



# EAST YORK INKLINGS

*Newsletter of the East York Historical Society*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

New Year's Greetings to all our Members and other supporters of the East York Historical Society.

The Holiday Celebrations have come and gone with incredible spring like weather & by the time you receive this January 2016 East York Inklings Newsletter of the East York Historical Society the weather will have changed to normal winter temperatures. For our mature adults please have someone shovel your driveways and walk ways as this sudden change in the cold weather can cause severe health damage in attempt to shovel.

At our recent Annual General Meeting last November, the East York Historical Society had an incredible good turn out of close to a hundred in attendance. Thanks to all of you who were present. Our Presenter Dr. Mike Dolbey's presentation on "Woodbine Gardens - its past and how it shaped the future of East York" was well received. The demand is such that the EYHS will request Dr. Dolbey to do another presentation in the near future.

EYHS Plaques: The East York Historical Society has installed another plaque this time in the form of a Bench Plaque to honour our late member & Local Activist Miss Maureen Lindsay. The Unveiling Ceremony was held on November 30, 2015 at Dentonia Park. Copies of the program of the unveiling ceremony will be available at our January evening meeting.

**Our Condolences** to the families of EYHS' Life members Mrs. Louise & Mr. Paul Herzberg of Toronto. Also the following: Natalie Cole (music artist & daughter of the late Nathaniel Adam Cole Jazz Musician Nat King Cole)... American

44 Canadian Horses perished in Barn Fire on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 near Guelph, Ontario.....David Jones 'Bowie' Music icon....British American. ...Further information on page 3.

The EYHS is still accepting donations, new and renewed memberships for 2016 please see our Treasurer Val Dodge at the meetings or mail application found in this newsletter...Your continued support in memberships and attendance is very important to the ongoing development and success of the East York Historical Society and its Mission. Thank you. Members are reminded to wear their name tags during the meetings so we can be better acquainted with each other.

President Special Feature on Alfred Joseph Cockburn 1919-2011 "Bell Triggers War"...cont'd. on page 5  
President's Member Spotlight for the month of January 2016- Mr. Bruce David Horner.....See page 5

The East York Historical Society next meeting is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, 26th January, 2016 & the Topics: Singing Tribute to Black History - a time for forgiveness..... & A Presentation on "Riverdale - East of the Don".... Hope to see you all in attendance.

Please continue to look out for our elderly and children's safety in every place including pedestrian crosswalks. Keep warm. Full stop.

Sincerely,

Pancheta (Pat) Barnett  
President of the East York Historical Society  
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## JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING...

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

Refreshments at 7:00pm ~ Meeting Starts at 7:30pm

John S. Ridout Auditorium at the S. Walter Stewart Library  
170 Memorial Park Avenue

Topic: Mr. Ron Manfield on Piano "Tribute to Black History Month  
& Liz (Elizabeth Gilan) Muir – Riverdale – East of the Don, Solo singer Brooke Donna-Lee Pastuch

Our Meetings are Co-sponsored By:



## Minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting of the East York Historical Society held on Tuesday, November 24, 2015

Members in attendance 50 members, 96 total attendance.

### Election of Board of Directors

Anita Millar 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 Margaret McRae.

The following slate is recommended by the board of directors:

President – Pat Barnett  
Vice President – Alan Redway  
Directors at Large:  
Ron Chamberlain  
Kay Horiszny  
John Michailidis  
Christopher Salmond

Anita asked if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations.

Motion to close nominations and to elect the persons named above. Mover Ed Freeman Seconder John Laraway. Vote carried.

The proposed executive was elected

Pat Barnett took the chair to run the rest of the meeting.

Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting:  
Moved by Alan Redway seconded by Ron Chamberlain That the Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting as published in the January 2015 East York Inklings be accepted. Vote carried.

Annual Report

Moved by Alan Redway Seconded by Irene Derzay. That the Annual Report distributed in the November 2015 newsletter be accepted. Vote carried.

Treasurer's Annual Report

Moved by Val Dodge Seconded by Alan Redway that the Treasurer's Annual Report as published in the November newsletter be accepted. Vote carried.

Financial Reviewer's Report by Lorna Krawchuk approved the treasurer's report. Moved by Margaret McRae Seconded by Anita Millar That the Financial Reviewer's report be accepted. Vote carried.

Lorna Krawchuk has agreed to be our financial reviewer for the fiscal year 2015 – 2016.

Moved by Alan Redway Seconded by Ed Freeman That Lorna Krawchuk be appointed as Financial Reviewer for the fiscal year 2015 to 2016. Vote carried.

Motion to close the annual general meeting by Margaret McRae, seconded by Alan Redway. Carried.

Pat Barnett thanked a lot of people and announced the unveiling of the Maureen Lindsay bench in Dentonia Park would take place on Monday, Nov. 30 at 2 pm.

Alan Redway spoke about writing a history of East York and asked people to contact him if interested in being interviewed.

Pat then introduced speaker Mike Dolbey who spoke about the history of Woodbine Gardens where he has lived since 1972. Mike was thanked by Chris Salmond.

Minutes recorded by Margaret McRae

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## SAVE THESE DATES

THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS  
 PLANNING AHEAD

Afternoon meeting – February 24, 2016 @ 2:00pm  
 Topic: Speaker is Jason Ramsey-Brown on his book  
 Toronto's Ravines and Urban Forest.

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

March 29, 2016

Hon. Alan Redway's New Book "Governing Toronto"  
 Bringing Back the City that Worked...

May 31, 2016

Arthur Bousfield: Chairman of CRHT & ESU... East York and  
 the Commonwealth

September 27, 2016

Louise Beaulieu-Steiner: Canadian Federation of University  
 Women (Leaside/East York)

November 29, 2016 – Annual General Meeting  
 Cosburn Park Lawn Bowling Club

### ROBBIE BURNS SUPPER

SATURDAY - JANUARY 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016

THE YORK BANQUET and EVENT CENTER (1100 Millwood Road)

HOSTED BY THE KIWANIS CLUB OF EAST YORK

ROAST BEEF DINNER  
 HAGGIS, NEAPS & TATTIES (of course)  
 DOOR PRIZES & SILENT AUCTION  
 SCOTTISH DANCING  
 CASH BAR      SINGLE MALT WHISKY BAR

**TICKETS - \$ 50**      Advance purchase only  
 Cocktails at 6:15 Pm. . . Dinner at 7:00 Pm  
 Dress : Formal or Highland Dress

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## OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

NATALIE COLE - Music Artist: American born February 6, 1950 to December 31, 2016 aged 65. Late father Nathaniel 'Nat King' Adam Cole' Jazz Musician born 1919 - 1965



44 Canadian Horses Perished on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in a Barn Fire @ Classy Lane Stables in Puslinch near Guelph, Ontario

David Jones 'Bowie' - Music Artist & Cultural Icon. Born January 8, 1947 – passed away January 10, 2016 – Black Star Album released January 8<sup>th</sup>... British American



*Condolences on next page...*



# REMEMBERING PAUL AND LOUISE HERZBERG

**Mrs. Louise Herzberg, MA. born - 1937 passed away on September 24, 2015 @ aged 78.**

Soon after I heard of Mrs. Herzberg's passing I left a msg. for Mr. Herzberg to call me & he did in November. He spoke at length mostly about his late wife's talents, as a writer, her strength and courage to carry on during her lengthy illness (she had suffered a stroke 1979...) A sketch artist, their love for each other; their amazing Caregivers & how he was keeping himself busy...

'Call me Paul', had promised to send me a photo of Louise in time for the January 2016 Newsletter; instead two months after his wife's passing **Paul Herzberg Ph.D., born - 1936 passed away on Dec. 2, 2016 @ aged 79.**

They were married for over 50 years. Their (cremation) ashes were sprinkled in the wood land of Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Louise Herzberg & Helen Juhola together wrote a book "Todmorden Mills A Human and Natural History" both also members of Toronto Field Naturalist. Louise

Herzberg wrote several Poems & Drawings. "Candy Song" & the other twenty-four poems in this collection were selected by Louise in the summer of 2015 with the help of Paul and their companions Susan Smith & Deborah Gouch into a book.

Copies of these two paper back books (8"x6") in memory of Paul & Louise Herzberg will be donated to the EYHS' Archives. Thanks to the Herzberg family for this donation.



To the Herzberg's family please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of Mr. Paul & Mrs. Louise Herzberg life members of the EYHS. We will remember them.

## THE 2016 AGNES MACPHAIL AWARD

Agnes Macphail was elected as Canada's first woman Member of Parliament in 1921. After losing her federal seat in 1940, she ran for a provincial seat in Ontario and became one of the first two women MPPs elected to our Legislature in 1943.

**Do you know** an East Yorker who is involved in social justice issues - who believes in "thinking globally but acting locally" - and is an outstanding contributor to community life in areas such as women's rights, fairness to seniors and youth, criminal justice system and penal reform, international peace and disarmament, access to adequate housing, access to adequate health care or access to adequate education?

This person could be our 2016 Agnes Macphail Award recipient - but only if a nomination is completed.



The deadline for nominations is midnight on **Thursday January 28, 2016**. The award will be presented on Agnes Macphail's birthday - **Thursday March 24, 2016**. The Awards Ceremony and celebration will be held at the East York Civic Centre starting at **7.00 p.m.**

Agnes Macphail was the first woman MP in Canada in 1921, and represented this area as MPP in the 1940s. This award honours her name and accomplishments - as well as honouring our citizens for their extraordinary volunteer efforts.

Agnes Macphail Awards Thursday, March 24, 2016 will be held at the East York Civic Centre....7 pm

# TRIBUTE TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## OUR SPECIAL GUESTS FOR OUR JANUARY MEETING

**Mr. Ron Manfield** A Singer & Pianist.. **Audiences** are warmed to his performances when he combines his mellow voice with unique piano stylings. His albums includes: Dreams of Christmas & A man, A concert and his music on Manfield's Music Label. **Ron** made his first professional appearance at the age of seven playing piano on CKVL radio in Quebec. Born & raised in Verdun, Quebec, he began writing at the age of 10, studied music in Montreal & turned professional in his early teens. **Ron maintains** a personal approach to his work (writer & performer) and has played his versatile repertoire on the piano lounge circuit across Canada and the South Western United States. Along the way he has met prominent artists who provide him with his sense of dedication and direction. **2014 the Rotary bestowed** upon Mr. Manfield 'The Paul Harris Fellowship Award' His charity 'End Polio Now'



**"SPIDER JONES:** is the first Afro-Canadian to go coast to coast with his all night radio show at the FAN 590 Sports Radio. He is an award winning radio broadcaster and a former-three time Golden Glove Boxing Champion. His book "Out Of The Darkness is a best seller. Spider is also an award winning motivational speaker".



### **Miss Brooke Donna-Lee Pastuch**

13 year old grade 8 from Brampton, Ontario has been singing solo since the age of 5. Recently performed at the National Club in Toronto for the Royal Commonwealth Society Christmas Dinner. Brooke resides with her parents Larry & Karen Pastuch and sibling.



### **Elizabeth Muir**

Elizabeth (Liz) Gillan Muir grew up in the Ottawa Valley, but has lived in Toronto since 1985, always east of the Don! A historian and author, Liz has recently published *Canadian Women in the Air: 100 years of flight* for adults, and *Air-Crazy, fascinating stories of Canadian women in the sky* for children, as well as a history of Riverdale. Liz is a graduate of Queen's University, the Harvard Business School, and holds a doctorate from McGill University. She enjoys gardening, sailing, badminton and reading mystery stories. Topic: Riverdale – East of the Don



January 16, 2016

Join Premier Kathleen Wynne and Rob Oliphant MP  
as they the Don Valley West New Year's Levee  
at Toronto Botanical Gardens, 777 Lawrence Ave. East,  
Toronto from 1 to 3 p.m.  
There is no cost to attend.

# PRESIDENT'S MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Bruce David Horner East Yorker born to S. Sgt Albert Brittain Horner (of 54 Division, Coxwell & Mortimer) & Agnes Leonora Redman Horner at the Toronto East General Hospital on the morning of Tuesday, October 10, 1950.

E.Y. addresses 673 Stratmore Blvd. (was demolished to make way for the Woodbine Subway); 1131 Woodbine Avenue that house still exist in the same style as when the family lived there in the 1950's.



The Horner family moved to Scarborough in 1955. Bruce at 6 y.o. attended Buchanan Public School. After Cedarbrae High school, Bruce held several positions as: Garbage Collector, GM, Horner Brothers Fence Co. Like so many born East Yorkers, Bruce has always returned to East York whether to visit families, friends & Archival research mostly about his father. He is married; has one daughter Angela, grandfather to Halia & Kaya.

In 2014 Bruce joined the East York Historical Society due to his interest in Archival matters relating to his father. He had attended one of our afternoon 2 pm discussion meetings "Show & Tell" with a collection/album of photographs,

cards, letters, documents about his parents which he showed to all interested, rare gems about his parent's life. All collected by his mother. Three years ago Bruce began to put everything together in this Album to tell a story... One outstanding photo showed his father at the site of the captured Boyd Gang. Another dated March 4, 1955 news clip reads "P.C. Injured Escorting Mother - To-Be" a Mrs. George Douglas of Kennedy Road. The driver who collided with P.C. Horner at Woodbine & Cosburn Avenues was Ross May 30 of Kingston Road. Both P.C. Albert Horner who suffered a broken pelvis after being thrown from his motor cycle a distance of 80 ft. and the expectant mother were taken by ambulance to Toronto East General Hospital.

Bruce's parents originated from Collingwood, Ontario. Albert Brittain Horner, April 1, 1924-November 19, 1977. Agnes Leonora Horner nee Redman, April 1, 1926 - February, 2001. His father joined the Canadian Navy 1943-1945. Father joined the East York Police Department (later name changed to 54 Div.) April 1, 1950 until his death. '77.

Thank you Mr. Bruce Horner for sharing your family story in the East York Historical Society Newsletter. Thank you for your family membership which is very important to us. Maybe one of these days you will do a solo presentation

## TORONTO EAST JUST GOT \$50 MILLION STRONGER

History was made as we ended 2015. Our local Hospital announced a truly visionary gift for our hospital and community. The Garron family's donation of \$50 million in honour of their son Michael is the largest donation ever made to a Canadian community hospital. Thanks to this historic gift that will transform health care in East Toronto, we will rename ourselves the Toronto East Health Network (TEHN) and recognize this gift by calling our site the Michael Garron Hospital (MGH).

This investment will help us attract the best and the brightest care providers, researchers and secure much needed technologies and equipment, giving us access to the tools and talent we will need as we embark on an era of unprecedented transformation. Today, with our hospital's future secure, we can dream bigger and engage our community in a new conversation.

We are setting our sights on creating a world-class institution, the premier community teaching health network in the country and a coordinated system of care for the people of East Toronto. Through the health network, we will formalize a journey we have been on for many years. We will continue to work in partnership to deliver care both inside and outside the hospital walls to create a truly integrated system that will improve the health of our community.

As our history reflects, the people of Toronto East have always been hard working community builders. At TEHN and MGH we will continue to build on this legacy of growing and adapting to meet the healthcare needs of our vibrant and diverse community. This donation is for our community and we will do all that we can with this investment to make this the healthiest community in Canada!

**Hon. Alan Redway** - Former Cabinet Minister, MP for Don Valley East and Mayor of East York.

*"I have seen our community hospital grow and deliver great care over the course of so many decades. This very significant gift will ensure that the people of East York and the people of east Toronto will have the most advanced and up to date care available for years to come."*





# PARKVIEW HILLS: A Brief History

Article reprinted with permission from the Parkview Hills Community Association

Submitted by Justin Van Dette, Secretary, East York Historical Society

We leave it in the morning and return to it at night. Our children play in its streets and we stroll and bike through its meandering avenues. It, of course, is our neighbourhood.

Parkview Hills is a unique collection of streets, surrounded by a ravine that buffets it from the big city, and offering a sense of seclusion and serenity not to be found elsewhere. The ravine that gives us access to the network of parkland stretching through the city also lends an air of small town living to Parkview Hills. People are attracted to this established neighbourhood for all these reasons and many more.

But what of this neighbourhood that we call home? Before Parkview Hills became

a subdivision of new homes it had been farmland, a dump (some parts of it) and wilderness. Up until the mid-1930's, all of the land between Don Mills and Woodbine Avenue, north of O'Connor and including the ravine belonged to the Taylor Estates. The Taylor family had gained prominence and prosperity quickly upon their arrival in the late 1820's. They eventually started a brickworks in the Don Valley near Todmorden, a paper and flour mill, a brewery and helped establish the Bank of Commerce.

The Township and Municipality of East York were created in 1924 (after a referendum held in 1923 favoured succession from the Township of York). Development was taking place in the East York built to

the West of the Woodbine Bridge and in the area of Dawes Road. The bridge did not exist as yet. On the other side were a dirt road, Parkview Hills, and an assortment of shacks and farms.

## Summer 1950 – 242 Parkview Hill Crescent The first home.

The construction of the Woodbine Bridge in 1932 expanded East York. Its opening and the donation of some land from the Taylor Estates (after some persuasion) allowed for the widening and paving of O'Connor Drive (named for Senator Frank O'Connor, founder of the Laura Secord Candy Shops and close friend of then Premier of Ontario, Mitchell Hepburn). The Glen Eagles Golf Course was down the road at what is now Glenwood Crescent.



**December 1959 – Ice Skating Rink at  
Presteign Heights School**

As Parkview Hills was still undeveloped, sections of it came to be used as a garbage dump. It is believed that the settling of garbage led to the rupturing of a gas main and subsequent explosion and destruction of the home next to Presteign-Woodbine United Church on February 25, 1956.

Parkview Hills as a subdivision did not actually come into existence until after World War II. By 1947, the Taylor Brothers were selling off land and getting into development of the area as well. They, along with builders such as Reg Pearson, William Pugh, George Lankin, Mr. McClintock and Mr. Hiscock, to name a few, came into the area and built a half dozen homes each.

## Do you have historical photos of Parkview Hills??

IF SO... we would really like to see them. Please contact us by phone at 416-659-3870 or by e-mail at [info@parkviewhills.ca](mailto:info@parkviewhills.ca) The Parkview Hills Community Association has started to put together a collection of historical photos and we would like to obtain your permission and have them scanned.



**35 Doris Drive under construction in 1949. John and Isobel Bradbury, then owners of the home.**

Other individuals came in, bought the land themselves and built their own homes. Three hundred feet deep lots were selling for approximately \$40.00 a frontage foot when the subdivision first opened. One could purchase a three bedroom bungalow in 1949 for approximately \$9,950.00.

It is believed that many of the streets were named by the Taylor Brothers. The streets of White Pine, Hackberry, Alder and Aspen were named after the trees that grew in the area. Presteign Avenue derived its name from the Welsh town of Presteign, believed to be the hometown of builder William Pugh. He also donated the land on which Presteign Woodbine United Church now stands, on condition that it too be named after his birthplace. Marilyn and Doris are believed to be named after daughters or family relations of the Pugh's.

The foundations for the homes were dug using teams of horses. Residents with cars had to leave them at Sandra, since roads did not exist at the time. As it was new subdivisions, mud was a commodity that was always in abundance until the roads were paved beginning in 1950. Mrs. Mary Lankin, a long-time Parkview Hills resident (1948) and wife of the late George Lankin, builder of some of the two-storey

homes in Parkview Hills, recalls the milkman's horse getting stuck up to its belly in the mud at the corner of Alder and Parkview Hill Crescent. The tenacious mud was also a trap later for the tractor trailer trucks that would get lost in the neighbourhood, their drivers not realizing St. Clair was not a through street. Mr. Tom Potter reminisced how as a child he and friends swam and fished in the creek (a practice subsequently discouraged in 1955 when the waters were deemed polluted).

The neighbourhood was full of young families, recalls Mrs. Helen Hinds. Most did not own cars so shopping meant coordinating oneself and trying to find some transport to the Danforth. It often meant hitching a ride in whatever was available (including the milk truck). Shopping and mobility became much easier once the Hollinger Bus Lines started their service across the bridge. It is easy to forget how far east the neighbourhood was back then when all we see around ourselves is the City. For the first inhabitants in the area it was a different situation; they shared their backyards with farm fields and cattle.



**A view of Doris Drive looking north in 1950. Back then, automobiles parked on grass driveways as they were not paved.**

The face of the neighbourhood has changed in fifty years. Backyards have replaced the farms, pets to cattle. Once a new subdivision, Parkview Hills is now established neighbourhood in a sprawling metropolis. It is a community set apart from others. It is home.

*Acknowledgements: Sandy Evan-Jones, Mary Lankin, Helen Hinds, Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Parker, Margaret Mulholland, Jean Farnell, Mr. and Mrs. Neal and Tom Potter.*



# Bell triggers war memories. Seaman Alfred Joseph Cockburn brought shine to bell – continued article from November 2015

Edith Viggars, last year's student council sponsored construction by Leaside students of a proper viewing stand and glass case for the library.

Now displayed alongside two original photos of the ship and crew, the bell's location became better known in 1989, thanks to now-retired guidance head Paul Johnson, a former navy man himself, who tipped off reserve Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Fairclough, a Leaside resident. Fairclough was looking for some way to honour Leasiders who served in the Navy.

Placing an ad for ex-HMCS Leaside crewmen in a navy publication, he found Cockburn, an East York native now living in Don Mills. He, in turn, had already

organized a reunion of 30 ex-crewmen in Thunder Bay for the same time. Seizing the opportunity, Cockburn took the bell to the reunion and "there wasn't a dry eye in the place.

"I tried to shine the bell up myself, but I couldn't get much out of it, so I took it to a jewellery restorer and he brought it up very nicely," said Cockburn, who paid for the restoration with money collected at the reunion.

"I didn't want the bell to go back into the closet, so I hung onto it."

Until this fall, when Viggars convinced him the staff and students at Leaside would take care of it from now on, and Cockburn gladly returned it to be placed in the new display. The student council repaid him for the restoration and he, in turn, reimbursed the ship's reunion fund.

How the bell came to be at Leaside High School at all is a bit of a mystery, but the best bet seems to be that it was turned over in 1967 by the last Leaside Council at the time of the town's amalgamation into East York. Each namesake town had received its ship's bell after the corvettes were broken up for scrap in Esquimalt, B.C., shortly after the war.

Cockburn and school officials are hoping to re-dedicate the bell sometime next year. It was rededicated for the first time at the Thunder Bay reunion.

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It's said of those who served in the corvette navy that they spent most of their time wet, cold and scared.

Alf Cockburn says that may have been true on the older corvettes he began his navy career in, but by the time the Leaside was commissioned in 1944 the design had come a long way.

She was a Castle Class corvette, one of only 14 built in England (most were constructed in Canada). Originally meant to serve with the Royal Navy, the Leaside was trans-

ferred to the Royal Canadian Navy before launching.

When Cockburn came aboard the brand new ship in 1944 he was, at 21, a three-year veteran on corvettes and minesweepers. He worked as an ASDIC operator — the crewman who actually found and identified submarines with listening gear.

His first ship had been the famous early corvette Amherst, on which he made over 20 crossings. Cockburn saw the darkest days in the Battle of the Atlantic - on one two-crossing run (over to England and back again) he saw 30 ships go down, 14 fully loaded freighters going across and 16 empty coming back.

"Our duty was hard, and it was recognized as hard by the high command who gave us extra duty pay (25 cents a day)," says Cockburn. "The newer corvettes like the Leaside were not as bad, but they still were not too comfortable."

The Leaside never got a U-Boat of its own, but she did contribute 14 crossings and a three-day chase of a submarine.

"We stalked that contact for three days, about 200 miles west of Ireland," says Cockburn. "Eventually, a special squadron of fast destroyers came out to take over and they told us to rejoin the convoy. We were told later that they got that sub.

"We tried to get some sort of a credit for it, but nothing ever came of it."

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After VE day (the last day of the European war), Leaside was taken by her crew through the Panama Canal and up the west coast to Esquimalt, where the ship was decommissioned and eventually broken up.

Everything but the bell.

"I thought it was lost," says Cockburn. "I never thought I'd see it again. But there it was."

And here it will stay, in the middle of the Leaside library.

**The East York  
Historical Society.**

**Welcome to our  
new members**

Councillor Janet Davis  
Irene Sanderson  
Duncan Boyce  
Bill Weldon

## 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.



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New members and guests are always welcome. The fees for 2015 are:

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Organization - \$50

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