



EAST YORK INKLINGS

Newsletter of the East York Historical Society

Volume 13 Issue 2 – March 2017

A Message from President Pat...

Season's Greetings to Supporting Friends & Members of the East York Historical Society,

This March 2017 East York Inklings Newsletter of the East York Historical Society is a Special Edition in that we will be celebrating over 35 years of serving our East York and surrounding neighbours. We are honoured and willing to continue to serve for many years to come. To be able to achieved this ongoing success, your continued support to the EYHS is vital.

Our **EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY** upcoming 35th Anniversary Dinner Celebration date is fast approaching on the evening of Wednesday, 5th April, 2017. This will be our worth while Historical evening to remember; A First Dinner ever in more than 35 years, all preparation is done with our members and their guests in mind. I trust you have already mailed in your cheques in the amount per person \$75. each and note what plate you would like at the Dinner. An Historical Moment you do not want to miss. Limited Seats. Please turn to pages 3, 4 and 5 for further detailed information about this event... Thank you...

There were several comments of praises made about Our January General Meeting presentation on the evening of Tuesday, 31st "Celebrating Black History Month" Here are a few on page 4...



**York Masonic Banquet Hall – join us in the Great Hall!
1100 Millwood Road at Overlea Blvd., in EAST YORK**

PRESIDENT PAT'S SPOTLIGHT: Revd. Fr. Larry Marcille former East Yorker of Greenwood Avenue. He has renewed his membership with the East York Historical Society since 2016.

EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY Welcomes 2017 Agnes Macphail's Pubic Speaking Contest Winner of February 22...Master Manny Szeptycki Grade 8.. please see page 9...

2017 Agnes Macphail Award winner goes to East Yorker Pastor Jim Parker of Bethany Baptist Church. The Award Ceremony will be held on March 24 at the East York Civic Centre. All are encouraged to attend...see page 9

President Pat's Special Feature: EYHS' Afternoon Discussion Meeting @ 2 pm featured Sandra Lewis..."Just Where You Stand" (20 minutes) and main Presenter Colleen Peacock..."The McKay Family"...turn to page13

President Pat's Special Feature: The Barnett's Name seem to be a popular Surname in East York: Here we "Remember one Ed Barnett 1913 - 2006. Please turn to page 12.

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

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

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

Our Meetings are Co-sponsored By



Storm Chaser, East York resident and producer of the TV Show
"Angry Planet. Mr. George Kourounis. Topic "Exploring Earth's Extreme"

Former longtime EYHS member Jim McAndless passed away at age 95. He was the proud father to his daughter Mary Lynne Ruthledge.

Interested in joining the East York Historical Society Executive Board? Please see or contact any of its Board Members at the March Meeting. Please remember to wear your name tags at the meetings so we can better get acquainted with each other.

Please take care of yourselves we still have some cold days to endure. Dress warm. This is only a suggestion!

Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17, 2017 & I look forward to share an enjoyable evening with all of our East York Historical Society members and guests in Celebration of our



35th Anniversary Dinner, our first one ever, on the evening of Wednesday, 5th April, 2017 and please remember you can still obtain tickets at our upcoming evening meeting of Tuesday, March 28, 2017. We will gladly accept payments by cheque or cash at our meeting.

Sincerely,

Pancheta (Pat) Barnett
President, East York Historical Society
E-mail: eyhs@eastyork.org



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TRENDING NOW

Rick Pearson - Presenter at a recent meeting of the East York Historical Society – read the article from the East York Observer http://torontoobserver.ca/digitalpaper/pdfs/eastyork/2017/Observer_EastYork_022417.pdf

Reportings by Michael Linnenen



Michael Linnenen // The Observer
Rick Pearson sings the Beatles' "Blackbird" at the East York Historical Society meeting observing Black History Month.



■ HUMBER

Bill Humber - Presenter from our recent meeting of the East York Historical Society – read the article from the East York Observer – proceed to page 8 http://torontoobserver.ca/digitalpaper/pdfs/eastyork/2017/Observer_EastYork_021017.pdf

Former Mayor Mr. Michael Prue – He will speak at the East York Historical Society 35th Anniversary Dinner on the evening of Wednesday, April 5, 2017



Secret Code Word when the Queen dies? "London Bridge is Falling Down"

Leaside East York (Millwood) Bridge – 1927 – 2017

East York Historical Society Archives is Looking forward to establish its home in in East York and is looking for offers as soon as possible. Thank you!
The Archives is rapidly growing from various donations of gifts to the EYHS.



East York Historical Society



35th Anniversary Dinner

75 for \$75.00

Note: Limited Seating

Wednesday April 5th 2017
6:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Guest Speaker

Michael Prue

(Former Mayor and Member of Provincial Parliament)

York Masonic Banquet Hall
In the Great Hall
1100 Millwood Road
(Millwood and Overlea)

Mail a cheque for your tickets to:

Val Dodge, Treasurer
East York Historical Society
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Toronto, ON M4K 2L7

Please select a dinner plate from the menu on the EYHS Website or Facebook page and tell Val.

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March 3, 2017

Dear Friend,

On behalf of the East York Historical Society Board of Directors, I am writing to invite you to a special community celebration.

On April 5th, we're hosting a special 35th Anniversary Dinner and we hope you will consider being part of it on the evening of April 5, 2017. The last Mayor of the Borough of East York, Michael Prue, will be attending as our guest speaker.

For 35 years, the East York Historical Society has taken great pride in preserving the history of our wonderful community. This event is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together, support an important cause and celebrate who we are as East Yorkers.

East York may no longer be a municipality, but we are a strong, vocal region within the City of Toronto. East York remains a very relevant and a very proud community.

We would ask that you RSVP your attendance no later than Friday, March 31st and that you provide us with your menu options by contacting Val Dodge at 416-617-4513 or by e-mail at eyhs@east york.org

In order to spread the spirit of goodwill and happiness we look forward to you participation as we hope you will take part in the event to make it a great success.

We look forward to seeing you on April 5th.

Sincerely,

Pancheta (Pat) Barnett
President

P.S. – We hope you can join us at our next East York Historical Society General Meeting on Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 PM at the S. Walter Stewart Library. Storm Chaser, East York resident and producer of the TV Show “Angry Planet. Mr. George Kourounis. Topic “Exploring Earth’s Extreme”



35th Anniversary Dinner

Wednesday, April 5th, 2017

MENU

- Mix Greens Salad with blue cheese, roasted pecan,
 - honey Dijon vinaigrette (VEGAN)
 - Chicken Supreme with Creamy Sauceor
 - Roasted Salmon with Chardonnay Sauce
 - Saffron and Almond Pilaf (VEGETARIAN)
 - Roasted Seasonal Vegetables (VEGAN)
 - Profiteroles (VEGETARIAN)
 - Water, Coffee, or Tea
 - 35th Anniversary Cakes
- *****Cash Bar...** One free drink of Wine/Beer/Pop/Water with Dinner...Cash Bar***



EYHS' Audience Comments

Presentation of Tues. Jan. 31, 2017 General Meeting

"Celebrating Black History Month"

Presenters: Rick Pearson on Guitar & Bill Humber

"Celebrating Three Great Canadians"

LETTERS

to the Editor

Hi Pat:

What a wonderful meeting last night for the EYHS. It was nice to hear so many new member names announced. I really like that idea, and then to ask who are there for their first meeting. Such a welcoming environment. No wonder your group is starting to grow!

The musical introduction by Rick Pearson added a pleasant touch, and the overview of the athletes, and their lack of acknowledgement was an intriguing twist by Mr. William Humber. A well thought out and organized meeting. Something that is not always easy to do. I will be going the upcoming banquet.

Cheers,
Sandra McNamara UE

Wonderful, relaxed and well-researched explanation. You have never heard a presenter so relaxed. Best talk ever. Project without a microphone. It was as if Bill Humber was speaking to each person directly...

-Helen Juhola

The opening performer Rick Pearson was fantastic and honourable "A Celebrating of Black History Month" and set the stage for the rest of the evening's speaker
-PSB

Rick Pearson's guitar playing and singing was a sweet and touching tribute to the souls to which Black History month honours. His delivery was respectful and sincere. Instead of hammering first-time guests and members with non-stop speaking, having the music was a refreshing and delightful way to open the evening for Bill Humber's intimate, conversational style presentation on Canadians I had never heard of until Tuesday. Bill's researching skills are unparalleled. We were kept engaged and delighted by his passion to discover the truth. A few slices of scrumptious loaf and tea topped off a perfect and magical evening.
-Rhonda



On February 22nd, 2017, at our 2:00 PM afternoon meeting, we were pleased to welcome Colleen Peacock as our guest presenter. She spoke to us about The McKay Family and their ties to East York

Colleen Peacock is an East York resident who can trace her roots in this community back to 1871. She is a history buff and loves discussing local Toronto history. In 2016 Colleen retired from a thirty year career working in social services running the Meals on Wheels program in East Toronto. Colleen currently sits on the Community Advisory Committee of Michael Garron Hospital (formerly Toronto East General Hospital) and is an active volunteer with Boston Terrier Rescue Canada, True Davidson Meals on Wheels, East York Meals on Wheels and the Toronto Senior Pride Network.

Billy McKay Plaque Unveiling – June 25, 2005 – Marilyn Churley, Colleen Peacock and Michael Prue.

Congratulations, Justin!

The East York Historical Society would like to congratulate our Board Member Justin Van Dette who was recognized and roasted on March 2, 2017. The event was co-chaired by Teresa Vasilopoulos, George Tory and Tyler Currie and organized by many others.

Over 200 people attended the event that saw the proceeds be directed to the AIDS Committee of Toronto. Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne and Mayor John Tory, along with Don Cherry and Brian Burke from the Calgary Flames were among the roasters who spoke about Justin's many years of service to our community. For more information on the AIDS Committee of Toronto, or to get involved, visit www.actoronto.ca



PRESIDENT PAT'S SPOTLIGHT: Reverend Father Larry Marcille ~ proud East Yorker.

East York Historical Society Member from long ago...renews membership...

Larry Marcille was born in East End Toronto, however at the age of thirteen the family moved to the Township of East York into 1084 Greenwood and Cosburn area and Dieppe park was a special place that the family really enjoyed.

He also watched many Dominion Day parades which went by the family house which still stands today.

Larry attended Holy Cross Church and Elementary School, which is located at Cosburn and Donlands. His High School was Neil McNeil in the Upper Beaches and then the University of Toronto at Scarborough.

Larry was also a constant visitor to the S.Walter Stewart Library and a very proud East Yorker.

He remembers the Municipal Election of 1967, when True Davidson and Beth Neilson were hoping to be the first Mayor of the newly created Borough of East York.

He was too young to vote however, his family supported Ms. Davidson and she was successful.

In his interest in East York and a lover of history, he became a member of the East York Historical Society in the mid 1970's until it folded in the late 70's.

Larry also spent two years at Domtar Papers on Hollinger Ave in East York, not far from the Peek Freans Company, where the smell of cookies baking was always a pleasant aroma.

After living for a few years at Massey Square in Crescent Town, he moved in 1985 to Downtown Toronto.



He worked for the Robert Simpson Company in Retail, then later in Human Resources. As manager in the Human Resources Department of the Robert Simpson Store, his office was in the Simpson Tower.

He left there to enter St. Augustine Seminary in 1991 and after five years of training, was Ordained to the Roman Catholic Priesthood on 11th May, 1996 by Archbishop Ambrozic at St. Michael's Cathedral.

Archbishop Ambrozic lived at Holy Cross Parish a number of years as Assistant Bishop of Toronto in the late 1970's.

Father Larry's Ordination Dinner was held at the Arcadian Court of Simpsons. On the back of his Ordination Card it is written Father Larry Marcille, of East York Ontario.

He was honoured to have Mayor Michael Prue attend the dinner. Father Larry's sister and cousins still live at the East York home.

Father Larry never forgets his East York roots and continues to follow her proud history and traditions. He has been serving as Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in North Toronto since 2011.

On 14th October of 2016 Father Larry was encouraged by the EYHS President to renew his membership & without hesitation he did. Father Larry will graciously be in attendance at the East York Historical Society Celebration of its First Dinner in 35 years.

On behalf of the East York Historical Society Father Larry, we all welcome your return. Thank you Father Larry Marcille for your love of East York's History and sharing your Story with us today!

Providence Healthcare: An Iconic East End Institution

Please join us at our next Afternoon Discussion Meeting on
Wednesday, 19th April, 2017 @ 2 pm in
the John S. Ridout Auditorium at the S. Walter Stewart Library
Topic: Providence Healthcare on their History.

As avid historians with a passion for the east end, many of you are familiar with the campus of Providence Healthcare at Warden and St. Clair Avenues. With its ravine lot and spacious grounds, our patients, residents and clients have beautiful panoramic views amidst the hustle and bustle of this busy intersection.

While the hospital and long-term care home buildings on the property have become familiar to east end residents over time, not many people know about Providence's rich history. A trip down the Memory Lane hallway within Providence Hospital weaves a fascinating, engrossing story of a legacy that spans 160 years in Toronto. We are thrilled to share some highlights with the members of the East York Historical Society.

The Providence story began in 1851, when Sister Delphine Fontbonne arrived in Toronto from France, along with three other Sisters of St. Joseph, at the request of Toronto's Bishop de Charbonnel to help alleviate the social needs of the time. Through Sister Delphine's leadership, the Sisters of St. Joseph opened the **House of Providence** in 1857 on Power Street to care for the sick, the poor, the elderly and the homeless.

Among many other generous donors who helped the Sisters maintain the House of Providence, one man in particular had a lasting impact on our history. In 1897, Thomas O'Connor bequeathed his 42-acre farm at Queen and Bay to the Sisters, to provide food and sustenance for those cared for and accommodated in the House of Providence. The land became very valuable and the Sisters were able to sell the property for \$110,000 in 1910.

Using some of the proceeds from this sale, the Sisters purchased our current land from Mr. Herron (for whom Herron Street is named). Our acreage became known as the **House of Providence Farm**, and continued to provide essential resources for the Sisters to carry out their work. In essence, the land upon which Providence stands today resulted from the generosity of Mr. O'Connor – a name well known to East York residents.

“The Fastest Move in History”

By the late 1950s, the House of Providence was in disrepair and a feeder lane of the new Don Valley Parkway was slated to be built through the property.

The journey to the east end began, with building plans and a \$7 million fundraising campaign launched in 1958.

One of the most memorable days in our history was January 28, 1962, when 500 residents were moved from the House of Providence to the new **Providence Villa and Hospital** in a “Caravan of Kindness,” paid for by an anonymous donor. Starting at 9 a.m., 25 ambulances transported the most vulnerable and sick people, while the remaining residents were transported by taxicabs directed by the Toronto Police.

Photos from the time show almost 100 taxis lined up and residents waiting for their taxis with shopping bags filled with personal belongings in their arms. This stage of the move was said to take place in less than two hours, prompting Sister Jane MacDonald to declare it “the fastest move in history!”

By 1 p.m. that day, the House of Providence, which had been such a centre of activity for the past century, was empty.

While the move itself was smooth, not everything was perfect upon arrival. Sister Margaret O'Donnell remembers “the first night after we moved in...the dishwasher broke down and we had to do all the dishes by hand. We were up half the night, doing the dishes, at least 500 if not more...(in preparation for) their breakfast.”



Ed Sullivan visits Providence Villa in 1964

Just as it is today, Providence was a model of innovation for its day as it was the first facility in North America for residential care for the elderly to have an infirmary attached. One of the unique features was the provision of eight suites for married couples. These apartments included outside balconies and access to their own lounge, kitchenette, and laundry.

Building for the Future in the East End

Our neighbours came to know “the Villa” very well because of the incredible chapel, officially opened by Mayor Nathan Philips, which provided Sunday mass to the public. Even the TTC recognized that many more people would access our building, and accordingly extended the Woodbine bus route to Providence.

One of the key ways in which Providence opened itself to the community was through the Spring Festival, inaugurated in 1977, continuing a tradition started in the House of Providence: fundraising blended with a garden party. Maureen Barrey, whose father, Bill Phelan, was instrumental in starting the Spring Festival, recalls, “the Opening Ceremony began and 11 a.m. every year. A pipe band would parade dignitaries from the front entrance, along the sidewalk to the main stage.”

Even celebrities caught wind of the great work at Providence! In 1965, at the height of his popularity, TV star Ed Sullivan visited Providence during a trip to Toronto, and he graciously toured the building, meeting and chatting with residents and staff along the way.

Providence has continually evolved its programs and services over the years, re-naming itself twice to better reflect the type of care provided (Providence Centre in 1989 and Providence Healthcare in 2004).

Although the Sisters of St. Joseph no longer sponsor the institution, their legacy lives on in the women and the men who work here. Providence looks to its

founders with pride and gratitude, and cherishes the values they instilled in our staff and volunteers.



Sisters attending to the Farm Hens

Today, four streets in the subdivision just south of Providence bear the names of four Sisters, reflecting their history and honouring the impact in the community. We marked our 150th anniversary in 2007 with several events inspired by our rich past, and Heritage Toronto presented two plaques commemorating our history, which are on display just south of the original House of Providence property.

Ten years later, we are privileged to be celebrating our 160th anniversary. Today's Providence Healthcare provides leadership within the healthcare system by helping people access and receive the care they need in the most effective way possible. Through our hospital, we offer inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation to adults of all ages, as well as palliative care.

Our long-term care program provides quality care to 288 residents. Our community programs include the Adult Day Program for clients with mild to severe dementia; education; and family and caregiver support.



Order your EAST YORK FLAG today.

Contact Margaret McRae at 416-429-7821 for information.

East York Flags will also be available for purchase at the

EYHS 35th Anniversary Dinner on April 5th

Special Welcome to Our New Members

Jeffrey Brown

Mary Hough

Chris Theofilogiannakos

Tim Jacobsen

Gloria Lippert

Paul & Charleen Bear

David Gharat

Dr. Sean Wharton & Sherrienne Clarke

**Please watch out for
the change in East York
Speed Limit - 30km/h**



FOR OUR TUESDAY, MARCH 28th MEETING

East York Historical Society welcomes the
2017 Agnes Macphail Speaking Contest winner...



Master Manny Szeptycki is 13 years old, attends Westwood Middle School and will be going to Etobicoke School of the Arts next year to major in music. In addition to enjoying the company of his family and cats, Manny enjoys playing violin and video games.



Manny poses with his award winning trophy on the evening of February 22nd, 2017 with Pauline Adams, Janet Davis and MPP Peter Tabuns.

Our featured speaker will be Mr. George Kourounis

**Storm Chaser, East York resident and producer of the TV Show
“Angry Planet. Mr. George Kourounis. Topic “Exploring Earth’s Extreme”**



The Agnes Macphail Award, given out by the **Agnes Macphail Recognition Committee**, is named after **Agnes Campbell Macphail** (1890 – 1954) who was the first woman elected to the House of Commons (1921) and the first seated in the Ontario Legislature. Elected to the Commons in 1921 as a result of the suffragette movement, Ms. Macphail also went on to become the first female member of the Ontario Legislative Assembly after being elected to represent the East York area in 1943. Rev. Jim Parker, who joins a distinguished list of previous recipients, will be joined by many of them when he receives the award next month at a ceremony held each year on the anniversary of Macphail’s birth, March 24.

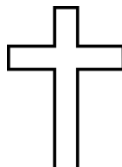
JOIN US AT THE 2017 AGNES MACPHAIL AWARD CEREMONY RECOGNIZING PASTOR JIM

**Friday, March 24, 2017 ~ 7:00 PM
East York Civic Centre
850 Coxwell Avenue**

Pastor Jim – far left...



**Special Greetings for a joyous
Easter ~ April 14-17, 2017**



The East York Historical Society welcomes its new Vice President: Mr. Ron F. Brown

The East York Historical Society & its Executive Board of Directors welcome its new Vice President Mr. Ron F. Brown as of November 31, 2016.

Mr. Ron F. Brown a member in good standing willingly accepted the position as Vice President of the East York Historical Society upon the announcement of the former East York Historical Society Vice President Hon. Alan Redway's resignation.



Ron F. Brown is a freelance travel writer and author of several books on the heritage of Ontario and Canada including "The Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore" and the best-selling "Top 150 Unusual Things to See in Ontario.". He is past chair of the Writers Union of Canada and recipient of the Union's 2015 Freedom to Read Award. He enjoys speaking to historical societies and seniors' groups around Ontario. His latest book is "Rails over the Mountains, exploring the railway heritage of Canada's western mountains." A native of Kingston, he has lived in both Trinidad and Guyana and moved to East York with

his family in 1979..He has a lovely wife, June, and 2 amazing daughters, Ria and Jeri.

Ron will assist in Leading a Tour of GECO's Tunnels with writer Barbara Dickson..."Bomb Girls...Trading Aprons for Ammo" on **Saturday, 8th April, 2017**. If your are interested in joining the tour at a cost of \$15. per person please contact Ron for more information at 416-757-9798. Tour will start from 10 am - 12 noon...Space is limited to 20.

Ron looks forward to serving in his capacity with the Board along with the East York Historical Society's Mission and to help improve the life of the EYHS to a higher level of prosperity and success within the EYHS and the East York community.

On behalf of the East York Historical Society; we thank you for accepting the position of Vice President and we look forward to working with you for the best and highest good for the East York Historical Society and East York!!!

~President

SAVE THESE DATES:

THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS PLANNING AHEAD
REFRESHMENTS ARE ALWAYS SERVED

April 19, 2017 @ 2:00 PM –

Topic: Providence Healthcare on their history

May 30/17 @ 7 PM

Her Worship Marilyn Churley.

Topic: "Shameless", her new book.

Sept. 26/17 @ 7 PM

Mr. Alexis Tourbetzkay, author.

Topic: to be announced later.

October 18, 2017 @ 2:00 PM

Presenter: Ed Freeman

Topic: Photos before and after of EY Historic Sites

Nov. 28/17 @ 7 PM

Annual General Meeting and A Silent Film by Charlie Chaplin-British (April 16, 1889 – December 25, 1977)

Presenter: Silent Film Historian: Mr. Rob Prince Ph.D

2018 DATES ANNOUNCED:

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

**Presenters and topics to be announced
Stay tuned for further details**

Remembering Ed Barnett 1913 - 2006



Hazel & Ed Barnett
Northlea United Church Silver Anniversary 1974-1975



Ed @ Trace Manes Pk Rotary BBQ
Photo courtesy of George Hurst



Ed Barnett Architect
Former Leasider



Pancheta (Pat) Barnett
Writer

Mr. Ed Barnett was born William Eddison Barnett, June 7, 1913 (the year of the incorporation of the Town of Leaside) to parents Walter and Muriel. Ed grew up at 458 Glebeholme Blvd.

He attended Earl Beatty Elementary School, across the street from where he lived. Graduated from UofT, in 3T8 Engineering and Architecture. On March 15, 1940, he married Hazel Dynes and soon after, started his architectural practice with fellow graduate Carl Reider.

The company was called Barnett & Reider, which held offices, at Bayview & Manor Rd, Eglinton Ave, on the Northeast side of Yonge and Thorncliffe Park at Overlea.

In 1946, Ed and his wife and their two children, Robert born in 1944 and Janice in 1945, moved to 300 Bessborough.

Today, many Leasiders and Bessborough neighbours remember Ed and Hazel Barnett as a respectable and kind family.

Ed Barnett's Architectural Projects

- Designed many single-family houses on Bessborough Dr., from Craig to 302, including his house at 300
- Added onto many commercial industrial projects such as TREMCO and Lincoln Electric on Wicksteed Ave.
- For a time in Ed's prolific career, he designed one school per week throughout Southern Ontario
- Designed hospitals and churches; was a member of Northlea United and Leaside Presbyterian
- Additions to The Don Jail circa 1955 and Millbrook Penitentiary
- 1967 St. Lawrence Hall restoration, a City of Toronto Centennial Project
- CFTO Building 401 and McGowan circa 1950
- Loyalist College, Belleville circa 1970-1985
- 1974, retained as designer architect for Bob Rumball Center of the Deaf at the recommendation of Conn Smythe and Harold Ballard, famous wrestlers

Architectural Projects & Achievements

- Barnett & Reider became one of the five biggest architectural firms in Ontario
- 1976, the firm became Barnett & Haskett (Bill)
- 1978, Ed and Robert formed R E Barnett Architects
- Some of Barnett's numerous honours were the Paul Harris Award Rotary and Medal of Service City of Toronto

Volunteer Work

- Toronto Historical Board
- Toronto Leaside Rotary Club (1950-2006)
- 1967, True Davidson recruited Ed as a member of the East York Foundation around the time of the Amalgamation of East York and Leaside, he was an effective Chair for at least 25 years
- Served on the Board of the Bob Rumball Center until he passed
- Instrumental in the Continuum of Care Program at BRCD, which in turn led to the development of the long-term care home in Barrie.

Ed Barnett, The Driven & Disciplined Man

- Once during his university days, Ed spent the entire night re-drawing a project that was due the next day because he had accidentally burned a hole in his drawing with a cigarette. Ed quit smoking immediately
- Shy but creative man, known for his stylish dressing and well-tailored, elegant suits
- Avid gardener at home and at his cottage at Lake Scugog
- Ed and Hazel were avid lawn bowlers at the Granite Club
- Enjoyed playing tennis, hosting barbecues and known for his many Cadillacs
- His family describe him as a loving and caring man
- Hazel Barnett passed away on Thursday, July 27, 2006

Ed Barnett, a widower, passed November 2006.

Contributors to the story: Bob (Anna) Barnett and Jan Beveridge, Liz Bliss of Bessborough, Northlea U.C., Barbara Ferguson, Robert Pringle, George Hurst (photograph) and Lorna Krawchuk Memories. **Article Author: Pancheta (Pat) Barnett**



Family Bicycling Safety:

by Val Dodge Cyclist and EYHS' Treasurer.

With spring upon us for another year, more children and parents will be riding their bikes

through our neighbourhoods, sometimes for the first time. It's important to keep in mind some basic safety rules when you teach your children to ride in the city, whether on quiet side streets or busier roads:

- Make sure that your bike is in working condition before each ride. Perform an ABC Quick Check: verify that your tires have Air (are properly inflated), your Brakes are working, and your Chain is not rusted or crusted with dirt or mud. If your bike has Quick release levers on the wheels, seat, or other parts, ensure that they are tightened.

- Children under 18 are required to wear helmets in Ontario. Helmets are optional for adults, but are a good idea for everyone.

- Children are allowed to ride on the sidewalk, but remember that the sidewalk is mainly for pedestrians: always yield to pedestrians and be courteous when passing. Don't "buzz" pedestrians or pass them at high speeds. Adult-sized bicycles aren't allowed on the

sidewalk. If your children riding on the sidewalk, you should ride beside them on the road.

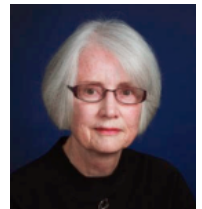
- Stay out of the door zone and gutter. When riding on the street, you should ride in a straight line approximately 1 metre away from the curb or any parked cars. This will give you room to manoeuvre if there are potholes, sewer grates, or other obstructions in the roadway, and will also help keep you safe from "dooring," which happens when a person in a parked car opens their door without first checking for oncoming traffic.

- Always signal and do shoulder checks when turning or stopping. Just as when you're in a car, you should be predictable when you're riding a bike. Never turn at an intersection or change lanes without first signalling your intention and then looking over your shoulder to ensure that the way is clear.

- You cannot carry a passenger on a bicycle unless the bike or an accessory mounted to the bike (like a child seat) is designed for that purpose.

Download the Ministry of Transportation's Young Cyclist's Guide for more safe family cycling tips: <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/pdfs/young-cyclist-guide.pdf>

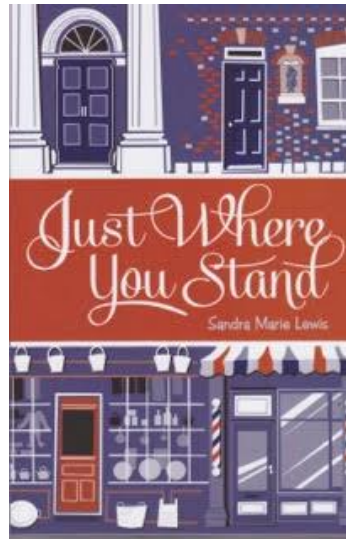
EYHS' Summery of Sandra Lewis' Bio and talk Presentation: Afternoon Discussion Meeting Feb. 22, 2017



Sandra Marie Lewis (Vic 6T0 U of T) has written a novel of historical fiction entitled *Just Where You Stand* which might well interest EYHS members. She has been consumed by genealogy and writing since her retirement in 1997 as a teacher/chaiperson in Ontario's public school system.

Two of her short stories which are based on family history have been published in the magazine *Families*. *Families* is a members' magazine for the Ontario Genealogical Society. She received special recognition for one of those stories.

Marian Press wrote a review of *Just Where You Stand* last winter in *Toronto Trees*, a publication from the Toronto Branch of OGS. Marian is a librarian at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and has spoken on many subjects related to genealogy and the Internet. She commented: 'Lewis' approach is an interesting one to study for any family historian planning



to write their own family story.' (Toronto Tree, Volume 47, Issue 3, May/June 2016)

Three generations of women will in turn, unknowingly marry obsessive men. Cloaked in social history and language usage from early Victorian times in Berkshire, England until the 1990s in East Toronto, Canada, the story portrays three wives who struggle in their strained marriages. Alcohol beguiles one husband and a controversial religious sect pulls in the next two. The curiosity is how obsession infected three generations in one family, Sandra's family. The thoroughly researched story is largely true

and the three couples are the author's great-great grandparents, great grandparents and grandparents. Some of them lived on Gowan Avenue here in East York and one was a barber on Pape Avenue.

The Family Doctor's name was Doc. Barnett.

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