



EAST YORK INKLINGS

Newsletter of the East York Historical Society

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A Message from President Pat...

Dear Friends of The East York Historical Society (Members and Visitors) good day!!!

"Over 35 Years of serving East York and the surrounding communities" was the Theme of the well-deserved Anniversary Dinner Celebration in honour of the members and their guests of the East York Historical Society.

To quickly summarized the event on the evening of Wednesday, 5th April, 2017: The weather was perfect to begin with. All went very well, delightful, flawless and enjoyable. Great attendance! Everyone knows that a celebration is such, when guests are in no haste to leave as they mingled and continued to look through the EYHS' Archives and photo displays. Many thanks to all our Directors, Members and Guests for their help and support on the day...see pages 2 and 3 for further details...

FOLKS are still talking about how much fun they had during this celebration/inaugural. A small Pop-Up-East York Historical Society Archive of the evening's event will be on display (to highlight this unforgettable, historical and memorable moment) on the evening of Tuesday, 30th May, 2017 General Meeting.

EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY 35th Anniversary Limited Edition Pins...50 are still available for sale of \$5.00 each. See our Treasurer or the President to purchase your adorable pins.

PRESIDENT PAT'S SPOTLIGHT and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT is: Former East York Historical Society Treasurer and Director Kay Horiszny

AWARD WINNING DESIGNER of Canada's 150 Logo... please turn to page 5

October 14, 2017 the East York Historical Society will display a pop-up Archive Display at Greenwood United Church. More details to come.

THE CULTURAL HOTSPOT will hold its signature celebration on June 17, 2017 at the East York Civic Centre with performances and family events from 1 pm - 4 pm.
<http://www.toronto.ca/culturalhotspot> Shane Gerard 416-397-5711 or call 311 for more information. page 6...



Kay Horiszny,
President's Spotlight
1955 – Kay @ 16yo

WEARING YOUR NAME TAG during our evening meetings help us to better acquaint ourselves with each other. Thank you. POSITION IS AVAILABLE on the East York Historical Society Executive Board Interested...please contact any of our Directors or the President.

CANADA DAY 1st July, 2017 is fast approaching. Please support your East York Historical Society as we meet at Dieppe Park at 9:30 am to walk in the parade to Stan Wadlow Park or just be an onlooker. Its lots of fun! DOORS OPEN Toronto on May 27 and 28 at Todmorden Mills needs Volunteer to help at the East York Historical Society table. Please see/call Margaret McRae at 416-429-7821

I hope your MOTHER'S DAY was a special one. "Happy Belated Mother's Day on May 14, 2017. Also Happy Father's Day – June 18th. Let's all celebrate plaids for Dad for Prostate Cancer. And let's Simcoe Day, celebrating the contributions of John Graves Simcoe on August 7th.



OUR MAIN PRESENTER for the evening of Tuesday, 30th May, 2017 is: MARILYN CHURLEY on her new book "Shameless"...I hope to see you all...Please turn to page 6...

Have a great and safe summer and hope to see you all on the evening of our May 30 meeting and on Canada Day July 1, 2017.

Thanks and Sincerely,

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

Tuesday, May 30, 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



Special Guest Presenter: Marilyn Churley

Topic: "Shameless" - "The Fight for Adoption, Disclosure and the Search for My Son"

Trending Now...

Toronto Becoming Lonely City.

By Michael Wright of Toronto City Planning Division

<http://www.metronews.ca/news/toronto/2017/05/08/toronto-lives-alone-census-2016-.html>



Emmanuel Macron (and wife Brigitte). Macron's youngest President of France, May 7, 2017

Canadian historian and author Michael Bliss passed away on the morning of May 18, 2017 at the age of 76.

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2017/05/18/canadian-historian-and-author-michael-bliss-dies-at-76.html>

Michael with the Governor General



The 40 year old Eaton Pedestrian Bridge was demolished this month on Queen Street West. It will be reconstructed and replaced later this year.



Coverage from the East York Chronicle, April 2017 edition

<http://www.eastyorkchronicle.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/028-04-e1491674451975.jpg>

East York Historical Society board members (front row, left to right) Ron Chamberlain, Ron Brown and Kay Horiszny. Back row (left to right), EYHS President Pancheta 'Pat' Barnett, John Michailidis, Justin Van Dette, Margaret McRae, Val Dodge.

Special Welcome to Our New Members

Phylis Brown
Michael Rusek
Raymond Bal
Murray Fenner
Ulana Baluk
Christopher Greenland

DOMINION REGALIA HAS MOVED

Formerly located on O'Connor Drive and Overlea Blvd in East York, please note this information for your records

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50 FUN, WEIRD AND INTERESTING FACTS ON TORONTO

(continued)

- There are over 1,600 named parks in Toronto.
- There are about 10 million trees in Toronto of which four million are publicly owned.
- Over 21 million people visit Toronto on an annual basis. There are about a quarter of a million people who work in tourism and hospitality. Brazil, India, China and South Korea are the fastest grown markets for Toronto.
- You'll find over 35,000 hotel rooms in Toronto.
- Toronto is one of the largest cultural centers in North America. You'll find The National Ballet Company, The Canadian Opera Company, The Toronto Symphony Orchestra and the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir as well as loads of small theatres and those boasting Broadway style productions.
- There are over 200 public art works and historic monuments that are owned by the city.
- Toronto is home to over 70 film festivals. TIFF – the Toronto International Film Festival is an annual occurrence every September. Lots of big name movie stars make an appearance while it is on.
- Twenty two Members of Parliament represent Toronto in the House of Commons in Ottawa.
- Twenty two MPP's represent Toronto in Ontario's Provincial government.
- The City of Toronto's government is the sixth largest in all of Canada. The 2012 operating budget for the City of Toronto is 9.4 billion dollars.
- There are approximately 50,000 employees working for City of Toronto government – including those that work on agencies, boards or commissions.
- There are 9,520 streets in Toronto. The longest street is Lawrence Avenue East (other than Yonge Street.)
- There are over 1.6 million trips every day on the TTC (Toronto Transit Commission) which includes subways, buses and streetcars.
- Toronto's transit system is the second largest in North America and has the highest per capita ridership rate. I do wish they'd work harder to clean up the subway stations though.
- Toronto's Pearson Airport is the busiest in Canada and the fourth busiest in North America.

Jvd

Nominations are now open for the East York Hall of Fame

The East York Hall of Fame wants to honour those who have made a difference. **Do you know someone? Nominate that special someone by visiting www.bestofeast york.com**

Earlier this month, the East York Hall of Fame officially launched its website, which will accept nominations for the East York Hall of Fame. Working closely with Councillor Mary Fragedakis, the organization will be having is planning its' Hall of Fame induction ceremony for this fall. Nominations can be filled out online or printed packages can be picked up at the May meeting of the East York Historical Society.



Launching the East York Hall of Fame at the East York Civic Centre – Kristine Hubbard, Vanessa Rose, Ray White, Justin Van Dette, Councillor Mary Fragedakis, Hon. Alan Redway and Michael Holmes



BestofEastYork.com

 East York Hall of Fame
 @EastYorkHall

Dawes Family Takes in Refugees--in 1851

Melanie Milanich

The 1848 potato famine in Ireland brought over 40,000 refugees to the docks of Toronto, a city then with just over 20,000 population. Many of the weary and starving Irish were suffering from typhus and left to die in the fever sheds at the lake and in the hospital at John and King Streets.

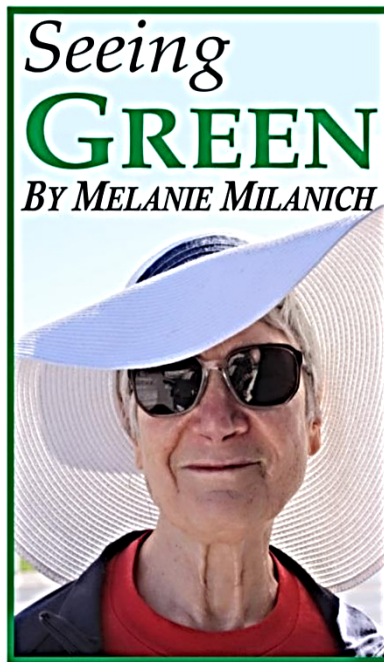
Those healthy enough to continue spread out through the townships of Canada West seeking shelter and work. Within our own York Township East dozens of refugees from the famine found a safe haven where William and Jane Dawes with their son Clem and daughter Elizabeth leased 10 acres of land and ran a tavern at the corner of Dawes and Danforth.

With the digitalization of the 1851 Census we can now look into the life of our early settlers. The census enumerator of the Agricultural Census of 1851 tells us that

along with their milk cow, 2 horses and pig, within the fields of hay for the animals and garden for their needs, the Dawes land was "covered with numerous shanties with labourers not occupying more than 1/2 acre each"

Within these "numerous shanties" of labourers on Dawes land that the census enumerator (Oswald Foster who lived near Bloor and Sherbourne) was commenting on were:

- 1) A log shanty with the Watt family, Thomas and Elizabeth, and their six children, Presbyterians from Ireland, along with 14 year old "domestic" Catherine Evan, a Catholic from Ireland, and William Hill a 19 year old labourer from England
- 2) A log shanty with Richard and Mary Broderick, Catholics from Ireland and their three children
- 3) A log shanty with Martin and Jane Fardle, Catholics from Ireland
- 4) A shanty with Thomas and Peggy Sorg and their daughter Cathy, who were Catholics from Ireland as well as the three members of the Cockery family, Catholics born in Canada
- 5) A log house with Peter and Ann Cavana and their five children, Catholics from Ireland



Somewhere nearby were the Donohoe family and the Duffy family both Catholics from Ireland that were able to build frame houses, so maybe they weren't among the "numerous shanties".

From this experience on their land the young Clem Dawes was learning to manage and juggle several buildings/properties at the same time which was to come in handy as a well used skill in the years ahead.

In the northern half of the lot to the west of the Dawes near Ferris and St.

Clair Avenues was Daniel O'Sullivan, a Cork County Irishman with a colourful past. Daniel had spent time in the Kingston Penitentiary for his belligerent behavior and support of the Rebellion of 1837. On another piece of his land down Dawes Road where it reached the Kingston Road, Daniel and Mary O'Sullivan ran an inn and had 4 acres of land.

In this vicinity we find a shanty with seven young negro men from the United States, a country that in 1850 became very dangerous for those fleeing bondage. The passage of the Fugitive Slave Act required the capture and return of those running from slavery with severe penalties for those harbouring escaped slaves. The underground railway to safety in Canada became the dream and reality of many of the United States' enslaved negro population.

The young men that the enumerator found in this shanty, all Baptists, were Stephen Lee, Alonzo Gray, Smith Walker, James Allanson, Thomas Wilson, James Finch and a 19 year old enumerated as a "Negro". We like to think that Canada gave them the chance they didn't have in the United States.

As we look into the past we see the present and future before our eyes. The east end continues to house many Irish today along with the rich mix of cultures from throughout the world. Canada has had a history of being a refuge for those escaping intolerable lives. This will be our strength in years to come.



Photo Credits:
1940 – Kay @ 1yo
1949 – Kay @ 10yo
1955 – Kay @ 16yo
1958 standing with
parents and sister
1990 at work in green
dress

President Pat's Member Spotlight for the month of May, 2017:
Former East York Historical Society Executive Board of Director
Kay Horiszny (East Yorker)

The Shoemakers Daughter

Kathleen (aka Kay) Horiszny was born in the Cabbagetown part of east Toronto in 1939. How Kay's parents met is an interesting story. Jim and Mary met in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in 1932. Jim and Mary were originally from the eastern European country of Ukraine. Jim came as a single man in 1928 and Mary came in 1926 with her parents and siblings. Jim and Mary dated for a few months and he proposed marriage. She turned him down. The main reason was that he was 10 years older than her, and she was age 19. But 3 years later, in Toronto, in spring of 1935 they both were walking along Queen Street West near Bathurst Street. They stopped, recognizing each other and talked. They agreed to see each other and met again the next day. Well, before you know it, he proposed marriage again and this time she accepted. They married in August 1935. Jim was trained in Ukraine as a Shoemaker. He had saved his money and opened a shoe repair shop on Gerrard Street East, at Parliament Street in 1936. The building was constructed in 1881 and is still standing. The family lived in 3 rooms behind the shop and rented out rooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors. Kay and her younger sister Irene attended Lord Dufferin Public School, just a block away from their home.

Kay at the age of 14 had a part time job at a Chainway store on Parliament Street. She remembers that she earned .35 cents per hour. After grade 8 Kay stayed at Lord Dufferin School and took a 2 year Commercial course. In April 1955 Kay started her first, and only, full time job, in her career. For 46 years Kay worked for Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Company, part of the Kemper group of companies. Kemper was an American based company located in Chicago. Kay's first pay cheque was \$32.50 for a weeks work. She had many positions over the years, typist in the typing pool,

Personal Lines Underwriter, Supervisor, Training and Education of new employees, Quality Control in the Personal Lines Department. Kay retired in 2001.

Kay moved to East York in 1983. She always had an interest in history of all kinds. She and hundreds of other people followed Donald Jones, a Toronto Star Newspaper journalist, on walking tours of various parts of Toronto in the 1970's and 1980's. Kay's volunteering history is:

- 9 years as historical interpreter, dressed in costume, at Toronto's First Post Office, operated by the Town of York Historical Society.
- 8 years at the Cabbagetown Regent Park Museum located at Riverdale Farm. She talked about Toronto's history and the Reliable Shoe Repair exhibit, of her father's business.
- 10 years with the East York Historical Society. A couple of years as refreshment convenor then 10 years on the Board of Directors, and now still continuing as refreshment convenor.....as long as her legs hold out.

Kay has a large collection of Toronto history books. In her younger years she has travelled to Western Canada, USA, England, Panama, India, Ukraine and various islands in the Caribbean.

Over the past number years Kay drives visiting relatives and friends around Toronto pointing out interesting historical sites, buildings, parks, the original shoreline of the city, etc. She has one planned for relatives in June 2017.

Kay feels fortunate being one of the less than 50% of Toronto's population, that can say they were born and grew up in Toronto.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & Appreciation:

Former EYHS Executive Board of Director, Kay Horiszny.

The East York Historical Society the President and its Executive Board of Directors take this honourable moment to acknowledge and thank our former executive board of director Kay Horiszny who resigned on Thursday, 6th of April, 2017. Truly a dedicated, passionate and committed member who held several positions in the Society just to name a few as Refreshment Convenor, Name Tags, Secretary, Secretary Treasurer, Treasurer and Director, Refreshment Convenor, Outreach, Canada Day Table at Stan Wadlow Park, Driving members to and from our Meetings for over 10 years...

Kay, as President of the East York Historical Society I must say on behalf of the East York Historical that every Board member will agree with me that you have contributed to the Society much more than what is listed here in

this acknowledgement and for this we THANK You, THANK You from the bottom of our hearts for all you have done and will continue to do for the East York Historical Society. The commitment, respect, levelheadedness, honesty and kindness you showed us all on the board and within other areas of the Society cannot be duplicated but will forever be remembered in the years to come as recorded. You mentioned through this interview that you love History and enjoyed what you do by helping where you can for the East York Historical Society's progress. Thank you Kay for this kind of dedication, ear and your unwavering support. We also wish you the very best of health and with your legs.

president

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING OUR GUEST SPEAKER FOR OUR MAY MEETING

Former City Councillor, Former Ontario MPP., and now Justice of the Peace -
MARILYN CHURLEY

Topic: "Shameless"

"The Fight for Adoption, Disclosure and the Search for My Son"



East York Historical Society President Pancheta Barnett poses with Designer and Award Winner of Canada's Confederation 150 Logo: Ms. Ariana Cuvin

Photo taken on May 5, 2017 during Canadian Royal Heritage Trust AGM @ the Arts and Letters Club-Toronto.



CANADA 150
1867-2017



"MAY is ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH
May 1 - 31, 2017"

Queen Victoria, mother of Confederation
Served from 1837 to 1901

<https://www.dundurn.com/authors/Garry-TOffoli>



SAVE THESE DATES:

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

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

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Tuesday, March 27, 2018
Richard Fiennes Clinton

Tuesday, May 29, 2018
Scott Kennedy - Topic: Don Mills

Tuesday, September 25, 2018
Paul Farrelly, Chair, Toronto-East York Community
Preservation Panel - Topic: Frank O'Connor

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 - AGM

THANK YOU

to the Volunteers of East York Historical Society
for a job Well Done!

Pat Barnett President of East York Historical Society,

Chair, Program Director, Advertising, & Promotions, Facilitator, Coordinator, Event Organizer
and Arranger & Recipient of Awards on behalf of East York Historical Society

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Vice President

Event Emcee
Book Display Set Up

Ron Chamberlain
EYHS Archives
Meeter Greeter
Guests Driver

Hon. Alan Redway
Leader of Head Table
Thank You

Val Dodge
Treasurer
Tickets & Set Up

Volunteers
Kay Horiszny & Joyce Crook
At the Reception Tables

Volunteer
Paula Davies
Having Guests Sign Guest Book

Pat what a wonderful evening last night. It was brilliant the way you managed to get everybody to mix and mingle. Am hoping that when you share the group photo our names will be listed for those of us who met so many new friends. I found it to be a thoroughly enjoyable time. -- Sandra McNamara, April 5, 2017

Upcoming Outreach Events

We will need help from some of our members for the following outreach events. Please contact Margaret McRae at 416-429-7821 or marg.mcrae@gmail.com if you would like to participate in any of them.

Sat. and Sun. May 27 and 28 from 10 am to 5 pm both days, Doors Open at Todmorden Mills.

Sat. June 17th from 11 am to 3pm – Fun Fair at Chester School

Sat. July 1, East York Canada Day Parade and display table at Stan Wadlow Park. We need more walkers in the parade and some people to sit at our table in the park in the afternoon. Parade walkers should meet at Dieppe Park by 9:30 am.

Sun. Sept. 24th from 12 to 4 pm, Harvest Festival at Todmorden Mills.

Sat. Oct. 14 we will be in a pop-up museum at an event at Cosburn United Church.

Upcoming Walks

Margaret McRae will lead a walk to view the historic buildings in Todmorden Village on Thursday, June 8th, meeting in front of Don Mills United Church at Pape and O'Connor at 6:30 pm.

EYHS members are invited to join a TFN walk led by Paula Davies through the Todmorden Mills Wildflower Preserve on Sat. May 27th at 1 pm. Meet at the entrance to the Preserve.

Presteign-Woodbine United Church amalgamations... with an introduction to Murray Fenner, East Yorker

Upon moving to Parkview Hills in East York, the minister at Donlands United where Murray and his parents were attending at the time, announced that there were groups of people attending this new United Church congregation there.

The congregation formally met in the kindergarten of Presteign Heights Elementary School, where Murray attended the church and Sunday school.

Murray on his way home from school used to witness the building of Presteign United, including the use of pile drivers.

Murray joined the youth groups at Presteign United such as the Tyros (a boys group of the United Church), then Wolf Cub, and Boy Scout in the 242nd Toronto, which was sponsored by the church. Murray earned his Queen's Scout there, and served in adult leadership roles in the Wolf Cub Pack, Boy Scout Troop, and Group Committee.

Murray's father Ben taught Sunday School at Presteign United, sang in the choir, and served on the session of Presteign United. Ben also gave tennis lessons Saturday mornings gratis at the tennis courts at Presteign United. The Tennis courts came into being when Mr. Taylor a local development and member of the congregation paved the gravel parking lot and put up a tennis fence, holes for tennis net posts, and marking for two courts.

In 1986 Woodbine United amalgamated with Presteign United to form Presteign Woodbine United after a couple years of negotiation between the two congregations. There was a special walk over the Woodbine Bridge from the last service at Woodbine United to a welcome at Presteign United.

A few years after the amalgamation, the congregation along with a number of east end congregations undertook a study program, of which Murray was a part. The remaining part of the outcome of this was the Senior's group now Heritage group that met on Thursday afternoon,

with speakers coordinated by Barry Penhale, and Jane Gibson. Murray provides technical support for the speakers, after he retired from Buck Consultants.

As the attendance at Presteign-Woodbine declined and unexpected major repair occurred at the Church, the congregation joined in the Toronto East End Group of Churches exploratory group. Presteign Woodbine then decided to have an intentional interim minister Rev. Rose Ann Vita, to help determine the future of the congregation. Murray served on the transition team for the interim minister. The committee and other volunteers looked at various alternatives, and possible new missions for the congregation, as well as amalgamation with other United Church congregations. After due consideration it was decided to amalgamate with Leaside United, which had similar demographic characteristics, and was a vibrant congregation. It is better that weak congregations amalgamate with a strong congregation than two weak congregations amalgamate. In November the two congregations at their respective special general meetings in November voted for the amalgamation, to take place formally June 10, 2017. Since Christmas the two congregations have been worshipping at Leaside United.

Murray, amongst other things is a member of Cosburn Park Lawn Bowling Club, the Outdoor Club of East York, the Don Mills Camera Club, and the Service Team for Seton Area Scouts Canada

Murray Fenner became a member of the EYHS on May 17, 2017

President



CANADA DAY ~ JULY 1st
Everyone is invited to join the East York Historical Society (participate in the parade) as we walk in the parade to Stan Wadlow Park or just come out to support our East York Historical Society
We all meet at 9:30 am at Dieppe Park on Cosburn Avenue

**CONGRATULATIONS
PAT AND THE EYHS
ON YOUR 35TH
ANNIVERSARY AND
GREAT INAUGURAL
DINNER!**

East York Historical Society

THE STORY OF PRESTEIGN CHURCH

Mr. Morgan Crockford, Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the time of the Dedication.

Mrs. Grace Cochrane, a Charter Member of Presteign Church, presently a member of Session and the Choir.

Rev. George L. James, minister.

THE ORGAN PLAQUE: Memorial contributions have been made to the Organ Fund in loving memory of:

George Barns	Frederick Kershaw
K. W. Brown	John Knox
Mrs. Agnes Druery	Mr. & Mrs. J. Norman Lewis
Ethel M. Edwards	R.E. "Mac" McAndless
George Ivon Emberley	Clifford A. McClyment
Florence England	Mary W. McElroy
Harold England	Mr. & Mrs. D.M. Mitchell
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Mr. & Mrs. Chas. French	Mr. & Mrs. C.A. Rannie
The French Family	Jean Robinson
Dr. W. J. Gardiner	James & Rachel Sherman
Agnes Gibson	Mrs. A. Silliker
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Gilbert Gibson	Melvin C. Smith
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Mr. & Mrs. George Hawker	Arthur Teer
Rev. Dr. Bruce Hunter	Nan Thornton
Rev. & Mrs. P.E. James	The Wadlow Family
Mary James	William & Hazel Wallace
Roy William Jenkins	Len Wheatley
Agnes Johnston	Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Wright
John Johnston	Hugh Young
Nellie Kershaw	

Presteign United Church was opened and dedicated on May 2nd, 1954. This was a time of great celebration for early residents of the suburbs of Parkview Hills, Presteign Heights and Woodbine Gardens.

It was in the fall of 1951 that a group of interested men had first met to discuss the possibility of starting a United Church in the area. Sunday morning worship was begun on January 6, 1952, in Presteign Heights School, under sponsorship of the Toronto Home Mission Council. Dr. C. A. Myers conducted the services till Easter and gave valuable leadership in organizing Sunday school and congregational committees. In April, Dr. George Little became Presteign's ministerial supply. About this time it was decided to open a Charter Roll. There were 255 signatures when a service of Constitution was held June 20, 1952. The Session, Committee of Stewards, Building Committee and Women's Association were formally set up.

The following six months showed great progress, including plans for a church building and a campaign for funds. The site of the new church was donated by Wm. Pugh Sr., Sub-divider and builder in the Presteign Heights area. By the end of the year \$40,000 had been pledged toward construction.

Early in 1953 approval for building was received from the municipality. The building committee's plans were approved by the congregation; and a contract was signed on June 22. The sod turning ceremony was under the direction of Dr. J. Bruce Hunter who had commenced his ministry with us toward the end of 1952. His inspiring leadership and support were of inestimable value during these busy days. Dr. Hunter laid the cornerstone at the official ceremony, October 18, 1953.

At the end of 1952 the membership had been 270, with a Sunday school enrolment of 258. In May 1954 there were over 400 on the church roll. As well as

JOIN NISBET LODGE TO CELEBRATE CANADA'S 150th BIRTHDAY
July 1st - 746 Pape Avenue - 10:30am to 2:30pm

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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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 2017 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

[] YES!!! Please add me to your e-mail distribution list – help save a tree!