



EAST YORK INKLINGS

Newsletter of the East York Historical Society

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President's Message...

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

It's hard to believe we're approaching the end of 2013, which means it's time for the Annual General Meeting of the East York Historical Society.

Together, our Board of Directors has accomplished so much as we continue to host some very informative meetings and I am very pleased to report that our membership remains large and active.

Please renew your membership for 2014.

With the end of the year quickly approaching, this is also an important reminder for our members to renew their membership for 2014. Please take the time to fill out the enclosed membership form and bring it with you to our meeting on November 26th or mail it back to us at the address noted on the form.

I also want to take this opportunity to openly thank my colleagues on the East York Historical Society Board of Directors for their ongoing commitment to preserve the history of East York. I say this because I recently notified them of my intentions to not continue as President. As the President for the last two-years, I have met many wonderful individuals and I am very proud of the contribution that our small Board has made to keep our membership informed. With this news, I still intend to be an active supporter of the great work that we do.

We look forward to seeing you soon at our Annual General Meeting on November 26th.

Sincerely,

Jane Pitfield
President

**PLEASE BRING THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOU TO
OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AS IT CONTAINS THE
AGENDA AND REPORTS THAT NEED TO BE
APPROVED AT THE MEETING**

Join us at our Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday, November 26, 2013
Refreshments at 7:00pm
Meeting commences at 7:30pm**

Hear about our exciting year in review, our plans for next year and from our guest speaker Dr. John Carter who will be speaking to us about the Result of the Rebellion: North American Political Prisoners in Van Diemens Land.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR
OUR NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, January 28, 2014
Refreshments at 7:00pm
Meeting commences at 7:30pm**

East York Historical Society meetings are co-sponsored by the Toronto Public Library, and take place in the John S. Ridout Auditorium at the S. Walter Stewart Library Branch, located at 170 Memorial Park Avenue on the corner of Memorial Park and Durant Ave.

Evening Meetings take place on the last Tuesday of January, March, May, September and November.

Afternoon Discussions take place on Wednesdays in February, March, April, October and November



East York Historical Society – Annual Report

Number of Members – 2013: 123

Number of Members – 2012: 133

Number of Members – 2011: 117

GENERAL MEETINGS:

#167 – November 27, 2012 (47 in attendance)
Annual General Meeting and “Snake Hill Cemetry in Fort Erie, the Militia and the War of 1812”. Speaker: Dr. Ronald Williamson, Archeologist and Writer.

#168 – January 29, 2013 (52 in attendance)
“Heritage Trees” How heritage trees can be protected
Speaker: Edith George

#169 – March 26, 2013 (70 in attendance)
“Leaside, It’s History and 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2013. Guest Speakers: Jane Pitfield and Geoff Kettel

#170 – May 28, 2013 (39 in attendance)
“The Water Czar, R.C. Harris” Speaker: Wayne Reeves, Curator for Toronto Museum Services.

#171 – September 24, 2013 (29 in attendance)
“Winston Churchill and Mackenzie King, So Similar, So Different” Speaker: Terry Reardon, Author

Total Attendance for 5 meetings

(2013): 237

(2012): 284

(2011): 252

AFTERNOON DISCUSSION GROUPS:

October 17, 2012 (33 in attendance)
Jubilee Tea and Presentation by Garry Toffoli, an Expert on the Royal Family and Executive Director of the Canadian Royal Heritage Trust.

November 14, 2012: (19 in attendance)
A discussion on East York’s wartime housing. Lead by Centennial College student Paula Last

February 13, 2013 (14 in attendance)
A discussion about the East York Lyndhurst Hockey Team representing Canada in the World Hockey Tournament in 1954. Presented by Hon. Alan Redway, Q.C. and EYHS member.

March 20, 2013 (33 in attendance)
Founding of Bennington Heights by Peter Weatherhead

April 17, 2013 (57 in attendance)
Memories of Leaside. Took place at the Leaside Public Library. Speakers included Jane Pitfield and Geoff Kettel

Total Attendance for 5 Afternoon Discussions

(2013): 156

(2012): 156

OUTREACH FOR SPECIAL EVENTS:

October 27, 2012 – R.H. McGregor School Fall Fair.
Christopher Salmond was at the EYHS Table

March 24, 2013 – 2013 Agnes Macphail Ceremony.
Attended by Margaret McRae, Pancheta Barnett and Justin Van Dette. This 2013 recipient was EYHS Board Member, The Honourable Alan Redway.

April 24, 2013 – Co-sponsor with Todmorden Mills.
“Great Guns, Brown Bees, Supply Wagons, Poor Old Soldiers and Jolly Tars; The Art and Science of Warfare during the War of 1812. Speaker: Major John Grodzinski (RMC). Attended by Margaret McRae, Jane Pitfield and Kay Horiszny

May 25/26, 2013: Table at Doors Open Toronto at Todmorden Mills. Attended by Christopher Salmond, students from R.H. McGregor School, Pancheta Barnett and Margaret McRae.

June 8, 2013 – Victoria Park School Fun Fair. Christopher Salmond was at the EYHS Table

July 1, 2013 – Canada Day. We walked in the parade and had a table at Stan Wadlow Park. Attended by Margaret McRae, Hon. Alan Redway, Ian Wheal, John Michailidis, Pancheta Barnett, Diane Bennett-Jones, John Laraway, Kay Horiszny, Rhonda Barnett, Joanne Green.

PUBLICATIONS:

Five issues of our Newsletter, “East York Inklings” prepared by Justin Van Dette and Jane Pitfield.

WEBSITE:

www.eastyork.org/eastyork.html providing information on our program, plaques and East York Tidbits, hosted and maintained by Margaret McRae.

East York Historical Society

OUR THANKS...

To Secretary and Newsletter editor Justin Van Dette; Program Convenor Jane Pitfield, Treasurer and name tagger Kay Horiszny; Financial Review Lorna Krawchuk; Refreshment organizers Connie Fenton, Grace Tanaka, Susie Beamish, Joyce Crook, Kay Horiszny; Newsletter mailing Kay Horiszny; Patricia Eastman and Janet Nanos and Toronto Public Library staff for hosting and promoting our meetings; Margaret McRae for publicity, Christopher Salmond, Hon. Alan Redway, Margaret McRae, Pancheta Barnett, Rhonda Barnett, Justin Van Dette, Ian Wheal, Diane Bennett-Jones, John Laraway, Joanne Green, Kay Horiszny and Jane Pitfield for promotional events; John Michailidis and Val Dodge back-up secretaries; Hon. Alan Redway, Jane Pitfield, Geoff Kettel for participating in Speaker and Discussion Afternoon Group and all members of the East York Historical Society for your support.

Submitted by Jane Pitfield, President and Kay Horiszny, Treasurer

East York Historical Society
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013
TO BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RECEIPTS	2013	2012	DISBURSEMENTS	2013	2012
Membership	\$1,364.50	\$1,486.00	Guest Speakers	\$460.00	\$340.00
Ontario Heritage Grant	\$385.00	\$385.00	Printing and Photocopying	\$448.14	\$374.88
Books Sold	\$52.00	\$24.00	Postage	\$327.53	\$321.15
Small East York Flags Sold	\$70.00	\$200.00	Stationary Supplies	\$99.19	\$29.46
Large East York Flags Sold	\$190.00	\$2,090.00	Meeting Refreshments	\$150.17	\$60.75
Medium East York Flags Sold	\$840.00	\$-	Medium East York Flage (27x54)	\$813.60	\$-
Donations	\$203.00	\$169.00	Small East York Flags (4" x 6")	\$-	\$101.70
Bank and GIC Interest	\$11.69	\$12.30	Large East York Flags (3' x 6')	\$-	\$1,652.63
Refreshment Fund	\$89.74	\$83.23	OHS Membership	\$55.00	\$55.00
Donations for Macphail Plaque	\$100.00	\$1,175.00	Promo Expense (Canada Day)	\$86.00	\$95.00
Bumper stickets sold	\$12.00	\$-	Hall Rental at St Lukes Church	\$-	\$158.00
Total Receipts	\$3,317.93	\$5,624.53	A. Macphail Plaque and Install.	\$-	\$1,402.80
			A. Macphail Plaque Reception	\$118.00	
			Bank Charges	\$20.50	\$13.50
			Miscellaneous Expense	\$12.66	\$22.00
			Total Disbursements	\$2,590.79	\$4,626.87

	2013	2012
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$727.14	\$997.66
Net Worth Oct. 1, 2012	\$4,526.41	\$3,528.75
Net Change in Finances	\$727.14	\$997.66
Net Worth Sept. 30, 2013	\$5,253.55	\$4,526.41
<u>Bank Reconciliation</u>		
GIC	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Bank Balance Sept. 30, 2013	\$4,236.18	\$3,554.56
Less 1 outstanding cheque		-\$50.13
Plus Petty cash Sept. 30, 2013	\$17.37	\$21.98

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of 2012 Annual General Meeting (published in March 2013 newsletter)
2. Acceptance of Annual Report, Financial Report and Financial Reviewer's Report (as published on page 2 and 3 of this newsletter)
3. Appointment of Financial Reviewer
4. Election of Board of Directors:
 - a. The following slate is recommended by the Board of Directors:

President:	Pancheta Barnett
Vice President:	Hon. Alan Redway
Director:	Kathleen Horiszny
Director:	Margaret McRae
Director:	John Michailidis
Director:	Christopher Salmond
 - b. The following individuals are to be appointed by the East York Historical Society Board of Directors:

Secretary:	Justin Van Dette
Treasurer:	Val Dodge
Past President:	Jane Pitfield
5. Guest Speaker
6. Adjournment



EAST YORK... Then and Now!

We encourage our members and supporters to visit and LIKE a great facebook page: **EAST YORK... Then and Now**. This site features some great photos of our community that date back decades. Feel free to get in touch with them if you have any that you would like to share. You can visit the page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/East-York-Then-and-Now/340651007038?fref=ts>

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We will always remember East Yorker George McKeil

McKIEL, George RSM - (1929 – 2013)

PHOTO: JUN/30/08: George McKeil, 79, of the Royal Canadian Legion's Todmorden Branch 10, in front of a plaque showing different Canadian War Medal's. McKeil, who spent 16 years in the Armed Forces, is the Regimental Sergeant Major of that Legion's colour-guard, and will be marching in tomorrow's East York Canada parade



Submitted by Nick Stouros, a proud East Yorker.

The Life of Canadian Legion Branch 10 Veteran George McKeil, a man that was introduced to Leo and I in the fall of 1999 during Leo's first year of hockey at Victoria Village in Toronto. Leo was very fortunate to have been selected to play on the legion team which was then and still is today the envy of the Tyke House League Program at Vic Village. For 30 years the Legion has been there for the kids and George was the face of the franchise.

We had a great Coach in Noel Reilly who not only had a gift for working with 5 and 6 year olds but was smart enough to alien with George and Legion 10 as our sponsor. George was our inspirational leader showing up every saturday for our games always active in the room and on the bench with his own brand of motivation.

It was not until the final tournament weekend when the kids found out what a power house of a VIP we had in George. On Championship weekend George would arrive with his fellow veterans in full uniform to a packed house inspiring all the Tyke house league to play the best one day of hockey probably of their lives.

The Legion Team's record was stellar, Coach Noel made them Hockey Players, George made them Champions. Regardless of the trophies won that final weekend they paled in comparison to the medals worn so proudly on the chests of our Legions men and women. The final speech and picture taken in our dressing room after the final game was reminiscent of any graduation where you are happy for the accomplishment but sad that it had to end.

Although we moved on, we attended that final weekend until we left Toronto in 2005. Every Remembrance Day I think of George but I am ashamed to say that is all I do. I am reminded of the Jacket and matching hat our Team had made for George that brought him to tears that final weekend of 1999.

To pin another medal on George's chest would have been insignificant, (there was no room anyway) to give him a team jacket from his kids meant so much more.

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.

The East York Historical Society is dedicated to preserving and sharing information about East York's rich past. The Society meets 5 evenings a year usually on the last Tuesday in January, March, May, September and November and selected afternoons in the autumn and winter months.

INTERESTED IN THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, CONTACT US...

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Hon. Alan Redway, Director

Pancheta Barnett, Vice President
Margaret McRae, Past President/Director
Christopher Salmond, Director

Kay Horiszny, Treasurer
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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 History 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 2014 are:

Single - \$15 Family - \$20 Student - \$7

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East York Historical Society, 10 McKayfield Road, East York, ON, M4J 4P7

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