

EAST YORK INKLINGS

Newsletter of the East York Historical Society

Volume 15 Issue 2 – March 2019

A Message from President Pat...

Greetings loyal and faithful supporters (Members and Visitors) of the East York Historical Society. Hope this Message finds you in great spirits.

Many thanks to all our East York Historical Society Members and other Guests who attended our General Meeting "Celebrating Black History in Canada" on the evening of Tuesday, January 29, 2019. The evening was well attended (60+) in spite of the cold weather and poor driving road conditions due to the storm we experienced all day on Monday 28, 2019. Snow was every where with heavy wind and chill factored in causing walking and driving visibility almost impossible -12*c. Many turned back due to the lack of available places to park near by.

Synopsis of the evening of January 29, 2019 as follows: Opener: The Canadian Opera Ensemble Simona Genga Mezzo-Soprano & Rachael Kerr-Pianist performed in honour of Portia White:

The name of the piece was "Feldeinsamkeit" by Johannes Brahms, roughly translated from German to "Alone in the Fields". Here's a good recording if you want to hear it again! Grace Bumbry; "Feldeinsamkeit"; Johannes Brahms It is performed by Grace Bumbry, a talented and successful African-America opera singer of the twentieth century. The words are roughly translated to: Grace Bumbry "Feldinsamkeit"; Johnannes Brahms.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQMd21htXEU&feature=youtu.be

I rest at peace in tall green grass And gaze steadily aloft
Surrounded by unceasing crickets,
Wondrously interwoven with blue sky.
The lovely white clouds go drifting by
Through the deep blue, like lovely silent dreams;
I feel as if I have long been dead,
Drifting happily with them through eternal space.
English Translation by Richard Stokes.

Main Presenter: Sheila White spoke knowledgeable about her aunt's 50 Years On. (Articles on Portia White and Sheila White in EYHS January 2019 issue) Followed by Community Choir "The Don Heights Singers" accompanied pianist Sheila White. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the evening a real success: page 3. Warm Welcome to new members of the East York Historical Society: page 2.

East York Historical Society Welcome our Main Presenter:

DR. JOHN COOPER, MA. EdD. The TOPIC: His Family of East York-Donated Small Family Artifacts to EYHS will be on display at the March Meeting.

OPENER: Mr. Don Beange son (of the late & former member of the East York Historical Society Mrs. Edna Beange) will give THANKS to the SOCIETY regarding his late mother. Hon. Alan

Redway's Articles "LIFE LEASE APARTMENTS" & Mr. Howard Talbot. At my request... Please see pg. 4

A Requiem Mass will be held for one of our members **Father Raymond Harry Ball** passed at aged 89 in his 90th year on March 6, 2019...page 2

Letter of thanks from **Mrs. Janet Nanos** (Staff of S. Walter Stewart Library Co Sponsor of the EYHS) Regarding her many years of service to our afternoon and evening meetings..

SUNDAY, March 24, 2019 @ 2PM AGNES MACPHAIL AWARD CEREMONY will be awarded to Ms. KAREN FRASER. Congratulations Karen Fraser from everyone of the EYHS...page 8. The East York Historical Society will have a display table at the East York Civic Centre.

Cosburn United Church FOR SALE SIGN ON PROPERTY ...Councillor Fletcher, MPP., Tabuns has been notified by a Community seeking to keep the church as a Community Hub... EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY List of members for 2019...see page 6. April 17, 9: Show and Tell Discussion Afternoon Meeting at 2 PM The East York Historical Society Presents our member Mr. GLENN FENTON TOPIC: "Glenn's Cold War"

Thank you for wearing your name tags during the meetings. It sure helps us to better acquaint ourselves with each other. It's not too late to renew your EYHS membership. See mailing address in this Newsletter/payments at the General Meeting on the evening of Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

Thank you for listening!!!

Sincerely,

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

Tuesday, March 26, 2019
Refreshments at 7:00pm ~ Meeting Starts at 7:30pm
John S. Ridout Auditorium at the S. Walter Stewart Library
170 Memorial Park Avenue

Guest Speaker: Dr. John Cooper, MA, EdD Topic: Dr. Cooper's Family of East York



WE REMEMBER RAYMOND HARRY BALL

BALL, Raymond Harry - October 13, 1929 - March 6, 2019

Fr. Ball died on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at the age of 89. His devotion and his firm belief in God supported him throughout his life and ultimately gave him peace.

He was predeceased by his parents Anne and George Ball and his sisters Audrey (Bill), Lorraine (John) and Barbara. A graduate of Trinity College (University of Toronto), Raymond travelled the world and had many pastoral charges, including in Saskatchewan, Guyana, the Bahamas and finally South Africa.

Following his return to Canada, he became a member of the Kitchener-Waterloo Ordinariate community (The Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr) and then a member of the Toronto Ordinariate community (The Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More). Father was well known for his generous spirit and eagerness to share stories from his travels abroad. Even in his later years, he enjoyed exploring new places, spending time with friends and family and was always willing to extend a helping hand to those in need.

Family and friends express our gratitude to the staff at Alexis Lodge in Toronto for their compassion and excellent care provided to Father in his final months. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Father John Hodgins (the priest-administrator of St. Thomas More) at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 20th at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 263 Roncesvalles Ave. in Toronto.



EGLINTON CROSSTOWN LIGHTWEIGHT TRANSIT PROJECT

Metrolinx is building the Eglinton Crosstown, Toronto's new 19-kilometre light rail transit (LRT) line that will run along Eglinton Avenue with a central 10 km underground section. The Crosstown will connect Mount Dennis in the west to Kennedy Road in the east, and the new service will be up to 60% faster than the bus service today. With 25 stations and stops and connections to 3 TTC subway stations, 54 local bus routes, 3 GO Transit lines and the UP Express, the Crosstown will improve travel times and change the way we move through the heart of the city.

JOIN Us At Our Spring Open House Central East Open House (Eglinton, Mount Pleasant, Leaside and Laird) March 19, 2019 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Leaside Memorial Garden, 1073 Millwood Road



EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY WELCOME OUR MARCH 26, 2019 SPEAKER

SPEAKER: DR. JOHN COOPER, MA., EdD. TOPIC: Dr. John Cooper's Family of East York

A small donated family artifacts to the East York Historical Society will be on

display.



"John Cooper teaches in the areas of journalism and corporate communications in the community college system. A graduate of York University, Centennial College and Athabasca University, he also holds a Doctorate in Education from the University of Calgary. A long-time writer, journalist and public relations and corporate communications specialist, he is the author of seven books and has written for publications such as the Toronto Star and Maclean's magazine. Born in East York, he now lives in Whitby. He is a father of three, and grandfather of two, with another grandchild on the way."

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Ms. SIMONE LAWRENCE

MPP., KATHLEEN WYNNE & SPOUSE JANE ROUNTHWAITE

> COUNCILLOR PAULA FLETCHER

EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY AFTERNOON SPEAKER @ 2 PM APRIL 17, 2019

S. Walter Stewart Library in the John S. Ridout Auditorium
SPEAKER: Mr. Glenn Fenton
TOPIC: Glenn's Cold War

Glenn and his wife Connie have lived in East York since 1973. Both are proud East Yorkers as are there two sons.

Glenn was born and raised in a small Lake Huron shore town and recalls seeing many Royal Air Force training Planes during the War years. Kincardine was a favourite town for all the English Flyers in Canada, training to fly and bomb. His Mother worked in a factory during the War making wings for the Mosquito Bombers. These events may have helped Glenn decide to join the Royal Canadian Air Force upon graduation from High School. The Air Force at that time was attempting to rapidly expand due to the ever-expanding Cold War.

Glenn is going to give a brief history of what was going on during his service as a Fighter Pilot. Glenn and Connie Fenton are long time members in good standing with the East York Historical Society.





EYHS ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

By Ron Chamberlain, Director

The East York Historical Society is proud to undertake a number of environmental initiatives. Here is a list of them.

- Used Postage Stamps collected at Stan Wadlow Seniors Center. Go to Action Volunteers for Animals, PO Box 64578, Unionville, Ont., L3R 0M9.
- Campbell's Soup Labels collected at Stan Wadlow Seniors Center. Google Campbell's Soup Label Program to see program for schools
- Pop Tabs go to Bloorview Health Center for Wheel Chair program.
- Milk Bags collected at 840 Coxwell Seniors Center. Used for weaving mats at the center. Google Milkbagsunlimited.org for complete program.
- Plastic Bread/Milk Bag Tabs collected at 840 Coxwell Seniors Center. Used for crafts.
- Used Vision Glasses collected by Optomitrist forwarded to Church. Sent to Third World Countries
- We also recycle all extra printed newsletters

OUR FRIENDS AT THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAVE CHANGED THEIR LOGO



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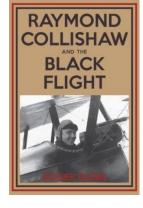
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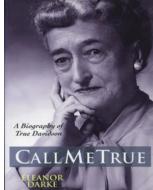
The Ontario Historical Society old and new logo. Important to note that the Ontario Historical Society aren't getting rid of the original seal (1888), but are moving forward with a new logo that will work for the Society in an increasingly digital world.

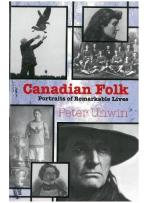
THE EYHS HAS BOOKS FOR SALE

The East York Historical Society is proud to recycle our extra issues of The Inklings to the community.









Please visit the Registration Table if you're interested in purchasing one of these books. They make a great gift.

LIFE LEASE APARTMENTS IN EAST YORK

by Hon. Alan Redway

The late Edna Beange, a former Borough of East York Councillor and member of the East York Historical Society was a champion on behalf of seniors. She helped to establish East York Meals on Wheels and was a pioneer in the development of two Life Lease Apartment Buildings for seniors.

The Life Lease is a legal agreement that lies between renting and owning a home. It provides one with the exclusive right to occupy an apartment for your lifetime or until you are no longer capable of living independently. Like a condominium you must purchase a Life Lease but unlike a condominium which is built by a private developer to make a profit, a Life Lease apartment is built by a nonprofit corporation with a view to providing housing for seniors at a price as affordable as construction costs will allow.

HOWARD TALBOT, By Hon. Alan Redway This article originally appeared and was published in Leaside Life

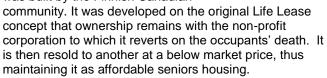
Most of us are familiar with the Leaside Property Owners Association's recent successful battle to save the Talbot apartments from the redevelopment plans of the present owner, the Manitoba Teacher's Pension Fund. But do you know who Talbot was?

Howard Talbot was the Mayor of the former town of Leaside for ten years from 1938 to 1947. During that time the community changed from a small company town dominated by Canada Wire and Cable to a thriving Toronto suburb. This was the period when Leaside experienced much of its growth and began to take on its present physical character.

Although he was born in England, Henry Howard Talbot grew up in Galt, Ontario. A carpenter by trade, he started his own construction business. Then in 1928 he bought land in Leaside and began building homes on Donegal, Cameron, Bessborough and Parkhurst. The row of duplexes north of Parkhurst on the east side of Bayview south of Eglinton were all built by Howard Talbot. But his largest project was the low rise apartment complex on Bayview south of McRae and north of Sutherland known to long time Leasiders as the Talbot apartments.

Today we would call Howard Talbot a developer. Not many developers hold public office these days. But in 1936 Mr. Talbot was elected to Leaside Council and two years later he became Mayor.

Many people feel that the best interests of developers are often contrary to the best interests of communities where they build. Especially redevelopers who do not live in the community and thus do not have to live with the results of There are two Life Lease buildings within the boundaries of the former Borough and a third just over the border. The original Life Lease building, Suomi- Koti, on Eglinton, was built by the Finnish Canadian



Unlike Suomi -Koti, the other two, Stay At Home In Leaside (SAHIL) on Bayview and Bethel Green on Millwood (Edna Beange played an important role in the development of both) the occupant is able to sell their Life Lease for what the market will bear.

their own development. In Howard Talbot's day, however, the residents of Leaside looked to their municipal government to provide basic essential services in the most efficient way at the lowest cost to the tax payers. In Talbot they saw a Leaside resident



and a large Leaside property owner whose interests in low taxes coincided with their own. He did not disappoint them.

In order to keep taxes at a minimum he stressed the development of the Leaside industrial area. It was through his efforts that a great many industries located in our community during and following WW11. Unfortunately today most are long gone. But as a result of Talbot's efforts, Leaside residents for many years enjoyed the lowest tax rate in the Toronto area.

However, physical growth and low taxes were not the only features of his term as Mayor. He also contributed to the quality of community life by arranging for the purchase of the land which now bears his name Howard Talbot Park; by establishing the Leaside Lions Club; and by his early leadership in efforts to build Leaside Memorial Gardens. In addition he helped to build community pride by arranging for the sponsorship during WW11 of both the Canadian Navy Corvette HMCS Leaside and the RCAF Leaside bomber squadron 432 during and by planning the construction of the Leaside Town Hall at the corner of McRae and Randolph.

Howard Talbot was the leader in moulding both the physical and the social character of our community. We must all do our part in preserving and improving it.

TRENDING NOW



We Remember the victims and families who were impacted by the terrorist attack In New Zealand on March 15, 2019 The EYHS sends our condolences. 50 People lost their lives



PM Justin Trudeau and MP Jody Wilson-Raybould are trending nationally because of the SNC-Lavalin matter



A Message from Janet Nanos, S. Walter Stewart Library



Attention to President Pat and the rest of the East York Historical Society members.

I have really enjoyed being able to attend the meetings and will definitely miss all the very interesting speakers you have.

Mrs. Melanie McKinnon will be helping you to set up the meetings similar to what I have done for almost 5 years as of your January 29, 2019 evening meeting.

Melanie has to leave at 8:30 in the evening. However the After Hours Attendant will be able to put the projector and speaker system away at the end of the meeting.

I will be available for the East York Historical Society 2 PM Afternoon Meetings for now. All the best, and wishing you all a Happy New Year.

PS: See January 2019 EYHS Inklings for additional information

Janet Nanos S. Walter Stewart Library 170 Memorial Park Avenue East York, Ontario

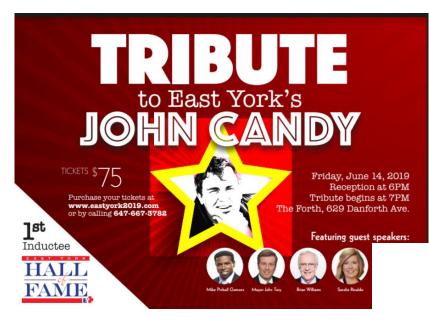
UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
Wednesday, April 17, 2019	2:00 PM	Glenn's Cold War	Glenn Fenton
Tuesday, May 28, 2019	7:00 PM	HORSES Race Tracks	Ms. Muriel Lennox
Tuesday, September 24, 2019	7:00 PM	Transit Bricks	Trevor Parkins-Sciberras
Wednesday, October 16, 2019	2:00 PM	A Call to Duty	Teresa Hall
Tuesday, November 26, 2019 39th Annual General Meeting	7:00 PM	History of the Ontario Historical Society	Mr. Rob Laverty, Executive Dir. of the Ontario Historical Society
Tuesday, January 28, 2020	7:00 PM	Celebrating Black History in Canada – Her Father, The late Icon Herbert Carnegie, and their legacy with small Carnegie Display	Ms. Bernice Carnegie
		Opener: 2 Poems Written by Poet Laureate George Elliott Clarke	Read by Samuel Billich, Justice of the Peace (OCJ)
Tuesday, March 31, 2020	7:00 PM	Life and Times of John Candy	To Be Announced
Tuesday, May 31, 2020	7:00 PM	The DelZotto Family and the History of Tridel	The DelZotto Family
Tuesday, September 29, 2020	7:00 PM	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
Tuesday, November 23, 2020 40th Annual General Meeting	7:00 PM	Living Up To The Legend	Diana Bishop

EAST YORK HALL OF FAME TO HONOUR JOHN CANDY

The East York Hall of Fame will be hosting their first induction event on Friday, June 14th. The first inductee will be the legendary John Candy of East York. Confirmed guest speakers for the evening are Grey Cup Champion Mike Pinball Clemons, Mayor and former CFL Commissioner John Tory, Legendary Sports Broadcaster Brian Williams and Sandie Rinaldo from CTV National News.

Daughter Jennifer and son Chris Candy will be traveling to Toronto from Los Angeles for the event. Tickets can be purchased at www.EastYork2018.com or by phone by contacting Justin Van Dette at 416-697-5832 or by email at vandette416@gmail.com



Sandra McNamara

LIST OF EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS - as of March 19, 2019

Scott Burns Joseph Cooper Eleanor Darke Peter Edwards Kathleen Horiszny Katherine Kirzati John Michailidis B. Jane & Robert Moore Alan Redway Joan & Lynn Ridout Gloria Lippert Nathaniel Erskine-Smith Kat Akerfeldt Pancheta & Rhonda Barnett Paul & Charleen Beard Karen Bell Rima Berns-McGown Bill & Cathy Betsworth **Duncan Boyce** Brad Bradford Robert Brathwaite Diane Brockman Jane & Gary Brooks Jeffrey & Phylis Brown Ron, Wanda, and Erica Chamberlain

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416-429-7821

CHECK IT OUT...

Tim McDonald

President Pat Barnett of the East York
Historical Society is featured on the front
Cover the 2018 Annual Report for
Heritage Toronto

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CREDIT:

Thank you to Rhonda, active volunteer of The East York Historical Society, for assisting with the design the EYHS meeting flyers.



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.

INTERESTED IN THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, CONTACT US:

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	nbers and guests are always welcome. The fees f 515 Family - \$20 Student - \$7			
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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THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WELCOMES EVERYONE TO ATTEND THE AFTERNOON DISCUSSION SHOW & TELL MEETING ON

APRIL 17, 2019 STARTING AT 2 PM

S. WALTER STEWART LIBRARY (IN THE JOHN S. RIDOUT AUDITORIUM) 170 MEMORIAL PARK AVENUE & DURANT AVENUE



PRESENTER: GLENN FENTON TOPIC: GLENN'S COLD WAR *****ADMISSION FREE****

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We Thank (You!

THANKS TO THE KITCHEN & **REFRESHMENTS...VOLUNTEERS** on the evening of January 29, 2019 "Celebrating Black History in Canada" Chris Theo. Kay Horizsny, Connie Fenton, Ron Chamberlain. **Shannon Timms-Ugochukwu**

Donations to dessert table:

P. Barnett.

B. Bradford.

P. Fletcher.

K. Horizsny,

C. Theo.

Dairy Queen

Name Tags Display Table: Val Dodge.

GET YOUR VERY OWN EAST YORK FLAG

The East York Historical Society has them for sale. To purchase your flag(s), Call Margaret McRae @ 416-429-7821

AGNES MACPHAIL AWARD

The 2019 Agnes Macphail Award will be awarded on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the True Davidson Council Chambers in the East York Civic Centre. 850 Coxwell Avenue. For information on this year's recipient, read this great article in Beach Metro News at

https://www.beachmetro.com/2019/03/ 19/karen-fraser-named-winner-of-eastyorks-agnes-macphail-award-for-2019/



East York Historical Society

Cordially Invites Everyone to Attend the

Evening of Tuesday, March 26, 2019 @ 7pm

S. Walter Stewart Library (John S. Ridout Auditorium) 170 Memorial Avenue & Durant Avenue

Main Presenter

TOPIC: His Family Fast York



Donated Family Artifacts to the East York Historical Society

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Evening Opener Mr. Don Beange

Son of the Late Mrs. Jessie Edna Beanae

Topic Thank You...

Refreshments @ 7:00 pm

President's Welcome/Remarks @ 7:30 pm Presentation/Speaker @ 8:00 pm

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