



EAST YORK INKLINGS

Newsletter of the East York Historical Society

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President's Message...

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

As I write this President's Message, I am thinking of how the East York Historical Society continues to flourish... it is an honour and a delight for me as your President, along with the Board of Directors to continue to serve within the mission of this society.

Our November 25, 2014 AGM went very well. The evening's speakers from the Salvation Army Corp, North Toronto, were Colonel John Carew and Mr. Michael Barrow. They gave a slideshow presentation and spoke about the work of the Salvation Army in many places all over the world, including East York, their museum at 2 Overlea Blvd., archives and group tours...

A special welcome to our new members.

The Agnes Macphail Award presentation will be held on Tuesday March 24, 2015 at 7pm at the EYCC in the True Davidson Council Chambers.

The President's Membership Spotlight, for the month of January 2015 will be Mr. Robert Brathwaite. See information on following page.

Members are reminded to pick up and wear their name tags at the meetings. This helps us to get better acquainted with you.

Membership renewals, donations and regular attendance to the meetings are vital to the ongoing success of the EYHS. Please see our Treasurer Val Dodge at the meeting for renewals or mail to the address included in this newsletter. Thank you.

The EYHS evening meetings are held in the months of January, March, May, September and November. Therefore our January meeting will have two speakers/presenters. Karen Carter, Exec. Director of Heritage Toronto, "Is Black History Important to All of Us?" & Karen Fraser, Women Like Me "Do You Know about the Boys?"

Everyone, including members are encouraged to attend.

On behalf of the EYHS and its Board of Directors, please keep safe and warm through this winter. Wishing you all a bright, healthy & prosperous New Year 2015.

Sincerely,

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Join us at our Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, January 27, 2015
Refreshments at 7:00pm
Meeting commences at 7:30pm

Our presenter will be
Karen Carter, Executive Director of Heritage Toronto (Black History Month); Karen Fraser of Women Like Me (Do You Know About The Boys?)

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Subject about presentation needed

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Bob Rumball Centre of the Deaf and how it all started. Presented by Derek Rumball

East York Historical Society meetings are co-sponsored by the Toronto Public Library, and take place in the John S. Ridout Auditorium at the S. Walter Stewart Library Branch, located at 170 Memorial Park Avenue on the corner of Memorial Park and Durant Ave.

Evening Meetings take place on the last Tuesday of January, March, May, September and November. Afternoon Discussions take place on Wednesdays in February, March, April, October and November



<http://www.eastyork.org/eyhs.html>



GET YOUR TOPHAM POSTER

We hope to be ordering some Topham Park laminated posters soon. We have been delayed as we are trying to locate the original high resolution file, but we expect this to be resolved this month. Anyone who wants to order a poster should contact Ron or Wanda Chamberlain at 416-751-0911 or by email at ron.chamberlain@sympatico.ca

SAVE THE DATE

Hon. Kathleen Wynne's
New Year's Levee
Sunday, January 11, 2015
2:00pm to 4:00pm
Noor Cultural Centre
123 Wynford Drive

Agnes Macphail
Award Ceremony
Monday March 24, 2014
7:00pm
East York Civic Centre.
850 Coxwell Avenue



EAST YORK... Then and Now!

We encourage our members and supporters to visit and LIKE a great facebook page: **EAST YORK... Then and Now**. This site features some great photos of our community that date back decades. Feel free to get in touch with them if you have any that you would like to share. You can visit the page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/East-York-Then-and-Now/340651007038?fref=ts>

A photo that dates back to the early 20th century where the Don Valley Brick Works and Todmorden Mills were all part of one big property owned by the Davies family. The paper mill here had ceased in 1901 and became the stables for the brickworks' horses.

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Minutes – East York Historical Society 34th Annual General Meeting - November 25, 2014

Taken by Mary Jean Joys

Meeting was called to order at 7:38pm by EYHS President Pat Barnett with 34 people in attendance;

Adoption of minutes Moved by Chris Salmond seconded by Lynn Austin That the Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting as published in the January 2014 East York Inklings be accepted. Vote carried.

Annual Report: Pat Barnett spoke to those in attendance about the accomplishments and activities of the East York Historical Society. Moved by Alan Redway Seconded by Irene Dersay - That the Annual Report distributed in the November 2014 newsletter be accepted. Vote carried.

Financial Report: Moved by Val Dodge Seconded by Margaret McRae that the Treasurer's Annual Report as distributed at the meeting be accepted. Vote Carried.

Financial Reviewer's Report: Moved by Val Dodge Seconded by Margaret McRae - That the Financial Reviewer's report be accepted. Vote Carried

Lorna Krawchuk has agreed to be our financial reviewer for the fiscal year 2014 – 2015.

Moved by Val Dodge Seconded by Margaret McRae

That Lorna Krawchuk be appointed as Financial Reviewer for the fiscal year 2014 to 2015. Vote Carried.

Elections of Officers Ron Chamberlain took the chair to conduct the Election of the Board of Directors.

It was announced that the positions of Treasurer and Secretary are appointed by the Board. Val Dodge will continue as Treasurer and Justin Van Dette will continue as our Secretary. Past President is Jane Pitfield.

The following slate is recommended by the board of directors:

President – Pat Barnett

Vice President – Alan Redway

Directors at Large:

Kay Horiszny

Margaret McRae

John Michailidis

Christopher Salmond

The chair asked if there were other nominations.

There were no other nominations.

Motion to close nominations and to elect the persons named above.

Mover Alan Redway Secunder Margaret McRae - Vote Carried.

The proposed executive was elected.

Adjournment: The AGM was adjourned and we returned to the regular meeting.

Order your
own
East York
Flag

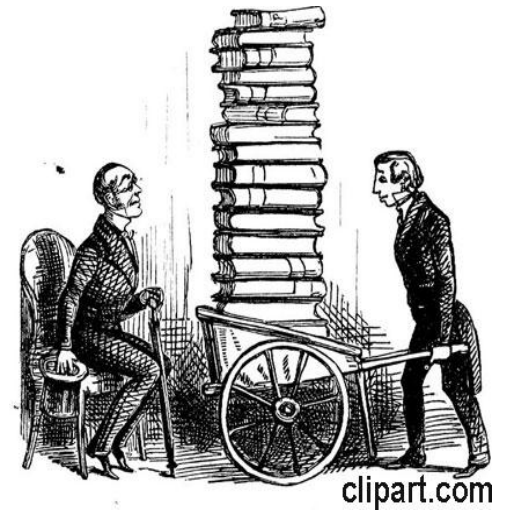


We have received some orders for both sizes of East York flags but need 15 orders of one size in order to go ahead with it. It looks like we have more demand for the larger 3' x 6' flags and will likely order them first but we will likely also be able to order the 27" x 54" ones in the coming year. Please let us know if you would like to buy a flag, and which size or whether you would take either. Contact Margaret McRae to register for a flag. She can be reached at marg.mcrae@gmail.com or 416-429-7821.

WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE WITH EAST YORK ARCHIVES...

The East York Historical Society would like to start an East York Archives and would like to find a location in East York where we can host it. The library has a bookcase with some East York archival books but doesn't have enough space to store all our stuff. We are receiving several donations of books and photos which we would like to make available to the public to view.

We welcome any suggestions of places we might approach to host our archives. We only need one room to be open one or two half days per week. Please let us know if you have any suggestions of locations we might approach or how you might like to help with this project. For now, you can contact Margaret McRae at 416-429-7821 or marg.mcrae@gmail.com



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON MEETINGS

We have been having smaller groups at the recent afternoon meetings so are considering reducing the number of meetings. We would welcome your feedback as to whether you find the meetings worthwhile and if you would prefer them to be on a different day. We would also welcome any volunteers who might like to contact the members by phone or email to remind them of the meetings a few days in advance.

We are collecting items for various charities which may be brought to any of our meetings. These include plastic milk bags, Campbell soup labels, used postage stamps and pop can tabs. Please remind people that their membership fees are due by the January meeting and include a form for the people who haven't renewed.

POPULAR SPOTS

When it comes to where first-time buyers are looking, real estate agents say these are the most likely neighbourhoods:

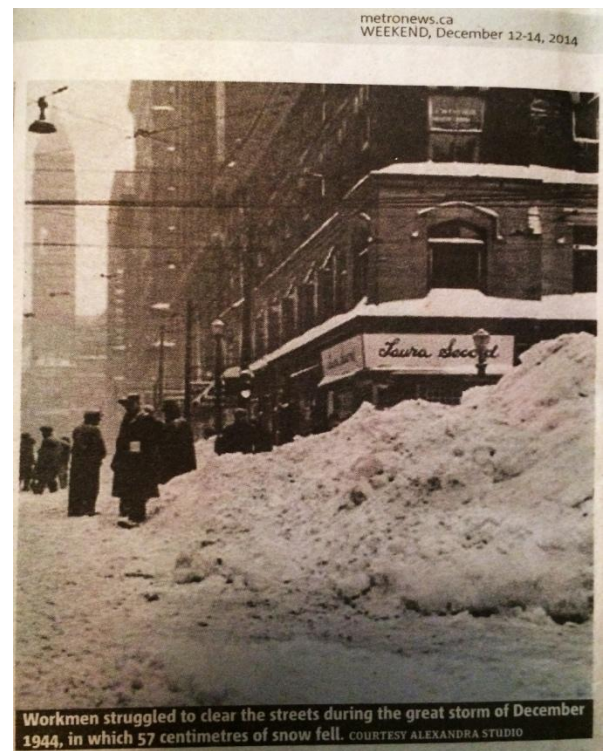
- Leslieville
- Coxwell & Danforth
- Corso Italia
- East York
- The Junction

(Metro News Dec. 12, 2014)

WORST STORM EVER – DECEMBER 1944

21 people died in Toronto in the storm of December 1944, which knocked over the Queen streetcar and shutdown the city.

Thirteen of the 21 storm related deaths came as a result of heart attacks as people shoveled snow. Chief coroner Dr. Smirie Lawson warned men over 50 not to shovel. "The strain of moving the drifts is terrific on the heart. It is better to get some young fellow to do it even if it costs a few cents."



Workmen struggled to clear the streets during the great storm of December 1944, in which 57 centimetres of snow fell. COURTESY ALEXANDRA STUDIO

Member Spotlight: Mr. Robert Brathwaite

Robert has been a regular member of the East York Historical Society for over 15 years. Recently at the Correctional Services Dinner and Award Ceremony, held in December 2014, Mr. Brathwaite received his 20 year Correctional Services Award. It was an honour to be present to applaud his achievement.

Congratulations!



SAVE THESE DATES THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS PLANNING AHEAD

Our Tuesday evening meetings start at 7pm.
Refreshments are always served.

March 31, 2015

Bob Rumball Centre of the Deaf...How it all started
Presenter Derek Rumball

May 26, 2015

The Barbershoppers of East York.
Presenter: Mr. Greg Shields and the performers

September 29, 2015

TBA

November 24, 2015

TBD

**Our Wednesday afternoon show and tell
discussion meetings start at 2 pm.
Refreshments are always served.**

**Our thanks to Hon. Alan Redway for his help in
leading our afternoon programs.**

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Wednesday, April 15, 2014

Wednesday, October 14, 2014

Wednesday, November 18, 2014

10 REASONS TO PLANT A TREE

1. Trees provide shade in summer, cooling our homes and streets.
2. Trees improve air quality by trapping air pollutants.
3. Trees absorb rainwater so roads don't flood and sewers don't overflow.
4. Trees reduce home heating and cooling costs.
5. Trees increase property values. (For rental properties, they also bring higher rents)
6. Trees muffle noise.
7. Trees enhance our sense of well-being, calm and serenity.
8. Trees influence drivers to slow down.
9. Trees provide shelter for birds and other wildlife.
10. Trees make our streets beautiful.

courtesy of Trees 29

ABOUT THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The East York Historical Society was formed in 1980 and incorporated in 1981 as a non-profit corporation affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society to bring together people interested in the diverse heritage of East York, to research, retain, preserve and present historical data pertaining to the region.

Meetings of the East York Historical Society are generally held on the last Tuesday of January, March, May, September and November at the S. Walter Stewart Library (northwest corner of Memorial Park and Durant Avenues) at 7:00pm and include an illustrated presentation on a subject of historical interest. Our meetings are co-sponsored by the Toronto Public Library.



East York Historical Society Board of Directors – 2015:

Front row: Hon. Alan Redway, Pat Barnett, Kay Horiszny

Second row: Christopher Salmond, Margaret McRae, Justin Van Dette, John Michailidis.

Bottom right: Val Dodge, Jane Pitfield

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HELP PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF EAST YORK BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Help strengthen the History of East York by becoming a member of the East York Historical Society. Provide us with your ideas and know more about the great community that we live in. Your membership helps us to keep you informed and organize events that educate the residents of East York.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone No.: _____ E-Mail: _____

New members and guests are always welcome. The fees for 2014 are:

Single - \$15 Family - \$20 Student - \$7 Organization - \$50

Bring cash to our next meeting or mail us a cheque payable to the “East York Historical Society” to:
East York Historical Society, 107 Cambridge Avenue, Toronto, ON, M4K 2L7

[] YES!!! Please add me to your e-mail distribution list – help save a tree!