



EAST YORK INKLINGS

Newsletter of the East York Historical Society

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A Message from President Pat

I hope the year so far has been very kind to all our East York Historical Society Members and Friends...the year is almost half way through. Ontarians must be doing something right seeing that our Winter weather was so Springlike. For this we are grateful. Happy belated 2016: Mother's Day May 8; Victoria Day May 23; Father's Day June 19;...Enjoy!!!

The EYHS March 29, evening meeting featured the Hon. Alan Redway as our Speaker about his new Book, "Governing Toronto: Bringing Back The City That Worked. A brief summary; He explained to a large attentive turnout on how this can be achieved, giving names of places in Canada where de-amalgamation was done & is successful and working with amazing results today. So many referred to the period from 1954-1998 as Toronto's "Golden Age". Several copies of his books were sold during and after Q&A period. Alan Redway will present to the Toronto and East York Community Preservation Panel on May 9th.

The President's Member Spotlight for the month of May is: Mrs. Jane Brooks...page 4

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON ITS 35th ANNIVERSARY. The East York Historical Society was incorporated in 1981 to 2016. See back page for the mission statement.

Congratulations to Margaret Trudeau on her recent Honorary Award from Margaret's Housing in Toronto

Canada Day (July 1, 2016) is fast approaching. All members of the East York Historical Society are encouraged to join us at 9:30 am at Dieppe Park as onlookers or walk in the Parade. It's a lot of fun. We are

Happy 90th Birthday to Queen Elizabeth II who was born on April 21, 1926

A young Queen Elizabeth in 1953.



expecting a larger turn out this year all the way to Stan Wadlow Park.

A special thanks to all our members new and renewed; regular visitors & to those who continue to make donations (cash & archival items) to the East York Historical Society. Our Treasurer Mr. Val Dodge is still accepting new & renewed memberships at the meetings & by mail at address in this Newsletter.

We are still looking for a place for the East York Historical Society Archive in East York. 2017 EYHS Presenters scheduled. The suggestion box is available for your input at the meetings.

Have a healthy & safe Summer. Please look out for each other especially the children. Looking forward to see you all at our May meeting and also on Canada Day July 1, 2016...

Sincerely,

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

Tuesday, May 31, 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: Arthur Bousfield: Chairman of CRHT
Cataloguing Canada's Royal Heritage

Our Meetings are Co-sponsored By



HELP THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

DOORS OPEN TORONTO - Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29

EYHS will have a table at Doors Open at Todmorden Mills. Please contact Margaret McRae at 416-429-7821 or marg.mcrae@gmail.com if you would like to help there. TFN will have a walk in the wildflower preserve at 1:30 on the Sunday which you will be welcome to join. It will be led by EYHS member Paula Davies.

EAST YORK CANADA DAY - Friday, July 1

We will walk in the East York Canada Day parade from Dieppe Park to Stan Wadlow Park, carrying our flags and banner and we will have a table at Stan Wadlow Park. Please advise Margaret McRae at 416-429-7821 or marg.mcrae@gmail.com if you would like to walk in the parade or help at Stan Wadlow Park.
or

NEW NEWS FOR THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- Bank of Canada...asked Canadians to nominate an Iconic woman who died 23 years ago...Macphail did not make the finals...
- Ceremony to officially name Stickney Avenue (formerly Markham Avenue in Leaside off Laird Drive) near Gyro Motors took place on Sunday, May 15th
- Jane Jacobs (Walk) American born May 4, 1916 - 2006 Immigrated to Canada 1968 - 2006 Jane Walk started 10 years ago this year..
- Condolence: American Icon Prince Rogers Nelson...June 7, 1958-April 21, 2016 at age 57...Musical Genius, Seven-time Grammy Winner. Popular Hit "Purple Rain".
- Iceland Prime Minister & Panama.. Sigmundur Davio Gunnlaugsson ~ 23rd May, 2013 - 7th April, 2016
- Justin Trudeau Liberal...Marijuana Law a problem passing. Danforth Avenue weed shops on the rise...

SAVE THESE DATES

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

September 27, 2016 @ 7pm

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

Wednesday, October 26th @ 2pm

Ed Freeman: Railways

Tuesday, November 29, 2016 –

Annual General Meeting

Welcome Cosburn Park Lawn Bowling Club... Mike Vince

Barbara Dickson – “BOMB GIRLS... Trading Aprons for Ammo”

**2017 DATES: Jan. 31; March 28; May 30;
September 26; November 28**



Eric Pember /// The Observer

Members of the East York Historical Society unveil a park bench memorial for Maureen Lindsay, a longtime member of the Friends of Dentonia Park.

PRESIDENT'S MEMBER SPOTLIGHT...MRS. JANE BROOKS

Jane Brooks is the eldest of 2 daughters, born to Jimmie and Susie McClintock in 1947, at the Toronto East General Hospital (now Michael Garon Hospital). Jane lived the first 5 years of her life in East York, first on Donlands and later on Ferris Rd. Her paternal grandparents emigrated from Ballymena, Ireland in the early 1900's; and her father, the 4th in a family of 8 children, was born at 98 Ferrier Ave in 1912 and raised in East York. Jane's mother Susie, was born in Peterborough, but moved to East York at a young age. Jane's parents were married in 1936 at the Linsmore Anglican Church, the location now being a subway station. When Jane was a young child, her parents began attending Calvary Church on Pape Avenue; where Jane's husband Gary also grew up, and where they were married almost 50 years ago. Their family still has a strong connection to Calvary Church, and they interact regularly with a longtime friend, Mr. Ed McComiskey age 102, a resident of Nisbet Lodge.

Jane's parents had wonderful memories, and often shared their stories of growing up in East York where they met. Her father went to Gledhill School, and would tell of being part of a Championship mouth organ group of boys, with Alonzo Boyd, the famed bank robber. They also related their experiences of living in East York during the Depression years; and the McClintock family, like many others at the time, suffering financial loss and their home, with the collapse of the Home Bank.

Family history and the history of East York is of great interest to Jane. In making an application to the City of Toronto, to have an honorific lane named after her grandfather Thomas McClintock, she learned about the East York Historical Society and became a member in 2014. It was there she met President Pancheta Pat Barnett and VP Mr. Alan

Redway, who were of great help and an inspiration to her in the lane naming process. Both were present, along with Councillor Mary Fragedakis, at the official unveiling Ceremony at 1:00 PM on February 20, 2016.



Jane, and her husband, Gary Brooks. Below, Thomas McClintock & family. Child looking up is Jane's Dad.



Her grandfather Thomas, built many homes in East York before his *death (in 1943) in the home he built on *Floyd Avenue. Jane found the recent meeting of the EYHS on the history of the East General Hospital of particular interest, recalling her father telling her that he had visited a friend there in the early days of its opening in 1930. In her formative years as a young teenager, Jane experienced some health issues, necessitating her spending time there as a patient, making it a part of her personal history. The presentation on Woodbine Gardens was also of special interest; as her father, after serving overseas in WW11, returned home and began working for his cousin, Robert McClintock, who was building homes there in the mid-late 40's.

Jane and her husband Gary are retired and have lived in King City for some 35 years. They have 2 adult children (son Tom and daughter Andrea). Andrea and her husband are the parents of

their 3 wonderful grandchildren. For over 30 years, Jane and Gary were involved in the retail grocery business in King Township and colleagues of John Carnevale of Pape Foodland.

"It is Jane's hope, that in the future, The East York Historical Society may have an Archive such as the City of Toronto....A wonderful place in East York to unlock memories and preserve our East York heritage"

Mrs. Jane Brooks, the East York Historical Society thank you for your ongoing support and for sharing a bit of your history with us.

TO ALL EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS: RECOGNITION OF MR. BOB BRATHWAITE

Mr. Jason Colterman Community Services Manager, St. John Ambulance - Toronto Branch, has informed us (EYHS) that **Mr. Robert "Bob" Brathwaite KStJ. a member of the East York Historical Society will be honoured during The St. John Ambulance Gala with the 'Lieutenant General Richard Rohmer Award of Excellence'.**

Bob has been an active member of his community and served as a volunteer with St. John Ambulance for over 50 years, with tremendous impact. Bob exemplifies the Spirit of St. John. Robert "Bob" Brathwaite KStJ. has been a member for many years with the East York Historical Society & is known by many members in the East York Historical Society.

The evening will highlight their youth services and the wonderful volunteers that are a part of the St. John program. The Knight on the Town Gala is on June 4th 2016 at the Chelsea Hotel Toronto (Formerly the Delta Hotel), 33 Gerard Street West. The reception starts at 6 pm with dinner starting at 7 pm tickets are available through our website www.knightonthetown.com or by contacting St. John Ambulance - Toronto Office. We can even reserve our tickets (\$150.00 each in support of this year's theme "A Celebration of Our Youth") by mailing cheque & what kind of food you would like to have to:

Jason Colterman

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2016 Jane Jacob's Walk-Dentonia Park...

Jane's Walk celebrated 10 years since the passing and start up of Jane Jacob's Walk in 2006.

self organized by their citizens". Jane Jacobs, born as Jane Butzner, born in Scranton, Pennsylvania and came to Toronto 1968-2006 .

President of the East York Historical Society Pat Barnett talked (read aloud the text) about the Dentonia Park Plaque & included that the EYHS had erected 2 plaques in Dentonia Park; member Maureen Lindsay's honour of a Bench Plaque & the Dentonia Park Plaque. Prior, Pat gave a brief history on Jane Jacobs May 4, 1916- April 25, 2006 at aged 89 . In memory of what would have been Jane's 100th birthday this year...the Jane Urbanist were lead into singing Happy Birthday to Jane Jacobs. The American & Canadian Journalist, Author & Activist influential on Urban studies... "Jane believed in people becoming aware (interested) in where they live, work and play. Jane also believed in cities that worked because they were



President Pat, Janet Davis and Dr. John Carter at Jane's Walk in Dentonia Park

Janet Davis organized with assistance from Anita Millar, lead the Jane's Walk on Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 10 am to 1:30 pm included refreshments served in the Dentonia Park Club House. 75 people joined this enthusiastic Jane's walk.

Dr. John Carter explained his portable exhibit & talked about the Massey Goulding Estate Heritage Home, Farm, the beautiful gardens that use to be on the property where

this photo was taken on the present site of the Children's Peace Theatre. Included in this Jane's walk were EYHS members Margaret McRae, Ian Wheall.

The weather was perfect for this Jane Jacob's Walk & was a success!!!

CONDOLENCES

TO THE FORD FAMILY: Former Toronto's 64th Mayor & Councillor for Ward 2 - Etobicoke North. **Robert Bruce "Rob" Ford** Canadian born May 28, 1969 - March 22, 2016 passed away on at Mt. Sinai Hospital. He was the youngest of four siblings.



TRENDING NOW IN THE NEWS

Jian Gomeishi formerly of CBC...
Alberta's (Fort McMurray) wildfires...
Uber X...& Toronto's Taxi Services...Mayor John Tory...
Canada is in the process of placing a woman of one of their paper currency....
Andrew Loku & BLM & SIU & Premier Kathleen Wynne

Congratulations to St. Catharines, Ontario

New Face on US \$20. Bill...**American Harriet Tubman** (slave)

Born Araminta Harriet Ross in Maryland 1822- March 10, 1913
The Abolitionist was buried with Military honours at Fort Hill Cemetary in Auburn, New York, USA. Harriet 'Moses' lived in St. Catharines 1851 to 1857

Harriet Tubman replace Andrew Jackson (former Slave owner who is responsible for the Indian Removal Act of 1830 which started what was known as the Trail of Tears - a forced migration on which thousands of Native Americans died.

New face should be in circulation by 2030



50 Fun, Weird And Interesting Facts About Toronto

(continued from the March 2016 edition.. Correction: In the last edition, it was noted that Toronto had a population of 8 million people. The correct population of Toronto is 2.8 million

12. Over 30% of Toronto residents speak a language other than English and French. Just ride the subways and that fact will hit home. Dual language street signs can be found in Little Italy, Little Portugal and Chinatown.
13. Caribana is the largest single day parade in North America. The parade route is 3.6 kilometers long. It starts at 10 am and finishes sometime around 8 pm. Over one million spectators come to see over 10,000 costumed participants.
14. The Toronto Stock Exchange is the third largest in North America and the seventh largest in the world based on capitalization.
15. Toronto ranks second as the world's most business competitive global city.
16. Toronto ranks as the twelfth most economically powerful city in the world – based on economic output, innovation, its' global economic power score and its' financial center score.
17. Yonge Street was once considered to be the longest street in the world. No more. It starts at Queen's Quay and ends at a farm access lane west of Keswick – not 1,896 kilometers later in Rainy River as was originally thought.
18. The Toronto Zoo is the largest in Canada. It is home to over 16,000 animals representing 491 species.
19. PATH is the largest underground pedestrian system in North America. It connects 1200 stores and restaurants, 50 office towers, 20 parking garages, five subway stations and a railway terminal over its' twenty eight kilometer length. Each letter in PATH is a different colour representing a different direction: P is red and points south. A is orange and points west. T is blue and directs north. H is yellow and points east.
20. The world's largest underground sidewalk sale happens once a year with all the businesses found along the PATH.
21. Movie stars from Toronto include Jim Carrey, Mike Myers, John Candy and Eugene Levy.
22. Toronto is North America's third largest venue for movie production. There are over 25,000 jobs in feature film production. The Toronto Maple Leafs haven't won a Stanley Cup since 1967. And despite being consistently one of the worst teams in the NHL, they have a loyal fan base and tickets are always sold out

A Bank NOTE-able Canadian Woman

Canadian Paper Currency bearing the face of an Iconic Canadian woman...The Bank of Note-able Canadian Women Long List of 12 selected Women from hundreds of nominations (Agnes Macphail did not make the 12).

Pitseolak Ashoona	c.1904-1983...Artist...Canadian Inuit
Emily Carr	1871-1945....Pre-eminent Canadian Painter
Therese Casgrain	1896-1981....Social Reformer and Politian-Canadian
Viola Desmond	1914-1965...Activist, Business Woman & Beautician-Canadian Black
Lotta Hitschmanova	1909-1990...Humanitarian Czech-Canadian

*E. Pauline Johnson (Tekahionwake)

*Canadian 1861-1913....Poet...{Mohawk&Englishwoman parents}}

Elizabeth (Elsie) MacGill	1905-1980...Engineer-Air Craft...Canadian
Nellie McClung	1873-1951...Suffragette (Famous Five) CBC...Canadian
Lucy Maud Montgomery	1874-1942...Author ...Novel, Anne of Green Gables...Canadian
Fanny (Bobbiie) Rosenfeld	1904-1969...Athlete, Journalism in the Globe and Mail...Canadian
Gabrielle Roy	1909-1983...Author...French Canadian
Idola Saint-Jean	1880-1945...Suffragette, Activist, Actress, Teacher 7 Author...French Canadian

Advisory Council will hear from historical experts and refine the list to 3 - 5 names. Final Decisions - The Governor of the Bank of Canada will then consult with the Minister of Finance on the Short List Minister will make the final decision in accordance with the Bank of Canada Act. This chosen note will be issued late 2018.

Margaret Trudeau named Honorary Patron at Margaret's Housing

Margaret's Housing & Community Support Services recently announced that Margaret Trudeau has agreed to serve as its Honorary Patron.

On March 31, 2016, Ms. Trudeau visited Margaret's, a housing and community support agency for individuals with mental illness, where she embraced homeless women and men, participated in art therapy activities, toured facilities and discussed Margaret's programs with volunteers and staff.

"We need secondary support for the mentally ill when they come out of crisis, out into recovery; they need support in the community, housing, social workers – and Margaret's so perfectly provides these resources and support," Ms. Trudeau said.

Ms. Trudeau also visited Margaret's women only high-support housing and crisis bed facility, a nondescript old house that blends in with the surrounding community. In the privacy of the living room, the women shared their stories with her and she responded in kind by sharing the lessons learned from her own mental health struggles. Named in honour of the late Margaret Frazer, Margaret's was founded in 1982 and has earned a reputation as a widely recognized and highly regarded charitable organization. It provides a continuum of housing and support services for individuals with mental health issues through innovative programs, advocacy and education. This holistic model offers safety, hope stability and respect, which empowers individuals to build and reclaim their lives.

Ms. Trudeau was first introduced to Margaret's Housing & Community Support Services last October when she delivered a spellbinding keynote address to a sold-out crowd at our annual gala "Mad about Margaret's". Now in its 5th year, the event seeks to overcome the stigma around mental illness and help people understand, accept, speak out and seek support for themselves, their families and others living with mental health issues.

While their common first name may be a coincidence, Ms. Trudeau and Margaret's share the same passion for advocacy, education, understanding and enabling those living with mental health issues to heal in dignity, reclaim their lives and remain in their communities.

About Margaret's Housing and Community Support Services: Margaret's Housing and Community Support Services is a registered Canadian charity #11889 0391 RR0001 and is supported by the City of Toronto and Province of Ontario.

Mailing address 301 Broadview Ave. Tel: 416-463-1481, info@margarets.ca, www.margarets.ca





Mr. Arthur Bousfield will be our special guest presenter on the evening of Tuesday, May 31st. Topic: Cataloguing Canada's Royal Heritage.

Mr. Arthur Bousfield studied History at the University of Toronto & was for many years editor of Monarchy Canada Magazine; he regularly gives lectures; and has authored many books on the Canadian Monarchy. The East York Historical Society is expecting a large turnout.

**Chocolate Perfection Pie -
Serves 8**

For the crust:

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 cup vanilla sugar
1 stick cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
1 egg yolk
3-4 tbsp. heavy cream

For the filling:

2 eggs
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. white wine vinegar

For the toppings:

6 oz. chopped semi-sweet chocolate
1 cup heavy cream
2 egg yolks
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

2 oz. shaved white chocolate

1. Preheat oven to 350F. Lightly grease a 9-inch tart pan and place it on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
2. Make the pie crust: In a large bowl or in a food processor, combine the flour and salt. Cut the butter into the flour with your hands or a pastry cutter (or pulse it in the food processor) until the butter resembles fine crumbs. Add the egg yolk and 3 tbsp. heavy cream and mix to combine. If the mixture feels to dry to come together, add another tbsp. of cream.
3. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough to 1/3-inch thick. Transfer it to the pan, and press the dough against the bottom and sides of the pan.
4. Line the crust with parchment paper and pie weights, and par-bake until the crust begins to brown at the edges, 15 to 20 minutes. Remove the parchment and pie weights, and cool to room temperature.
5. Prepare the filling: Place a mixing bowl over a pot of boiling water. Add the eggs, cinnamon, sugar, vinegar and salt, and whisk until the mixture starts to foam up slightly, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat and continue whisking until the mixture becomes creamy, and forms ribbons in the batter, about 3 more minutes. Pour the egg mixture over the cooled crust, and bake in the oven until the filling has risen and is firm to the touch, about 15 minutes. Transfer to a cooling rack and allow the filling to sink back into the shell.
6. Make the topping: Heat the semi-sweet chocolate in the microwave until just melted. Slowly add the egg yolks and 1/2 cup water, and whisk until combined. Spoon half of the chocolate mixture over the pie filling, and bake pie in the oven for 5 more minutes. Transfer pie to a cooling rack allow to cool completely.
7. In a large bowl, beat the heavy cream and cinnamon until stiff peaks form. Spread half of the whipped cream over the chocolate layer.
8. Fold the remaining whipped cream into the remaining chocolate mixture and spread on top of the whipped cream. Sprinkle generously with grated white chocolate and refrigerate until set, about 1 hour. Remove from pan, slice and serve.



**Terri Fox at
Greenwood
& Danforth - 1980**

**SPECIAL
WELCOME TO OUR
NEW MEMBER
DEBBIE OWEN**

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

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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:
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