



EAST YORK INKLINGS

Newsletter of the East York Historical Society

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President's Message...

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I hope we all made it safely through "A harsh and cold winter as was predicted by The old farmer's Almanac which has published for 223 years (since 1792) and says it has an 80% success rate in accurately predicting long range weather forecast. 2015 summer will be warmer than usual" (Sun+ media) Mid -March has warmed up a bit causing the snow and icy areas of streams, ponds, lakes & rivers to thaw & overflow their banks. Please keep a mental note and look out for the safety of our children as they love to play in and with water.

Congratulations to the EYHS formed 35 years ago 1980-2015 & was incorporated in 1981. Looking forward to a 2016 celebration (TBA). Thanks to all who continue to contribute and support the EYHS. Together we will keep this EYHS going strong for future generations to come.

Our January 27 meeting applauded our members and visitors for the good turnout (considering the cold weather). Our Presenters: Karen Carter of Heritage Toronto (Black History) & Karen Fraser of Women Like Me (Do you Know About The Boys). I summarized that both presentations wrapped up on similar key notes that we need to keep history alive through our memories and the EYHS of what happened in the past. Humans are special and important to life. Lest we forget these man made tragedies of the past can be repeated.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31st featuring our guest presenter/speaker Derek Rumball, Executive Director of the Bob Rumble Centre

of the Deaf and we really hope you can join us. Please feel free to bring along your friends, family or neighbours. The John S. Ridout Auditorium where the EYHS meetings are held is stairs, elevator & wheel chair accessible. Smoke free environment. "Seats 150+".

Please see our treasurer Mr. Val Dodge for new and renewed membership and donations or mail to address included in this Newsletter. Also please pick up and wear your name tags (they are in alphabetical order) at the meetings so we all can get better acquainted with each other.

The SUGGESTION BOX is available now at the meetings for your input.

President Membership Spotlight for the month of March is Mrs. Connie Fenton. See information on following page

The Agnes MacPhail Award presentation will be held on Tuesday March 24, 2015 @ 7 pm at the EYCC in the True Davidson Council Chambers. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Many thanks to the following: Donation of 25 new mugs to the EYHS from Against The Grain Leaside. These will replace styrofoam cups; Garry Toffoli of Canadian Heritage Trust for flag pole and stand for our EY Flag used at our evening meetings.

Sincerely,

Pancheta (Pat) Barnett
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JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING...

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

Refreshments at 7:00pm

Meeting Starts at 7:30pm

John S. Ridout Auditorium at the S. Walter Stewart Library

170 Memorial Park Avenue

Topic: Bob Rumball Centre of the Deaf and how it all started

Presented by Derek Rumball

Our meetings are co-sponsored by



ALAN REDWAY PUBLISHES BOOK

The East York Historical Society would like to congratulate Hon. Alan Redway on his new book *Governing Toronto: Bring back the City that worked*™. We encourage our members and supporters to attend an upcoming Book Signing at Toronto East General Hospital.

BOOK SIGNING AT TORONTO EAST GENERAL HOSPITAL

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Coxwell Lobby, Toronto East General Hospital
825 Coxwell Avenue

You can also purchase your own copy at the next meeting of the East York Historical Society on March 31st.

Alan Redway's *Governing Toronto: Bringing Back the City That Worked*, traces the growth and governance of the city from its creation in 1834 through its successful Metro years. The book examines why, and how, the decision was made to establish the present megacity while at the same time turning the Ontario government into both a provincial government and a regional government, as well, for a significantly enlarged Greater Toronto Area.



THANK YOU TO MICHAEL PRUE

On Thursday, February 26, 2015, the Michael Prue Appreciation Night was held at the Palace Restaurant (722 Pape Ave).

The festivities acknowledged Michael's 25 years of excellent involvement in the East York Community celebrating his terms as Councillor, Mayor, Hydro Commissioner & MPP., and his commitment to the Borough of East York.



Toronto Mayor John Tory with Michael Prue
Photo courtesy of The Mirror

Master of ceremonies was Dr. John C. Carter. The evening was delightful & exciting packed with well-wishers including several members of the East York Historical Society were in attendance to share in this historic & honorable moment.

In lieu of gifts, please consider making a contribution to the Michael Prue Art Award. Cheques can be mailed to the East York Foundation, 50 MERRITT ROAD East York, M4B 3K6. Income tax receipt will be issued for donations.

Please join us at the 23rd annual

Agnes Macphail Award Ceremony

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 ~ 7:00 p.m.

True Davidson Council Chambers,
East York Civic Centre – 850 Coxwell Ave.

Honouring:
Muhammad Masood Alam

For information, contact: Lorna Krawchuk at 416-425-4431



The Toronto Time Capsule, Contribute A Local History Story

By: John Michailidis
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Metroland media's online project The Toronto Time Capsule offers incredibly vivid stories about the history of the communities that makeup our great city. Browse the site at www.insidetoronto.com/history. The Time Capsule is looking for stories.

Let's share with the rest of Toronto the rich history of East York. Keeping East York's past alive builds a brighter future for our city. If you wish to contribute a story or a memory to the Time Capsule send it to me or to Grace Peacock at gpeacock@insidetoronto.com. Forward ideas for stories about East York to me. I'll do my best to research the topic.

A Brief Biography on our March 31st speaker

Derek Rumball –



Derek Rumball, Executive Director & Rev. Bob Rumball, Founder

Executive Director of the Bob Rumball Center for the Deaf

- Began his work with the Deaf community of Ontario in 1984 by taking over all children and camping related Ministry with his father, Reverend Rumball and the Evangelical church of the Deaf
- In 1999 was hired by the Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf to be the Executive Director
- The services include Spiritual , Social and Recreation and Residential programs for Deaf, and Special needs children and adults
- The Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf in Toronto serves children from their infancy to Seniors that do not require medical assistance
- The Bob Rumball Home for the Deaf located in Barrie Ontario is a long term care facility catering to the special needs of our Deaf seniors
- The Bob Rumball Associations for the Deaf is located in Milton, Ontario. It serves our complex needs Deaf children and adults.
- The Bob Rumball Camp for the Deaf located in Parry Sound, Ontario. Is a year round recreational facility catering to the recreational needs of our deaf youth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Welcome to our New Members

Jennifer Prince
Jon Burnside
Janice Geddes
George Gorrey
Jim Lister
Robert MacDonald

CONGRATULATIONS

John Carmichael,
MP for Don Valley West
recently presented
2015 Volunteer Awards
to...

Geoff Kettel
Hon. Alan Redway
Patrick Rocca

THE HISTORY OF THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Margaret McRae
East York Historical Society

Our board recently received a box of information from Lynn Ridout of files in her father's possession before his death. I was thrilled to find minutes from the two earlier East York Historical Societies and thought you might enjoy learning about them.

The first EYHS started in March 1961 and continued until 1969 after Canada's centennial and the second started in November 1974 to celebrate East York's Golden (50th) Anniversary and it ceased in 1977. Our present Society started in November 1980.

I will start with the first Society and continue with the others in future newsletters.

On March 20, 1961 Miss True Davidson called a meeting of interested people in the Township to consider forming a Historical Society for East York. They agreed this should be done and discussion followed about how to do it. The next meeting was in January 1962 and True Davidson was named Chairman of the Organizing Committee. Research was to be started as follows:

- a) Dr. Edwin C. Guillet on what is available in printed form in East York
- b) Mr. Leslie Saunders on the beginnings and change in government
- c) Mr. James Fletcher on the historical sites in East York
- d) Mr. Percy C. Bustin on the historical significance of street names
- e) Mr. Walter Stewart on interesting photographic material of the East York story
- f) Mr. George A. Heaton on obtaining interesting material from "old timers"
- g) Mrs. G.O. Morgan on interesting material from the local churches
- h) Mrs. N.H. Smith on interesting material re fairs and parks
- i) Mr. T. M. Weatherhead on schools of East York and any interesting stories from Bennington Heights
- j) Miss J. Farquharson on hospitals

The Hon. R.H. McGregor would be invited to be Honorary President and Dr. Guillet to be official historian of the EYHS. Meetings would be held at the East York Public Library. Mrs Weatherhead was elected secretary of the Organizing Committee.

The next meeting was on Feb. 16, 1962. Charles Sauriol attended and donated maps, documents, photos and manuscripts of the story of the Don Valley. He offered to contact the Bater family for their information.

The first open meeting of the Society was March 22, 1962. Each member gave a 5 minute presentation on their research and then people reminisced about the early days of East York. Meetings continued at intervals in 1962 with members reporting the results of their research and nurturing plans for future work.

Meetings were held at intervals in 1963 with discussion of a suitable project for Canada's centennial. They decided to acquire the houses and mill in the valley and the historical site at Todmorden Mills became the centennial project. This was formally approved by the Ontario government.

OUR MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER WILL FEATURE ANOTHER ARTICLE

Your guide to...

The Roles of the Mayor and City Council

City Council

Toronto City Council has direct responsibility for the City's services. Council also indirectly oversees other major services delivered through its agencies and corporations, such as the Toronto Police Service, the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), and the Toronto Public Library.

Toronto's City Council is made up of the Mayor and 44 Councillors. The Mayor is the only member of Council who is elected by voters from across the city. Each Councillor is elected by voters in one of 44 wards (a geographic area of the city). The term of office for the Mayor and Council is four years.

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Sale of East York Flags

We are ready to order 15 East York flags 3 ft x 6 ft but have to send a sizeable deposit with the order. If you have ordered a flag or would like one please send either a \$50 deposit per flag or full payment of \$90 per flag, payable to the East York Historical Society to our Treasurer, Val Dodge at 107 Cambridge Avenue, Toronto, ON. M4K 2L7 as soon as possible or bring it to our March meeting.



SAVE THESE DATES

THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS PLANNING AHEAD

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

May 26, 2015

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

September 29, 2015

Historical Matters related to Public Transit in Toronto
Presenter: Ed Munro

November 24, 2015 – Annual General Meeting

The Story of Woodbine Gardens
Presented by Mike Dolbey

January 26, 2016

Mr. Ron Manfield on piano "Tribute to Black History Month"
& Liz (Elizabeth Gilan) Muir - Riverdale: east of the Don -

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

TBA

Response to Ebola

Update: Nov. 2014

Canada has been at the forefront of the Ebola response, contributing funds, expertise, and equipment. In fact, Canada has contributed over \$65 million to the United Nations and other agencies to improve treatment and prevention, improve health capacity to save lives, and support basics such as nutrition.

Our Government has offered essential equipment, such as masks, gloves, and respirators, up to 1000 doses of Canadian vaccines, and supported clinical trials. We have also provided teams of medical experts on the ground working in two mobile labs.

We also shipped vaccines, invented by the Public Health Agency of Canada, to the World Health Organization (WHO). It was then up to the WHO to deploy the doses as safely, ethically, and quickly as possible.

At our border, Canada adopted additional scrutiny for passengers that had been in affected countries in Africa. All international points of entry into Canada are monitored 24/7, and travellers from affected countries are referred to quarantine officers. Also, Canada is not receiving any direct flights from affected countries in Africa.

To keep up-to-date on our Government response to the Ebola outbreak, please visit www.hc-sc.gc.ca

EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Connie Fenton (and husband Glen) **Residents of East York for over 40 years since 1972.**

Connie and Kay Horiszny are both from Cabbage Town. They attended Lord Dufferin Elementary School and after grade 8 Connie spent four years of studies at Eastern Commerce.

One day in 2006 (they had lost contact with each other) both were interviewed by a Cabbage Town Museum personnel and was asked if they wanted to volunteer at the Cabbage Town Museum. During a conversation (a lot of catching up to do now) Kay told Connie about the EYHS and invited her to the meeting.

In 2008 Connie became a member of the Society and now serves in the area of Refreshments. Both Connie and her husband Glen Fenton are members of the East York Historical Society.

Thank you Connie for your ongoing support and service. You are appreciated!!! (Story in parts by KH. CF.PB)



Photo courtesy of Vintage Toronto



Looking north on Bay Street from Adelaide Street toward Queen Street 1944



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, Ron Chamberlain

INTERESTED IN THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, CONTACT US:

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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 2015 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

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