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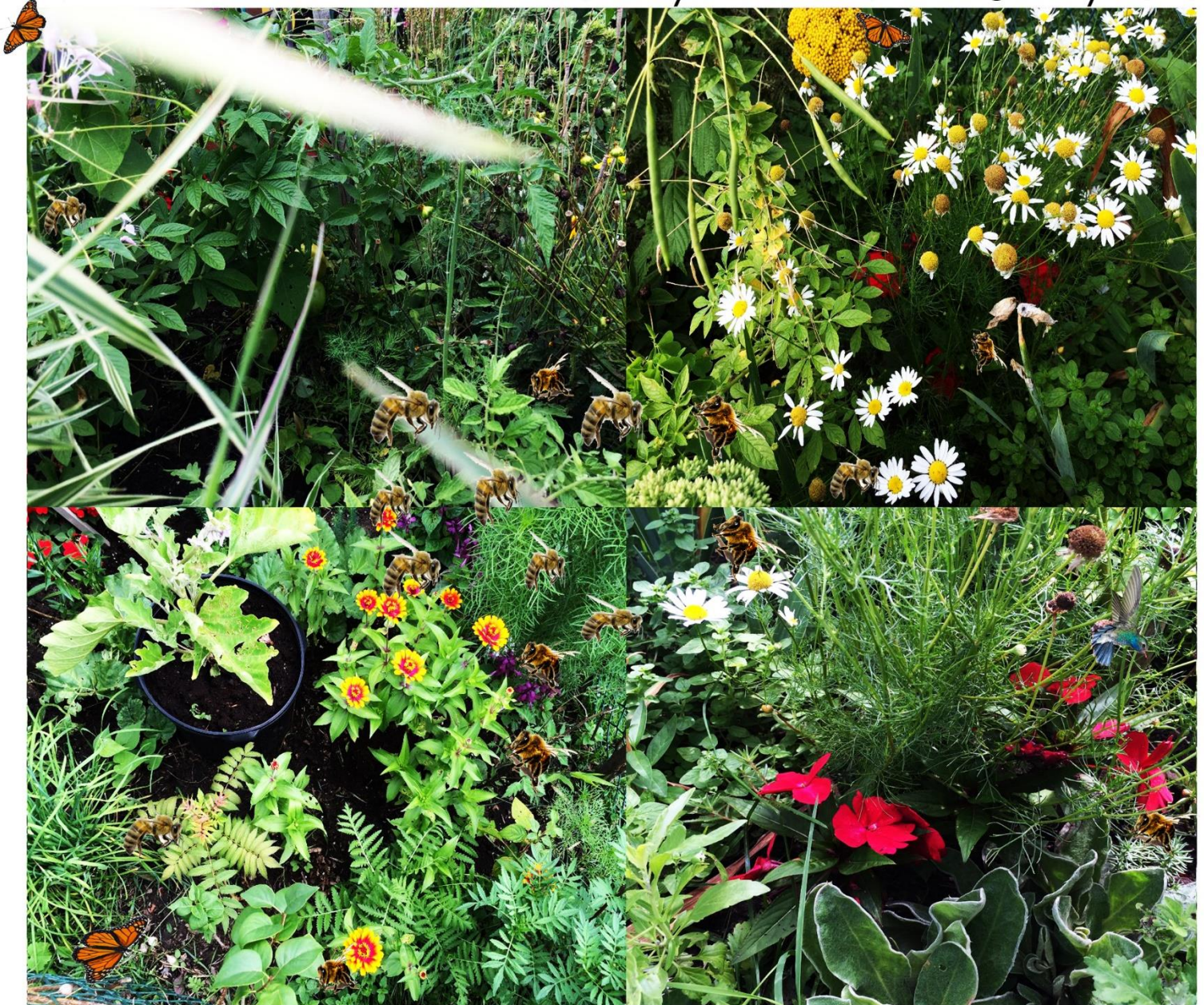
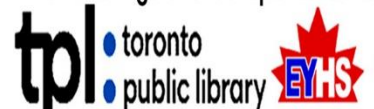


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PHOTO OF PRESIDENT PAT'S GARDEN TAKEN LAST YEAR IN 2019
MAY IT BRING YOU SOME DELIGHTFUL CHEERS

Join us at our Tuesday, September 29, 2020 Meeting
Refreshments at 7 PM --- Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM
John S. Ridout Auditorium at the S. Walter Stewart Library
170 Memorial Park Ave and Durant Ave
Main Speaker: Joanne Doucette
Topic: Lost Golf Courses

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PRESIDENT PAT'S MESSAGE...

SEASONS GREETINGS to each and every member of East York Historical Society. How are you keeping/doing during these past 8 weeks?

Many of you if not all of the Society members by now, have received a personal "care about you" telephone call from me and so far, so great we are in grateful health.

I have also been e-mailing a weekly President Pat's Updates (like a Blog) hoping to keep in touch with the Society's members. Again, so far, so great, all whom I have contacted are in sound mind & body.

Recently many of our members have either by e-mail/telephone expressed to me how much they miss attending **East York Historical Society meetings of March and now May 2020.**

As President of the Society I am hoping that we will be able to attend our three remaining meetings of evening Tuesday, **September 29, evening Tuesday 40th AGM November 24 & Afternoon October 14, 2020...please see EYHS Meetings Dates on page 13 of this Newsletter.**

This also includes other East York Historical Society participation: Doors Open Todmorden end of May; Canada Day July 1, 2020 Parade and Stan Wadlow Park Fun Day & its annual Fireworks Display. We will keep you updated as soon as we get the **All Clear** from

our Gov't. Officials in charge to resume our EYHS meetings.

"I suggest we stay calm and keep on keeping on". **This too shall pass!!**

A few of our Society members have passed away recently:

Mr. Bill Lewis...March 21, 2020 (April 2, 1927-March 21, 2020) Memorial Service TBA

Mr. Hank Bordan...May 1, 2020 (March 2, 1929-May 1, 2020) please click on Hank's Link:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestar/obituary.aspx?n=hanoch-bordan&pid=196136020>

Thank you to Society Board members Margaret McRae (Bill) and Val Dodge (Hank) for these two notifications.

Condolences on behalf of East York Historical Society have been sent to both families.

East York Historical Society Board has OK'd and added one of our members to serve online:

Volunteer Facebook Administration-Rhonda McKenzie. Thank you Rhonda and welcome! Please visit our Facebook page with your comments. Facebook address here....

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/144715709718>

East York Historical Society President Pat's **Spotlight Society Member Mr. George James Matthew East Yorker....Please turn to page 11**

Requested Special Article for East York Historical Society from the Honourable Alan Redway on "**SUNNYBROOK PLAZA -1952-March 20, 2020**"...PB...please see page 5

"No wonder it's the best part of Toronto": says Hon. Alan Redway of Mr. B. Harder of East York.

"A man who is making a difference in this time of grave concerns". Please click on link for story: PB

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/east-york-pandemic-pie-project-1.5566844?fbclid=IwAR3R7XnRi0hs7E8O5vZLyJDOLRZBxzxYw7klGcsubweGXJw1V7ROR6k432o>

Sourced through A.R.

East York Historical Society is still accepting new, renewed memberships and donations of any amount.

Please see mailing address at back of this...newsletter. To our members who have already renewed their membership. I say thank you because as you know, "**you** are vital to the ongoing prosperity and success of this great Society."

Thanks to all who are helping the helpless in this world.

East York Historical Society Executive Board of Directors **Greetings & Chuckles Just For Today...page 8**

*****I thought I would share the following words of wisdom sent to me by one of my many friends**

...Mr. K. L.***

One of my favourite African proverbs is: "

"You Can't Pour from an Empty Cup"

So often, we focus on those around us, making sure they're healthy, comfortable, fed, and cared for. But sometimes it comes at the expense of our own health and well-being. This proverb reminds me how important it is to care for ourselves because if we don't, we won't have anything left to give to **support others**.

Taking care of yourself is an important part of supporting well-being. As we continue to live with the ongoing uncertainty of the pandemic, it is important to find ways to nurture and take care of yourself. Sometimes we feel guilty for taking the time to care for/focus on ourselves. This is a life skill that is helpful for everyone, regardless of age.

Taking care of yourself – sometimes called self-care – can look different for everyone. But in doing so you can improve your energy, find joy, and refocus on what really matters to you. Here are some ideas for you:

- Find moments of stillness and quiet in your day
- Move your body
- Go outside/be in nature
- Rest when you can and prioritize regular sleep
- Reflect on what works for you
- Give yourself permission to focus on your own needs and set boundaries on obligations
- Find pleasure in things that you like to do
- Explore new ways to relax and unwind
- Eat and hydrate when you can to fuel your body and mind
- Find some time during the day to connect with friends and family

Source: Mr. K.L. May 2020

Happy Belated Mothers Day (May 10, 2020) and Happy Fathers Day (June 21, 2020)

Greetings

HAPPY VICTORIA DAY May 18, 2020

...Article Source Mrs. Adele Francis...please see page 4

This Spring 2020 weather is pretty mild, but I think we are looking forward to an enjoyable family Friendly Summer.

Sincerely and thank you everyone for listening..."and please continue your great works of heart".

Best health wishes just for today

Pat



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VICTORIA DAY

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020

Alexandria Victoria was born on May 24, 1819, and was Queen of England from 1837-1901.

We all know the important role that Queen Victoria had in creating the Dominion of Canada in 1867. She took the throne at age 18, and although there were many highly contagious pandemics such as scarlet fever, typhus, tuberculosis, diphtheria, cholera and smallpox throughout her reign, she lived to be 81 years old.

At that time epidemics in the Victorian Era were lethal, faced without any medical advances.

1885 saw the first human immunization vaccine.

On Victoria Day we celebrate both the current monarch of Canada and Queen Victoria.

So to the woman who granted us a nation, Happy 201st Birthday Queen Victoria.



The following is an excerpt from a poem written in 1869, the Victorian Era:

**And the people stayed home
And learned new ways of being
Someone meditated, someone
prayed, someone danced
And people began to think
differently
And people healed
And when the danger ended people
found each other
And made new choices and
dreamed new visions
And healed the earth just as they
were healed themselves.**

Kathleen O'Meara (1839-1888)

**Source Adele Francis
Leaside Lawn Bowling Club**

Adapted from Navajo Night Chant for this time of global need

House made of dawn.
House made of evening light.
House made of the dark cloud.
House made of male rain.
House made of dark mist.
House made of female rain.
House made of pollen.
House made of grasshoppers.

Dark cloud is at the door.
The trail out of it is dark cloud.
The zigzag lightning stands high upon it.
An offering we make for you.
Restore your feet to health.
Restore your legs to health.
Restore your body to health.
Restore your mind to health.
Restore your voice to health.
This very day take out your spell for the people.

Happily may you recover.
Happily may your interior becomes cool.
Happily may you go forth.
Your interior feeling cool, may you walk.
No longer sore, may you walk.
Impervious to pain, may you walk.
With lively feelings may you walk.
As it used to be long ago, may you walk.

Happily may you walk.
Happily, with abundant dark clouds, may you walk.
Happily, with abundant showers, may you walk.
Happily, with abundant plants, may you walk.
Happily on a trail of pollen, may you walk.
Happily may you walk.
Being as it used to be long ago, may you walk.



**"Navajo Night Chant" Painting by
Artist Ted DeGrazia**

May it be beautiful before you.
May it be beautiful behind you.
May it be beautiful below you.
May it be beautiful above you.
May it be beautiful all around you.
In beauty it is finished.
In beauty it is finished.
Now Talking God
With your feet the people walk.
The people walk with your limbs
The people carry forth your body
For the people your mind thinks
Your voice speaks for the people
Beauty is before us
And beauty is behind us
Above and below us hovers the beautiful
We are surrounded by it
We are immersed in it
In our youth we are aware of it
And in old age we shall walk quietly
The beautiful trail.

The mountains, we become part of it . . .
The herbs, the fir tree, we become part of it.
The morning mists, the clouds, the gathering waters,
We become part of it.
The wilderness, the dew drops, the pollen . . .
we become part of it.

May it be delightful our house;
From our head may it be delightful;
To our feet may it be delightful;
Where we lie may it be delightful;
All above us may it be delightful;
All around us may it be delightful.

**Shared by Joanne Doucette during
Sars2Covid-2019**

SUNNYBROOK PLAZA



Sunnybrook Plaza circa 1950s



Sunnybrook Plaza October 2009



by Hon. Alan Redway

On Friday March 20th, 2020, Sunnybrook Plaza at the northeast corner of Eglinton and Bayview Avenues, was closed forever by its present owner Rio Can. Soon the site will be demolished to make way for two apartment towers, 11 and 16 stories respectively. According to the planners increasing residential density along the route of the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit presently under construction is a necessity so that once the LRT is completed it will actually pay for itself. Work began on the Crosstown in 2015 and will be completed goodness knows when. Seven years ago a rear portion of the Sunnybrook Plaza property was sold to allow construction of a condominium. Soon there will be three apartment buildings at the northeast corner of Eglinton and Bayview Avenues instead of Ontario's first shopping plaza, the Borough of East York's Sunnybrook Plaza.

When the Township of East York merged with the Town of Leaside in 1967, Sunnybrook Plaza was thriving with retailers, including: Tamblyn Drugs, Laura Secord, Woolworth, Power Super Market, Hunt's Bakery, Reitman's, Scott Hardware, Woodham's Clothing, Ko's Linens, Sunnybrook Restaurant and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

Sunnybrook Plaza was opened in 1952, likely in anticipation of the Eglinton Avenue extension across the Don Valley to Don Mills Road and then on to Scarborough. That happened 4 years later. But in 1952 Eglinton came to an abrupt stop at Brentcliffe Road. Without the Province establishing The Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto in 1954, that extension would have never happened.

Sunnybrook Plaza itself was built by Principal Investments, founded by the three Bennet brothers, Archie, Dave and Jacob. Principal Investments went on to build and own shopping plazas across Canada including another in 1962, East York's Shoppers' World Danforth. That property formerly the site of the Ford Canada automobile assembly plant later Nash Rambler when Ford moved to Oakville was purchased by Principal Investments when Nash moved to Brampton.

That same year 1962 Principal Investments, by that time worth \$ 100 million, became financially over extended and collapsed. I remember that well because one of our close neighbours, Claire Scott, was their corporate lawyer. When Principal Investments went into receivership Claire joined the ranks of the unemployed. At the same time the three Bennet

brothers chose the occasion to bail out of the company leaving it in the hands of Archie's son Avie Bennet. He worked hard and eventually paid off the creditors and then went on to build many other shopping centres among them, the Lawrence Plaza and the Dixie Plaza.

I met Avie Bennet when he lived in the East York neighbourhood of Bennington Heights. I was his Alderman at that time but was unaware of his connection to Sunnybrook Plaza. He was an avid tennis player so he tried to lobby me for municipal money for the Bennington Heights tennis courts located at Bennington Heights

School on the East York Board of Education property. When I spoke to our Parks Director Ross Swain and our Recreation Director Ernie Heyes about this they both replied, talk to the Board of Education.

In 1985 Avie Bennet acquired the venerable Canadian publishing house, McClelland & Stewart located in our O'Connor industrial area at 25 Hollinger road. Later he hired Douglas Gibson who spoke at an East York Historical Society meeting last year as his editor. McClelland & Stewart published many best sellers including books by Margaret Atwood who grew up in Bennington Heights, East York.

Avie Bennet died in June 2nd, 2017.

Sunnybrook Plaza died March 20th, 2020.

<https://urbantoronto.ca/news/2015/01/torontos-first-suburban-strip-plaza-proposed-redevelopment>

Pier 1 imports®

store situated at 815 Eglinton Avenue East in Leaside (Rio

Can owned property) will close its doors on March 20, 2020. Everything has been marked down with only a few items left on the shelves. Joanne Drum, Pier 1 store Manager who has been with Pier 1 for 31 years, re-located to this location in 2002. All Canadian Pier 1 (approximately 66) stores will be closed and about 400 stores will remain open in the USA/trying to achieve a better balance between Bricks and Mortar and Online.

Brief interview March 11, 2020 in store with Pancheta (Pat) Barnett & Joanne Drum.

Dear Pat

Cinematographer Filip Vukcevic produced this video re the great red oak and I thought I would share this with you.

Enjoy!!!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Sv054VarnM-baigPkdrdHVQXwgRJdwbb/view>

Yours truly,
Edith George

Family of Geese crossing Wicksteed
northeast of Laird, close to South St. Burger,
on route to the pond, Leaside
May 16, 2020 @ 9:20 pm



CHEF'S CORNER:

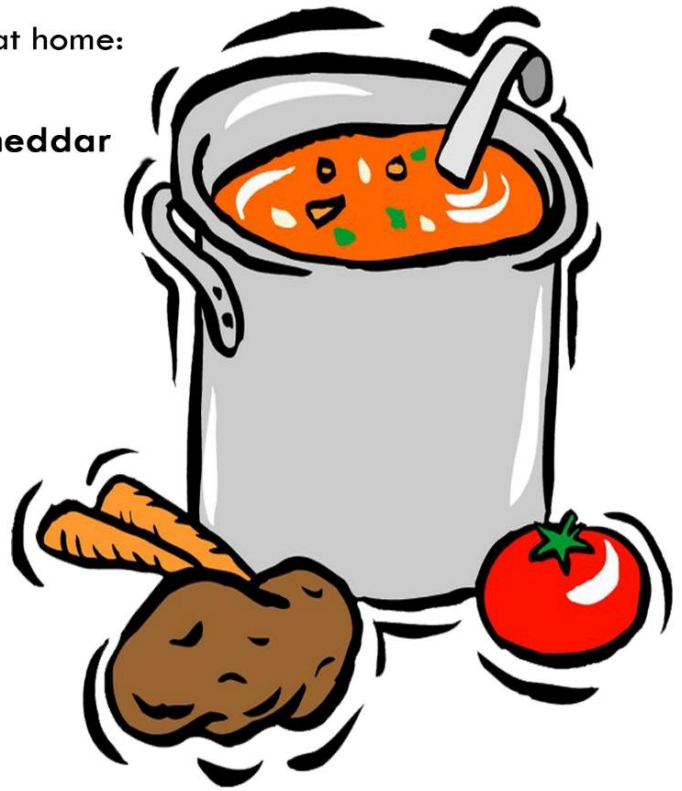
In case your creativity takes you into the kitchen,
Chef Ken Peace has a recipe a week for you to try out at home:

Sugar Snap Pea & Leek Soup with Aged White Cheddar

Yield: 6 Servings

Ingredients:

- 4 cups Chicken Stock (Vegetable Stock can be used)
- ½ cup 35 % Cream
- 3 cups Sugar Snap Peas
- 2 cups Leeks, chopped, white part only
- 1 cup Celery, chopped
- ¼ cup Tarragon, chopped
- ¼ cup Thyme, removed stems
- 1 TBSP Unsalted Butter (Vegetable Oil can be used)
- Salt and Pepper, to taste
- ½ cup x Aged White Cheddar, grated



Method:

- Cook leeks and celery with butter over medium heat until soft
- Add chicken stock and bring to a boil
- Add sugar snap peas, reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes
- Add tarragon, thyme and 35% cream and continue to simmer for 5 minutes
- Puree soup in blender and add salt and pepper to taste
- Garnish soup with grated aged white cheddar

Bon Appetit!

Source The Arts and Letter Club-Toronto Chef!!!

Don Valley Art Club's ONLINE Art Show & Sale

You're invited to enjoy Don Valley Art Club's ONLINE Art Show June 7 - July 5th.

To continue engaging and connecting with our community,

Don Valley Art Club is holding its

Annual Spring Show ONLINE. 100's of Original Artworks by local artists in a variety of mediums and prices will be available for purchase directly from the artists.

We hope you enjoy our first ONLINE Art Show and Sale,

Members, Don Valley Art Club <https://www.donvalleyartclub.com>

Starts June 7 - July 5

donvalleyartclub.com/artshowandsale



#dovacARTonline

The Queen's broadcast to the UK and Commonwealth

Published 5 April 2020

“We should take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return” --Her Majesty The Queen



I am speaking to you at what I know is an increasingly challenging time. A time of disruption in the life of our country: a disruption that has brought grief to some, financial difficulties to many, and enormous changes to the daily lives of us all.

I want to thank everyone on the NHS front line, as well as care workers and those carrying out essential roles, who selflessly continue their day-to-day duties outside the home in support of us all. I am sure the nation will join me in assuring you that what you do is appreciated and every hour of your hard work brings us closer to a return to more normal times.

I also want to thank those of you who are staying at home, thereby helping to protect the vulnerable and sparing many families the pain already felt by those who have lost loved ones. Together we are tackling this disease, and I want to reassure you that if we remain united and resolute, then we will overcome it.

I hope in the years to come everyone will be able to take pride in how they responded to this challenge. And those who come after us will say that the Britons of this generation were as strong as any. That the attributes of self-discipline, of quiet good-humoured resolve and of fellow-feeling still characterise this country. The pride in who we are is not a part of our past, it defines our present and our future.

The moments when the United Kingdom has come together to applaud its care and essential workers will be remembered as an expression of our national spirit; and its symbol will be the rainbows drawn by children.

Across the Commonwealth and around the world, we have seen heart-warming stories of people coming together to help others, be it through delivering food parcels and medicines, checking on neighbours, or converting businesses to help the relief effort.

And though self-isolating may at times be hard, many people of all faiths, and of none, are discovering that it presents an opportunity to slow down, pause and reflect, in prayer or meditation.

It reminds me of the very first broadcast I made, in 1940, helped by my sister. We, as children, spoke from here at Windsor to children who had been evacuated from their homes and sent away for their own safety. Today, once again, many will feel a painful sense of separation from their loved ones. But now, as then, we know, deep down, that it is the right thing to do.

While we have faced challenges before, this one is different. This time we join with all nations across the globe in a common endeavour, using the great advances of science and our instinctive compassion to heal. We will succeed - and that success will belong to every one of us.

To see and hear the complete message: <https://www.royal.uk/queens-broadcast-uk-and-commonwealth>

The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, with Judy Ma, finalist of the 2019 Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition, on Commonwealth Sunday, March 8, 2020



With social distancing the rule of the day, it's vital to keep young minds sharp. Give the youth in your life a chance at a week's trip to London by entering the [Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition](#), the world's oldest international writing competition for schools.

I met Mr. Dennehy on the set of "TOMMY BOY"

during the filming (1995) on an estate near to the Links (Lord Seaton Road). I also met Bo Derek (a 10), Christopher Farley (his laughter-lot of fun) and David Spade (Serious type). This was the most incredible and respectable set I have ever performed on. I can be seen in a lot of places in Tommy Boy, but one visible scene is where I can be seen laughing and mingling sitting at a table on the converted swimming pool-wedding reception party of Bo and Brian...Brian was singing with a band and fell dead at the mike...commotion. One scene was acted out down at the Old Mill area below Front and Parliament. The building where Tommy Boy was performed has now been restored to its former glory and looked great—or even better! So much fun and laughter, regards for every performer-food feast and service was outstanding. Chris soon after committed suicide. Some film sets are just amazing.



Pancheta Barnett

#NURSING WEEK >May 6 - May 12, 2020

It's **National Nursing Week** and to show our appreciation for the many nurses working on the frontline during this pandemic, we're sharing a short exhibit on the history of the [Women's College Hospital's School of Nursing](#). Discover how these nursing students broke down barriers and paved the way for the future of nursing in Toronto and beyond. Click [here](#) to see the full story.

SOURCE: my friends at MYSEUM



EYHS recycles its newsletters by sharing them with friends and relatives or return them to EYHS meetings.



100 years later...The world has come a long ways. Source J. Bradburn *Hello 1919, Hello 1920*.

Chuckle of the Day:

"Someone told me I should be wearing a mask. it turns out that my Lone Ranger mask wasn't what they had in mind." And another: "This may be the only occasion when you can walk into a bank wearing a mask, ask for money, and *not* get arrested." Ron B.

East York Historical Society President Pat's Spotlight

Society Member Mr. George James Matthew East Yorker

"A Brief History into the Life and times of Mr. George James Matthew"

Named after his father George Alexander Matthew....Scottish

(Aberdeen, Scotland in the Tiny Village of Tarves 20 miles in from the coast).

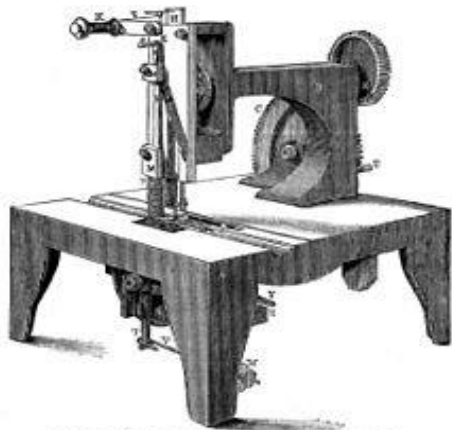
His parents Bertha Alice (Odd) Matthew nee Henshaw (British) and George A. Matthew both met in Canada at Donalda Farms (through her brother Charlie Henshaw) where George A. Matthew tended to Clydesdale Horses.

Bertha was first married to **Frank Odd** who was killed in the Great War. That marriage produced a daughter **Elizabeth Odd**. After Bertha and **George A...** got married they both had a daughter Katherine; then arrived George James Matthew making a total family of 5.

George James Matthew came into this world on the early morning of Friday, May 16, 1930...born in a home on Baltic Avenue, Toronto. At 6 y.o. he attended William Burgess School (Formerly known as Todmorden New School built in 1914 at 100 Torrens Avenue) from grades 1 - 8. Then went onto East York Collegiate Institute from grades 9 - 12.

Tired of not having his own money; his parents buying him clothes and father not making much money at Donalda Farms, (where he worked for 45 years until the Farm got sold to make way for Don Mills new development by E. P. Taylor).

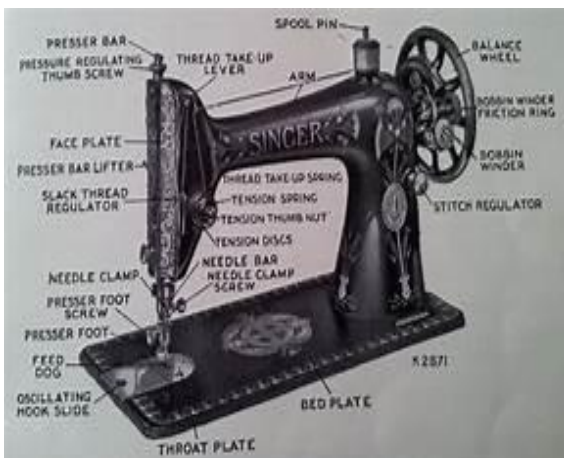
George J. Matthew went to work at his first job as a mail room clerk on the 3rd floor within Singer Sewing Machine Company located then at 254 Yonge Street south of Dundas Street across from the former Silver Rail (now Eaton's Centre).



THE SINGER MACHINE, AUGUST 19, 1851.
Earliest model filed in Patent Office. Reproduced from the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN of November 1, 1951.



1885



No. 43 Cabinet > 3 drawers on each side of desk

In the 1950's Singer, along with other businesses from Dundas to Queen west side were all torn down to make room for Eatons. Singer moved to 20, Bloor Street West between Bay and Yonge-2nd Floor of Zellers Building.

George even got to know Frank Stollery...1 Yonge Street West...(quite a man) very well. George rose to the position as Manager of Singer, and often used to purchase Shirts from Stollery as part of Sales promotion for the Singer employees.

His employment with Singer amounted to 42 years. With the exception of **2 years**

(when Singer closed all its stores in 1979 leaving one Singer Retail Store in Scarborough Town Centre Canada.

2 years, George was **employed** by Bruce R. Duncan Associates >a Consulting Firm (placing people for jobs) ? King Street East, 9th Floor, North corner of Yonge St.

George returned to Singer Industrial at the request of General Manager James Walsh whom George had trained many years ago in Toronto. This return came after Singer's Head Quarters moved back from Montreal.

This time his work allowed him to travel as far as Winnipeg, Halifax NS. & Maritimes. He would retire from Singer February 1990. Some Bonuses but no Awards/Medals.



Stollery's Men's Shop 1912
2 Photos Cr. D.Taylor's Blogs



Stollery's 1 Bloor & Yonge Streets S.W. 2012
Was sold & quickly demolished in 2015

Life for George was not just work, work work...

At age 27 he married a former EYCI graduate Edith Middleton (they knew not each other at EYCI) on the 18th May, 1957 at 7 pm Presbyterian Westminster Church located on Floyd Ave. West of Pape Avenue. Edith was only 25 years old.

Edith quit her job at MacLean Hunter soon after marrying George. They had no children but George (emotions in voice) said-"perfect marriage".

Edith passed away in May, 2007 and is buried in St. James Cemetery. Shortly after Edith's passing he became a member of **East York Historical Society**.

Mr. Matthew Remembers when and enjoys:

His first car a yellow Chevy '55 with green interior. Quit smoking over 37 years ago Loves dancing. Social drinker occasional wine with dinner. Favorite Food roast beef. Remembers World War II. Hurricane Hazel, Bus fares 3c. Dawes Road became Victoria Park Avenue. When Logan Avenue was North Logan and ended at Gowan; there was a house situated right between Logan and Gowan that was eventually torn down. Logan since runs through Gowan, Cosburn and ends at Gamble. George's parents once owned 35 North Logan. However, the number changed to 1151 Logan after N. Logan's name changed...He talked a little bit about great guys like Alan Redway, the late Bill Lewis, Norm and Doug Dyson...William Burgess in his 60's had a stroke and kept himself indoors a lot. George used to shovel snow off their property at 30, N. Logan and only saw Mrs. Burgess and other family members.

To this day his father George Alexander Matthew can be seen in a couple of photographs on the walls of the Donalda Club.

George, now living as happy as can be since 1982 at 81, Glencrest Blvd. East York.

Mr. Matthew (emotion and sniffles in voice)"I miss my wife, she was great"!

Article from interview as shared via tele with PB on April 1, 2020 permission to publish by GJM.

Dear Mr. Matthew on behalf of the Society, I thank you for taking the time to share part of your life's history with me in brief. You and your membership means a great deal to EYHS. Blessings of great health, happiness and longevity upon your soon upcoming birthday.PB

Richard Fiennes-Clinton...East York Historical Society Speaker in 2021

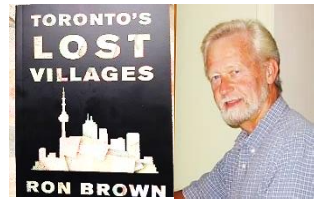
Today marks one week since I have officially been "redeployed" by the City of Toronto. I've gone from working in the city's museums, which of course remain closed, to working in a long term care seniors facility. Many city employees from every department have been sent to work in other areas, like shelters, call centres and long term care. I have been working at True Davidson Acres in East York. I've been diligently screening anyone who comes in for work, and also wiping down the hallways every day. I'm not sure what I make of working Monday to Friday, from nine o'clock to five o'clock, but it's something to do ... and I get paid! I have no idea how long I'll be there but I have a sense that museums will probably be one of the last of the city's divisions to reopen, so it may be a while.

SOURCE: Marjorie McLeod...Leaside

MEETINGS OF EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
Wednesday, February 19, 2020	2:00 PM	Afternoon Discussion CANCELLED	Show & Tell
Tuesday, March 31, 2020	7:00 PM	The Late John Candy CANCELLED	Catherine McCartney & Derek Lee Opener Michael Jacobs
Wednesday, April 15, 2020	2:00 PM	"East End Memories"	Ms. Denise Gordon
Tuesday, May 26, 2020	7:00 PM	DelZotto & the History of Tridel	Andrea DelZotto
Tuesday, September 29, 2020	7:00 PM	Lost Golf Courses	Joanne Doucette
Wednesday, October 14, 2020	2:00 PM	"Toronto's Lost Villages"	EYHS Vice-President & Author of his new book Mr. Ron Brown
Tuesday, November 24, 2020 40 th Annual General Meeting	7:00 PM	Living Up to the Legend	Diana Bishop

Ron Brown's Book "Fresh off The Press" Sale Price for EYHS friends \$25 includes shipping + handling. Order now by phone: 416-757-9798 by email: ronfbrown@gmail.com



"Nobody knows Ontario like Ron Brown" is how the CBC once described this author, geographer, and travel writer. Ron Brown has long had a love affair with the landscapes of Canada. [Ron Brown has won the 2015 Writers' Union of Canada Freedom to Read Award!](#)

HERITAGE TORONTO

Read the latest information from Heritage Toronto What's ON including Creating Toronto: *The Story of a City*

From home or on a walk, take this self-guided tour of the hidden gems of the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood, once the Old Town of York.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Enjoy-new-digital-programs---on-Indigenous-history--Toronto-s-architecture-and-UFOs-.html?soid=1113321512904&aid=EJdsZLQaf70>



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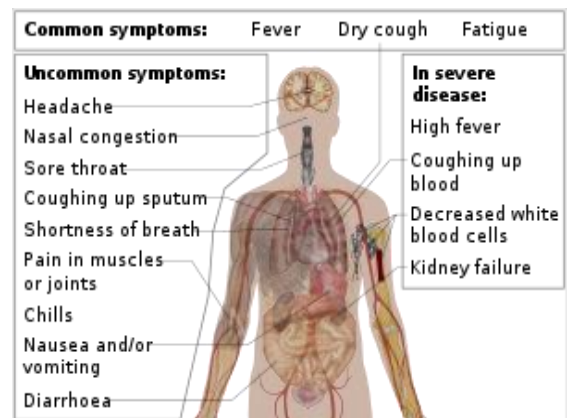
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Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) Other names

- 2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease
- Novel coronavirus pneumonia^[1]
- Wuhan pneumonia^{[2][3]}
- Wuhan coronavirus
- "Coronavirus" or other names for [SARS-CoV-2](#)

Symptoms of COVID-19 Pronunciation

- [/kə'rounə vaɪrəs dɪ'zi:z, 'kouvid/](#)



[Specialty Infectious diseases](#) Symptoms Fever, cough, shortness of breath^[4] [Complications Pneumonia, viral sepsis, acute respiratory distress syndrome, kidney failure](#) Usual onset [Incubation period](#) typically 5-6 days (may range between 2-14 days) Causes [Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 \(SARS-CoV-2\)](#) [Risk factors](#) Travel, viral exposure [Diagnostic method](#) rRT-PCR testing, [CT scan](#) Prevention [Hand washing, quarantine, physical distancing](#) Treatment [Symptomatic](#) and [supportive](#) Frequency 657,898 confirmed cases^[5] Deaths 30,433 deaths (4.6% of confirmed cases)^[5]



Looking Ahead?



"Wear a Mask or Go to Jail"

Thursday, November 7th, 1918

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KELOWNA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, in order to prevent the spread of Spanish Influenza, all Schools, public and private, Churches, Theatres, Moving Picture Halls, Pool Rooms and other places of amusement, and Lodge meetings, are to be closed until further notice.

All public gatherings consisting of ten or more are prohibited.

D. W. SUTHERLAND,
Mayor.

Kelowna, B.C.,
19th October, 1918.



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The number of new COVID-19 cases in the province dropped again for the second day in a row on Sunday.
<https://www.cp24.com/news/ontario-reports-304-new-cases-of-covid-19-23-more-deaths-1.4943869>

TRENDING NOW...



Mr. Bill Lewis, (Canadian) EYHS Member, Husband & Father, (Apr. 2, 1927- Mar. 21, 2020) Memorial Service TBA

Kenny Rogers born Kenneth Ray Rogers (American) Country & Western Singer, Songwriter & Musician - Country Music Hall of Fame Legend (August 21, 1938 - March 20, 2020)



"Little Richard", born Richard Wayne Penniman, American Musician & Singer, Child Prodigy, Musical Genius, Founding Father and Pioneer of Rock n' Roll, (Dec. 5, 1932-May 9, 2020).



Roy Horn, born Uwe Ludwig Horn (German-born Performer) of Legendary **Siegfried & Roy**, Entertainer, Animal Performer & Illusionist (Oct. 3, 1944-May 8, 2020)



Honor Blackman (English) Actress Aug. 22, 1925 – Apr. 5, 2020, famous for her role as Pussy Galore in James Bond's Goldfinger



Brian Manion Dennehy, American Award-Winning Actor, (July 9, 1938 – April 15, 2020)

Ontario schools closed until September 2020

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/i-m-just-not-going-to-risk-it-ontario-students-will-not-return-to-school-until-september-1.4944536>



Justin Trudeau, 23rd Prime Minister of Canada, sworn in as PM Nov. 4, 2015



Doug Ford, sworn in as Premier of Ontario June 29, 2018



Dr. Theresa Tam June 26, 2017 appointed Chief Public Health Officer of Canada and Head of Public Health Agency of Canada



John Tory Elected Mayor of Toronto Oct. 27, 2014



George Washington Carver, American. The greatest scientist and inventor of all time (circa Jan 1864 - Jan. 5, 1943). As a child, George developed a special relationship with plants and talked *with them*. He said that the plants spoke to him. Carver's determination, hard work and extraordinary brilliance opened tightly shut doors to incredible opportunities to learn and to teach. He invented over 300 uses for the peanut and many, many others using soybeans and the sweet potato. Mr. Carver's knowledge and expertise were highly sought after by wealthy industrialists, organizations and also internationally. His achievements, character, his humility and the selfless legacy he has left to humanity, make George Washington Carver an exemplary giant of a figure.



CHAPTER XLVI.

EXECUTIONS IN TORONTO.

The End of the Brook's Gang...See January 2020

EY Inklings Newsletter of EYHS

"Murder Most Foul"

Joanne Doucette's Article for EYHS

Article Sourced> J. Doucette and P. Barnett

...for years the Brook's Bush gang members boasted of getting away with killing a black man. (*Globe*, Oct. 30, 1856) This is the first racially motivated murder of a black man that I have found in my 30 or more years of researching Toronto's history.

"James Brown was executed at the old jail on Monday, the 10th March, 1862, for the murder of (the brilliant, 6 ft. tall and handsome) Mr. J. S. Hogan, M.P.P. The latter had disappeared about the 1st December, 1859, and the Government subsequently offered a reward for his discovery, or that of his body, and commissioned Detective Wartell, of the Toronto police force, to trace his movements. He went to several American cities, but could find no trace of him, and the matter was almost forgotten. About sixteen months after his disappearance a human skeleton, having yet some flesh on the bones and enveloped in male attire, was found in the marsh. The clothing was identified as that of Mr. Hogan, and an abandoned woman, one of the old Brooks' bush gang, named Ellen McGillick, made a statement to Detective Colgan which led to the arrest of Brown. She stated that she had witnessed the murder of Mr. Hogan on the King street Don bridge one night in December, 1859, by another abandoned woman named Jane Ward, Brown and two other men named Sherrick and **McEntameny**, the last-mentioned of whom had meanwhile died. Brown, Sherrick and Ward were arrested, and McGillick's evidence was to the effect that Ward had struck Mr. Hogan on the head with a stone tied in a handkerchief, when Brown and Sherrick robbed him and threw him into the river. Her evidence was partially corroborated by Maurice Malone, Dr. Gamble, and others. Police Magistrate Gurnett committed the three for trial, which took place before the three for trial, which took place before the late Chief Justice Draper in April, 1861. Mr. James Doyle, counsel for the prisoner, succeeded in establishing an alibi for Sherrick, several witnesses swearing that at the time at which the murder was alleged to have been committed he was living at Clover Hill, 50 miles from Toronto. The result was that the jury acquitted Sherrick and Ward. Mr. Doyle offered the same evidence to show that McGillick's statement was unworthy of credence, but the Chief Justice ruled it out. The jury found Brown guilty, but Mr. Doyle

succeeded in getting a new trial, when Brown was again found guilty and sentence by Mr. Justice Burns to be hanged on March 16, 1862. The late Mr. Henry Eccles prosecuted at the first trial, and the late Chief Justice Morrison and the late Mr. Richard Dempsey at the second. When sentence was passed upon him Brown declared his innocence. He had a dogged and sullen aspect, which was made more obnoxious by a scar on his nose caused by disease. He was born in Loulam, Cambridgeshire, Eng., and was 32 years old years of age when executed. He expressed contrition before his death, and declared his innocence unnervingly to the last, and with such earnestness that the ministers who attended to him, among whom were Rev. H. J., afterwards Dean Grasett, and Revs. Edmund Baldwin and S. J. Boddy, expressed their belief in his innocence. He was executed at the old jail, before an immense concourse of people, whom he addressed as follows:

'This is a solemn day for me, boys. I hope this will be a warning to you against bad company. I hope it will be a lesson to all young people, old as well as young, and rich and poor. It was that brought me here to-day to my last end, though I am innocent of the murder I am about to suffer for. Before my God I am innocent of the murder. I never committed the murder. I know nothing of it. I am going to meet my Maker in a few minutes. May the Lord have mercy on my soul. Amen. Amen.'

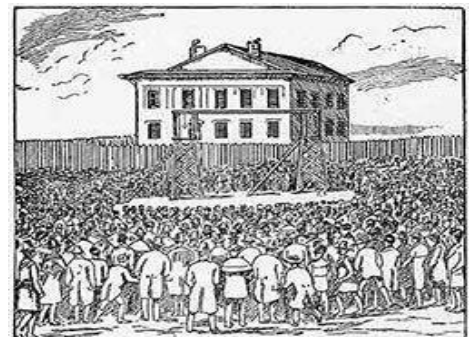
The "Amen" was echoed by a few near the scaffold. When he was launched into eternity three or four strong spasms shook his frame and then all was over. The body was delivered at the request of deceased to Mr. Irish for burial. The crowd was not as large as that which witnessed the execution of Fleming and O'Leary. The fair sex was largely represented." Robertson, Landmarks, p. 263

The Property was owned by a prosperous merchant who kept it as a wood lot. His store still stands at the n.e. Corner of King and Jarvis. His name Daniel Brooke. **"Neighbours chopped the trees down, cleared the underbrush and tore down the shacks".**

"Word had it that Jane Ward died in A poorhouse"

<http://www.lostrivers.ca/content/points/Courthouseaide.html>

Sketch of the public hangings of Samuel Lount and Peter Matthews on April 12, 1838



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