,141	65%
Ron Fudge	610	35%

Council	
Eric Daoust	934
Jane Lakatos	839
Ron Derry	661
Alex Angus	604
Bernie Donaldson	598
Jason Carman	496
Sue Connelly	483
Launy Schwartz	241

(Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the M&L website)

## 2022 CLWA Photo Contest Judge's Comments

We asked 7 individuals to serve as judges for the photo contest. Some have done it before, some for the first time, some live in Marmora, some have never been to Crowe Lake. Here's what some of them said about the job we gave them:

- They were all great. Wonderful place for pictures
- This was tougher than last year but here we go!
- You can tell how much people love it there
- The colour and the composition is excellent. Very unusual
- Those grins again. The lake is all about catching a big one.

## Did You Know?

Long before Europeans arrived in what we now call Toronto, the Iroquois called the area home. It's generally agreed that the city's current name comes from tkaronto, an Iroquois word that translates to "place where trees stand in the water"; the water in this case is that of Lake Simcoe. Toronto can also be translated as "plenty" from the Huron language, but the word has also been spelled as "Taronto," meaning "the narrows," when referring to a channel of water found between lakes Couchiching and Simcoe.

From Interesting Facts. [https://www.interestingfacts.com/city-name-meanings/YUOSdA55YwAH\\_LWf](https://www.interestingfacts.com/city-name-meanings/YUOSdA55YwAH_LWf)

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## Photo Contest - Beauty



**Amethyst**

**First Place :** Tim Maung

**Second Place :** Jaidyn Savard



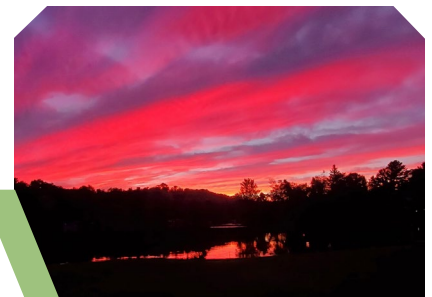
**Misty Morning**



**Where The Sky Ends**

**Third Place :** Peter Ayres

**Honourable Mention :** Sunset by Doug Alcott



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## Photo Contest - Wildlife



**Where Am I?**

**First Place :** Heather Lemieux

**Second Place :** Victoria Foster



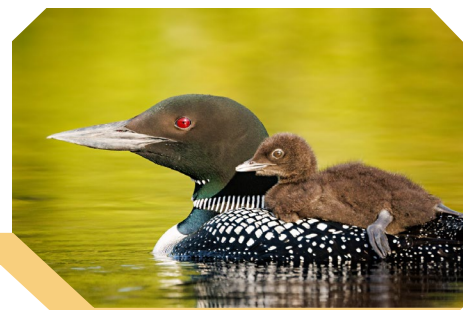
**Child With Ducklings**



**Emerging Beauty**

**Third Place :** Andrew White

**Honourable Mention :** Loon With Chick by Robert Ferguson



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## Photo Contest - Recreation



**Kayaker At Sunrise**

**First Place :** Robert Ferguson

**Second Place :** Jennifer Brown



**My Fishing Buddies**



**Cruising Up The River**

**Third Place :** Marianick Tremblay



**Honourable Mention :** Bentley's First Swim by Kirsten Driscoll

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## Photo Contest - Your Catch



**First Catch**

**First Place :** Karen Maynes

**Second Place :** Jamie Talbot



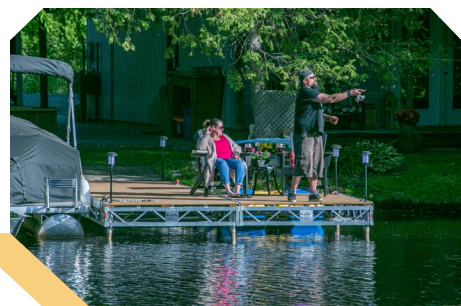
**Come Out Little Fishes**



**Molly And Charlie**

**Third Place :** Mike Didonato

**Honourable Mention :** Chillin' and Fishin' on Beaver Creek by Mike McCabe



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## Spongy Moth Management Guide (part 3 of 4)

This Guide is a product of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension to deal with Spongy Moths (formerly known as Gypsy Moths). The Guide's original one-year format has been broken into 4 articles to fit the CLWA Newsletter seasonal schedule starting with the first part in Summer 2022 and running through part 4 in Spring 2023.

The original Guide is at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/gypsymothinwisconsin/pest-management-2/management-guide-for-homeowners> (shortened link <https://tinyurl.com/msk5bd2n> ).

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### Mid-October—Mid-April: Destroy egg masses.

Destroy egg masses by spraying them with a horticultural oil labeled for spongy moth (*Lymantria dispar*) egg masses (available at lawn and garden centers or online) or by scraping them off and killing them. Do not use motor oil, mineral oils, non-horticultural oils or others not labeled for spongy moth. Spray the oil onto the egg mass until it is soaked. If you scrape off egg masses, be very careful not to harm the bark of the tree. You could do more damage than good that way. Use a knife or paint scraper to gently scrape all of the eggs into a jar. Eggs can be killed by soaking them in soapy water for 2 days before discarding them in the trash. Don't just scrape egg masses onto the ground or try to crush them with your shoe as they will survive to hatch next spring. Any parts of the egg mass you are unable to scrape off can also hold surviving eggs.



Spraying spongy moth egg masses with an approved horticultural oil



Scraping egg masses into a can of soapy water

### LATE APRIL: Place barrier bands on tree trunks.

Just after spongy moth (*Lymantria dispar*) caterpillars have hatched, when they are small and young, barrier bands will prevent them from climbing back into trees after ballooning or when they have fallen. Barrier bands can be purchased or made using duct tape or other nonporous material that can be wrapped around a tree trunk and coated with a commercially available sticky material such as TangleFoot® or Vaseline®. NEVER put sticky material directly on the tree trunk. On thin-barked trees, tie butcher paper or paper bags around the trunk before using the duct tape. The sticky material may need to be re-applied periodically due to rain and other environmental conditions as well as when the bands are covered with caterpillars.



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# Muskoka Resort Fined \$225,000 for Dredging Local River



By Andrew Cruickshank

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Bracebridge's Ontario Court of Justice has convicted a local Muskoka resort and its president of violating the province's Public Lands Act, fining them a combined total of \$225,000.

Between May 2018 and July 2019, Brian Coldin, president of High Falls Resort in Bracebridge, dredged a section of the Muskoka River fronting the resort property without a permit. He then filled the shoreline with several loads of sand, grading the sand to create a beach for guests. The local authorities were alerted to the unauthorized shoreline work in 2018 and issued Coldin a stop-work order to prohibit further shoreland filling. But in the spring of 2019, high water levels washed away the deposited sand, and Coldin, in contravention to the stop-work order, re-filled the shoreline with sand.

The Public Lands Act has strict rules around shoreline maintenance to protect the

province's freshwater systems. Local municipalities may grant a work permit to maintain, repair, or replace erosion control structures, such as retaining walls to prevent run-off into the water. But the act prevents private individuals from shoreline dredging and filling, especially without a permit.

This isn't the first time the High Falls Resort has been in trouble with the law. In 2011, the Muskoka resort was convicted for unlawfully filling shorelands and was issued a probation order. The court took this into account when setting Coldin and the resort's fine amounts.



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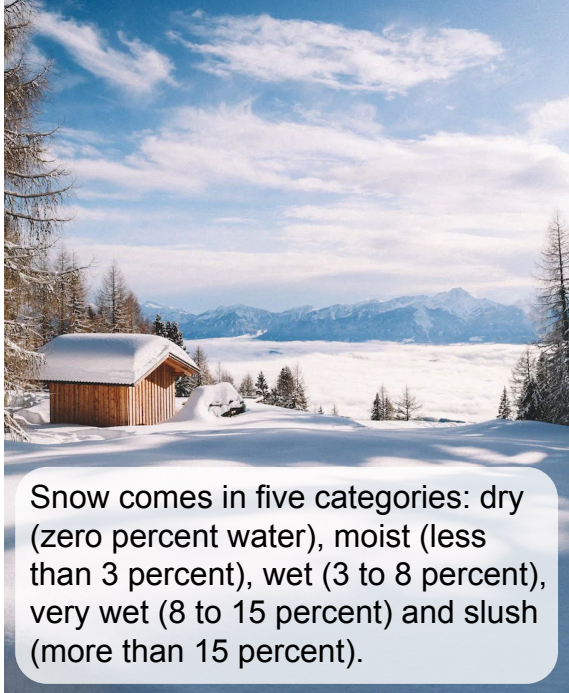
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## Did You Know?

Scientists actually classify snow based on its moisture content.



Snow comes in five categories: dry (zero percent water), moist (less than 3 percent), wet (3 to 8 percent), very wet (8 to 15 percent) and slush (more than 15 percent).

- Smithsonian

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## 3 of Canada's Famous Unsolved Mysteries



By Jackie Davis

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(Edited for Length)

### No. 3 The Year of the UFO (1967)

One of Canada's most famous UFO encounters — at Falcon Lake, Man., on May 20, 1967— kicked off a rash of UFO sightings. The “Falcon Lake Incident” revolved around an industrial mechanic from Winnipeg, who spotted two “cigar-shaped” crafts that looked like they were made of “hot stainless steel.” When he approached one, it released a blast of gas that lit his clothes on fire. A half-dozen Canadian and U.S. authorities investigated. But were they alien spaceships? Even the mechanic didn't believe that; he only ever claimed that what he saw was an “experimental aircraft.”

### No. 2 The Peterborough Lift Lock Hauntings (Ongoing)

For decades, the Peterborough Lift Lock on the Trent Canal has been the site of tragic accidents

(a worker plummeting 60 feet to his death when scaffolding collapsed) and unexplained events (workers finding mysterious wet footprints on the ground or seeing tools fly through the air as if thrown by an unseen force). Some people believe the lock is cursed by the ghost of a woman who was burned alive for being a witch in the 1840s.

### No. 1 The Tom Thomson Mystery (1917)

Who killed artist Tom Thomson? Or did he die by accident? Could it have been suicide? Thomson disappeared in Algonquin Provincial Park's Canoe Lake on July 8, 1917. Twelve days later, a vacationing doctor spotted his body floating in the water. His death was ruled an accidental drowning. But that didn't explain the fishing line wrapped neatly, 16 or 17 times, around one leg, or the mark on his left temple. In a 1953 tape recording, his friend Mark Robinson described the injury: “It looked as if he had been struck— struck with the edge of a paddle.”

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## Theater Traditions and Superstitions

You probably know about telling performers to "Break a Leg" and never saying "Macbeth" but did you know about Banning Peacock Feathers and Mirrors from the stage?

Any good prop master knows to keep peacock feathers far away from the stage. The natural design of the feathers contains an "evil eye" pattern that is thought to bring bad luck in the form of technical failures and chaos, History UK explains. The eye's curse (which is not unique to the theater) can be traced back to Plato and even the Bible, while the fear of the feathers themselves has existed since at least 1242, when they were linked to Mongols who advanced into Europe.

Another item to avoid? Mirrors. While it's a widely believed superstition that breaking a mirror causes seven years of bad luck, even unbroken mirrors should be kept offstage in the theater, since they can mess with the lighting design. Of course, there are exceptions to this rule — most

notably in the staging of "The Music and the Mirror" from A Chorus Line.

<https://www.interestingfacts.com/theater-traditions-explained/YtYKCaYHnQAHPR-b>

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## Old Fashioned Beef Stew



From BestSkinny.com and  
Dorothy Caverly Facebook page

## Ingredients



- 2 lbs. cubed beef stew meat
- 3 Tbsp. vegetable oil (choose an oil with a high smoke point)
- 4 tsp. beef bouillon base (I use Better than Bouillon – if using another type, use amount appropriate to 4 cups of water)
- 4 cups of water
- 1 tsp. dried rosemary
- 1 tsp. dried parsley
- 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 3 large potatoes – cubed (also peeled if you prefer)  
Yukon Gold are my favorite!
- 4 carrots – cut into 1-inch pieces
- 4 stalks celery – cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 large onion – chopped
- 2 tsp. cornstarch
- 2 tsp. cold water

## Directions

- Add the oil to a Dutch Oven, or a large, heavy-bottom pot. I prefer cast iron.
- When oil is hot, cook the beef in batches over medium or medium high heat until brown. Keep at medium if your pan is too hot and beef is starting to get dark too quickly.
- Cook in batches so you only have an even layer of beef browning at a time. Don't overcrowd the pot.
- Make sure you brown all sides of the beef. Move to a plate while cooking the rest.
- When the beef is all browned, dissolve the beef bouillon base in hot water and then add to the pot.
- Carefully place the beef back into the pot, with any juices on the plate.
- Add the rosemary, parsley, and ground pepper.
- Bring everything to a boil before reducing the heat to a low simmer and covering with the lid.
- Leave the beef to simmer for an hour, checking occasionally and stirring to prevent sticking.
- While the beef is simmering, wash and cut the vegetables. Be careful not to cut them too small, so that they keep their form after cooking and don't turn to mush.
- In a small bowl, make a slurry using the cornstarch and 2 teaspoons of water. Whisk together until smooth.
- After the beef has simmered one hour, add the vegetables and the slurry, stirring well to combine.
- Cover the pot and let simmer for another hour, stirring occasionally.

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## Nuts To You – Pistachios, That Is

By Faith Seke from Microsoft MSN

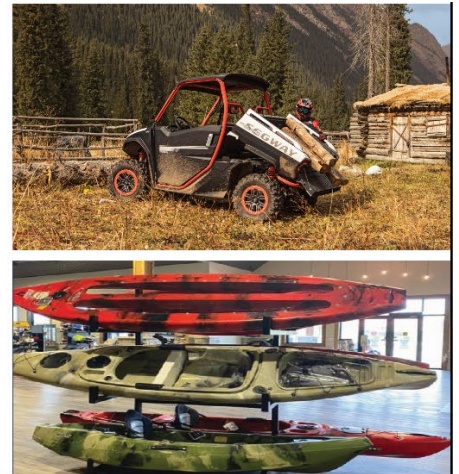
- Pistachios are effective in reducing the risk of cardiovascular diseases. These nuts contain monosaturated fatty acids like oleic acid which may help to reduce total of as well as LDL-cholesterol and increase HDL-cholesterol.
- Pistachios are also rich in phytonutrients such as carotene and polyphenolic compounds, which may help to remove toxic free radicals in the human body.
- Pistachios are a great source of vitamin E and 100 grams compose of 23 grams vitamin E. Vitamin E can help in maintaining the integrity of the mucosa and skin and it also works as a free radical scavenger.

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## From Us at CLWA, Have a Happy New Year,

Here's to a bright New Year and a fond farewell to the old; here's to the things that are yet to come, and to the memories that we hold

"We spend January 1 walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for potential." -Ellen Goodman



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