



EAST YORK INKLINGS

Newsletter of the East York Historical Society

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Season's Greetings Everyone.



Thanks to all our faithful Members & Supporters of the East York Historical Society. You helped to make this happen. 2015 has been a very good year for the East York Historical Society with an increase to its membership and their regular attendance to the afternoon & evening meetings; we have been most fortunate and grateful to have some of the finest Presenters at our meetings.

Our East York Inklings, the newsletter of the East York Historical Society has been receiving a lot of compliments from readers who enjoys the interesting articles we published. We hope to continue doing so in 2016... Along with an active Board of Directors for whose ongoing and harmonious good works continues to help keep the light of this Society shining in East York and places around the world. Thank you. Our thanks and acknowledgement on Page 3.

Our September 29...Eloquent Speaker Mr. David Town presented a taste of a remarkable story on the life of Walter Knox of Orillia, Ont. In brief. "Knox was a significant character in the History and Development of athletics in Canada and deserves to be far better known than he is today..." David Town of Orillia, can be reached through the EYHS for any organizations interested in his presentations.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2015... All are welcome to attend. Members please bring this newsletter with you to our Annual General Meeting as it contains the Agenda and Reports that need to be approved.

The East York Historical Society Congratulates Mr. Justin Pierre James Trudeau Leader of the Liberal Party on his new appointment as the 23rd Prime Minister of Canada. Mr. Trudeau will be sworn into Power on November 4, 2015. The Federal Election held on Oct. 19. His father Pierre E. Trudeau would have been 95yo on Oct. 18, 2015...



Halloween has passed. Remembrance, Christmas, Holidays & New Year is fast approaching. These moments are one of the busiest of the season so "Please look out for our children and the elderly's safety in every place".

Lest we forget, on behalf of the East York Historical Society's Board of Directors, our Vice President the Hon. Alan Redway and I will lay a wreath on Remembrance Day at the East York Civic Centre Cenotaph. All are encouraged to attend.

Special article presentation on Mr. Alfred Joseph Cockburn "Bell Triggers War Memories" Personal data permission to print by Mrs. Mary Louise Matthews nee Cockburn his daughter...See pg. 4...

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JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING...

Tuesday, November 24, 2015

Refreshments at 7:00pm ~ Meeting Starts at 7:30pm

John S. Ridout Auditorium at the S. Walter Stewart Library
170 Memorial Park Avenue

Topic: The Story of Woodbine Gardens –
presented by Mike Dolbey

Our Meetings are Co-sponsored By



Recently, a visitor to one of our meetings recognized a name on the Tag Table as his neighbour's. His reaction was ".had I known she was a member of the EYHS...I would have given her a ride to the meeting" "The mind is a terrible thing to waste" M.L. King 1959. I am looking forward to see you all at the AGM. Please plan to invite & bring your families, friends & neighbours out to the afternoon/evening meetings. Members are reminded to wear their name tags during the meeting to help us get better acquainted with each other.

Please remember membership renewals are now due along with new memberships & donations. Please see our treasurer Mr. Val Dodge or mail to address listed in newsletter. Thank you.

Correction to September President Member Spotlight: Miss Maureen Lindsay 's article...You will be remembered.

EYHS' next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2016 includes Black History Month...(The EYHS does not meet in the month of February). EYHS Calendar pg. 10

The East York Historical Society and its Board of Directors wishes each and everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Bright and Prosperous New Year 2016 (Leap Year). "Please keep warm, healthy and safe in all you do".

Sincerely,

Pancheta (Pat) Barnett
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EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AGENDA - Tuesday, November 24, 2015 @ 7:30 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting (published in the January 2015 newsletter)
2. Acceptance of Annual Report (page 3), Financial Report (page 8) & Financial Report (Page 9)
3. Appointment of Financial Reviewer Mrs. Lorna Krawchuk
4. Elections of Board of Directors:

The following slate is recommended by the Board of Directors:

President:	Pancheta Barnett	Vice President:	Hon. Alan Redway
Director:	Kay Horiszny	Director:	John Michailidis
Director:	Christopher Salmond	Director:	Ron Chamberlain

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:	Margaret McRae

5. Guest Speaker: Dr. Mike Dolbey
6. Adjournment

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East York Historical Society - Annual Report

Number of Members - 2015: 145
Number of Members - 2014: 131
Number of Members - 2013: 123

GENERAL MEETINGS:

#177 - November 25, 2014 (34 in attendance)
Annual General Meeting and Salvation Army history.
Speakers: Colonel John Carew and Michael Barrow.

#178 - January 27, 2015 (37 in attendance)
Black History Month. Speaker: Karen Carter from
Heritage Toronto. And, Karen Fraser from Women
Like Me spoke about "Do You Know About the
Boys?".

#179 - March 31, 2015 (37 in attendance)
Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf and their work.
Speaker: Derek Rumball, Executive Director.

#180 - May 26, 2015 (36 in attendance)
East York Barbershoppers history. Speaker: Greg
Shields, President.

#181 - September 29, 2015 (25 in attendance)
The remarkable life of Walter Knox, the track and
field star from Orillia. Speaker: David Town,
Author.

Total Attendance for 5 meetings:

2015 : 169
2014: 194
2013: 237

AFTERNOON DISCUSSION GROUPS

October 15, 2014 (22 in attendance)
Alan Redway lead a group discussion on
memorabilia and family treasures. Many items
were brought to the meeting by members and others.

November 12, 2014 (12 in attendance)
How Harmony Hall Seniors Centre came to be. And,
a mud slide on Notley Place. Guest Speaker: George
Shields

February 18, 2015 (32 in attendance)
Slide presentation of historic buildings in East York
Guest Speaker: Jim Lister

April 15, 2015 (30 in attendance)
Photos of heritage properties. Margaret McRae had a
slide presentation.

Total attendance for 4 meetings: 96
Prior years: 2014 141 (5 meetings)
2013 156 (5 meetings)

OUTREACH FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

October 8, 2014 - Remembering the Early Days.
Hon. Alan Redway lead a group discussion at Revera
Retirement Residence, 8 The Donway East. Pat
Barnett and Margaret McRae also attended.

October 21, 2014 - Heritage Toronto Annual Awards
Night at Koerner Hall. Attended by Pat Barnett and
Margaret McRae.

November 5, 2014 - Alan Redway lead a group
discussion at Revera Retirement Residence on
William Morgan Drive in Thorncliffe Park.
Topic: Remembering the Early Days. Pat Barnett
also attended.

November 11, 2014 - Remembrance Day
Ceremonies at East York Civic Centre. Our Society
was represented by Pat Barnett and Alan Redway who
laid a wreath on behalf of the EYHS.

January 4, 2015 - At the East York Civic Centre, East
York New Year's Levee. Attended by Pat Barnett,
Margaret McRae and Christopher Salmond.

January 21, 2015 - Board member John Michailidis's
mother Helen Michailidis passed away on January 17,
2015. Pat Barnett attended the Funeral Home
visitation.

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February 17, 2015 - At EY Civic Centre, the Agnes Macphail Public Speaking Contest for Grades 6, 7 & 8. Attended by Pat Barnett and Margaret McRae.

February 26, 2015 - Michael Prue Appreciation Night. A celebration of his 25 years as a councillor, mayor, and MPP. Attended by Pat Barnett, Margaret McRae, Joyce Crook and Kay Horiszny.

March 6, 2015 – The Town of York Historical Society's (Toronto's First Post Office) annual fund raising event at St. Lawrence Hall. Evenings topic: The first black postman. Attended by Pat Barnett.

March 24, 2015 - Agnes Macphail Awards Night. Took place at the East York Civic Centre. Attended by Pat Barnett, Alan Redway, Margaret McRae and John Carter.

March 25, 2015 - Longtime EYH Society member Jean Stapleton died on March 15, 2015. A memorial service took place on March 25th Pat Barnett attended.

March 25, 2015 - In memory of the Late Donna-Lynn McCallum, a shadow box was unveiled at the East York Civic Centre. Attended by Pat Barnett.

April 30, 2015 - Toronto Historical Association's Annual General Meeting. Margaret McRae and Pat Barnett attended, representing the Society.

May 23 & 24, 2015 - Doors Open Toronto at Todmorden Mills. EYH Society table was attended by Pat Barnett, Christopher Salmond, Margaret McRae and Joanne Green.

June 2, 2015 - Heritage Walk in Todmorden Village. Lead by Margaret McRae and Bill Lewis and Pat Barnett attended.

July 1, 2015 - Canada Day. We walked in the parade and had a table at Stan Wadlow Park. Attended by Pat Barnett, Margaret McRae, Kay Horiszny, John Laraway, Ron Chamberlain, his daughter and 3 grandchildren, Joanne Green, Ian Wheal, Rhonda Barnett, Paula Davies and A. Milar from the Toronto East York Community Preservation Panel.

September 19 & 20, 2015 - Harvest Festival at Todmorden Mills. Christopher Salmond, Ron Chamberlain, Margaret McRae and Pat Barnett were at the EYHS Society table.

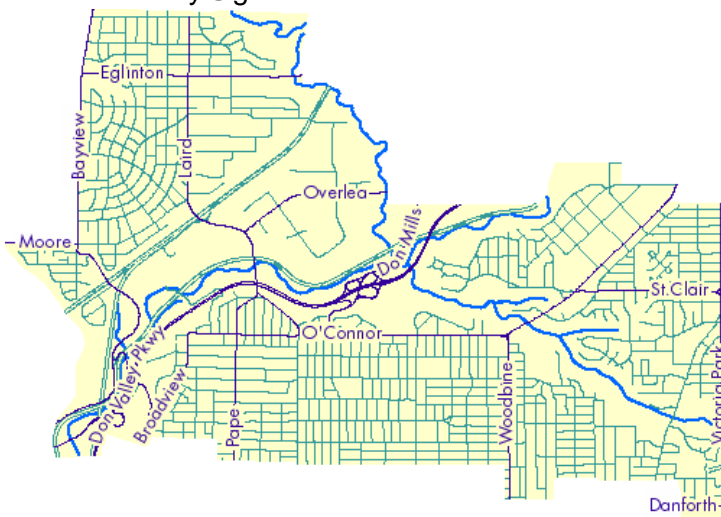
September 27, 2015 - Pat Barnett attended the Official Unveiling of The Gathering of the Clans Mosaic at Todmorden Mills.

November 24, 2015 – Guest speaker Mike Dolbey presents at our AGM.

Submitted by Pat Barnett, President and Val Dodge, Treasurer

NOTICE TO EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS

Board Member Alan Redway wants to interview long time East York Historical Society members regarding their memories. Share your stories with Alan. Contact Alan, phone 416 421 5328, or by e-mail at alan.redway@gmail.com



Do you recognize these areas in the larger East York?

Todmorden, Topham Park, Sunshine Valley, Woodbine Gardens, Parkview Hills, Secord, Danforth Park, Massey Farm Property (Crescent Town) and Rivercourt. The Society is looking for people who know the history of these parts of East York.

Would you like to pass on these memories to other interested people? Contact the East York Historical Society. Or come to our next meeting on Tuesday November 24, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Contact Board Member: Alan Redway, phone 416 421 5328, email alan.redway@gmail.com

COME VISIT THE MARKET GALLERY

The Market Gallery will showcase nearly 50 newly acquired works from the City of Toronto's art collection in the exhibition "Framing Toronto: City of Toronto Art Acquisitions 2010 to 2015", from October 31, 2015 to February 6, 2016.

The City of Toronto has been collecting art since the 1850s and today the collection includes over 2,500 paintings, prints and sculptures. This municipal art collection contributes to the development of a sense of identity in Toronto and is a valuable legacy for future generations.

The exhibit will feature unique and innovative works dating from the early 1800s to present day. While many works are purchased in support of contemporary artists, donations and purchases of historical works further enhance the collection every year. Most of the collection is on permanent display at City Hall and other civic centres. This exhibit brings together a wide variety of art for public viewing.

The works featured include prints, photographs, water colours, sculptures, textiles and oils. What they all have in common is that they reflect the art, culture and history of Toronto. Please see the attached exhibit poster.

The Market Gallery, one of 10 historic sites operated by the City of Toronto, presents exhibitions dedicated to Toronto's art, culture and history and offers educational programs for school groups and adults. The gallery is located on the second floor of South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front St. E. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is closed Sunday, Monday and holidays. More information is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/marketgallery>.

We look forward to your next visit to the Market Gallery!

The Market Gallery ~ 95 Front Street East
416-392-7604 ~ www.toronto.ca/marketgallery

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANKS:

To: President Pancheta Barnett (EYHS Mission), Vice President Hon. Alan Redway (afternoon Discussion Show & Tell Meeting)...President Pancheta Barnett... Past President Margaret McRae; Director Kay Horiszny; Director John Michailidis; Director Christopher Salmond; Director Ron Chamberlain; Treasurer Val Dodge; Secretary Justin Van Dette (Editor, Newsletter) Past President Jane Pitfield (Resigned 2015) Lorna Krawchuk (Financial Reviewer) Margaret McRae (Webperson, Editor, Advertiser, Outreach...) Kay Horiszny, Joyce Crook, Connie Fenton (Refreshment Organizers, Name Tags...) Kay Horiszny, Val Dodge, John Michailidis (Assist. Secretary) Ron Chamberlain (Events, Outreach) Toronto Public Library (Co Sponsor)...S. Walter Stewart Library Head Paul Robinson...Janet Nanos & including rest of Staff Toronto Public Library for (Hosting & Promoting our Meetings) Rhonda Barnett (Events) Joanne Green (Events) All Members of the East York Historical Society Donors & Visitors; All our Presenters & Speakers of 2014 and 2015 and also our local media.



WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Linda Vranic

Mariko Ngyuen & Zahra Dhanani

Doug Kozak & Helmi Paradowski

EAST YORK REFLECTIONS:

Memories of shopping at Ron's Smoke Shop, watching movies at Donlands Theatre and other Donlands commercial area businesses of the 1960s and '70s

Recently published in the East York Mirror - By John Michailidis

With two quarters tightly clasped in the fist of one hand and the torn cover flap of my dad's empty Rothmans cigarette pack clutched in the other, I would run like the wind the two short blocks down Plains Road before turning the corner onto the Donlands Avenue commercial area on my way to Ron's Smoke Shop.



A modest size commercial strip of about 25 stores between Plains Road and O'Connor Drive, the Donlands commercial area in the late 1960s and early '70s, the time of my youth, served the shopping needs of East Yorkers.

Sure we made the special once-in-a-blue-moon drives to Yorkdale or Fairview shopping malls that seemed we were traveling to another universe or took the streetcar to the Eaton's College Street store, but walking to the Donlands commercial area was our stomping grounds.

Turning the corner at Plains Road, the first store you encountered was Donlands Credit Jewellers with its large display windows showing the newest styles of watches, rings and vases. No matter how rushed you were, the window display grabbed your attention.

Even the inattentive eye of a 10-year-old boy stopped to stare at the wares. Many Mother's Day presents were purchased at Donlands Credit Jewellers, and the proprietor would gift wrap for free! What more could a boy ask for?

At the O'Conner Drive end was Tom's Shell Gas Station. Here Tom or another mechanic would inflate our footballs. Without an inflation needle inflating a football is impossible. An inflation needle was a rarity for us kids and if we did get our hands on one, we would, in quick order, misplace it. After we finished pointing fingers of blame at one another for losing the needle we would make our way to Tom's Shell station where they always had a needle.

Handing the deflated football to the mechanic, we gathered around the air pump. The mechanic would turn the handle of the pump to the correct air pressure for a football. I can't say I recall what the mechanic set the pressure at, but us boys would squint in anticipation of the ball bursting. It never did. Grabbing the inflated ball from the mechanic, all of us would shout "thanks".

Running past the gas pumps we couldn't resist jumping on the rubber hose, which issued a 'ding, ding' sound from the mechanic's bay. "Get along boys" he would say, "that's for cars to run over not for kids to jump on."

Toward the middle of strip was the 840-seat Donlands Theatre with its grand marquee announcing the feature movie playing and the glass doors leading into a grand domed entrance with murals of Chinese mythical scenes on the walls and a ceramic floor with an inlaid Chinese symbol, perhaps representing prosperity.

Designed by Toronto architect H.G. Duerr, who also designed the Creeds Storage Vaults on Davenport Road in Toronto, the theatre opened in late 1948. The large letters B&F on the marquee stood for the Toronto-based theatre chain Bloom and Fine, which operated theatres from the 1920s to the 1970s.

John Candy, who lived a short walk from the theatre, no doubt got his love for movies at the Donlands Theatre. And no doubt many first kisses were enjoyed in the back rows of the Donlands Theatre. I recall sitting in a packed Donlands Theatre watching Planet of the Apes. The man next to me was chain smoking. The audience, in complete silence. Then Charlton Heston saying "Get your hands off me you damn dirty ape" and the entire audience claps. Some time later, Heston is pounding the beach with his fist as the scene slowly shifts to the half-buried Statue of Liberty. The audience lets out one large collective gasp.

I loved those collective experiences at the Donlands Theatre.

Today experiencing a movie with more than 50 people in the audience is rare for me. The collective experience is now at the kitchen table or in your living room, alone but connected online with invisible people, no longer shoulder to shoulder like my experiences at the Donlands Theatre.

Chainway Variety was a favourite of my mother's. Chainway was a five and dime store similar to Woolworths or Kresge's, but on a smaller scale. Mother would purchase my coats, blue denim pants, socks, plaid shirts and running shoes at Chainway. Not much selection, but enough to satisfy most no-nonsense East Yorkers. It was a dimly lit store with most of its merchandise scattered haphazardly in large wooden boxes.

Saturday mornings, mother and I would walk the two blocks to the IGA Grocery store for our weekly grocery shopping. By today's standards, the tiny IGA would hardly qualify to be called a grocery store, yet it served our grocery needs. If our groceries fit into two large paper bags, mother and I would carry one each home. If our groceries amounted to three or more large paper bags, they were delivered in the IGA delivery van. On Saturdays, the van would regularly make four or five stops on our street.

A favourite of my father was Bob's Men Wear. Father would buy his suits, slacks and shirts at Bob's and of course Bob altered everything he sold for free. Donlands Shoe Repair and Skate Exchange was another favourite of my father. He would have his dress shoes reheelled there. It was a favourite of mine as well. Every fall I would take my old skates that I purchased there the season before to exchange for a larger size pair of used skates. Dad would bicker with the proprietor. Last year you charged me \$8 for the skates now you give me three for them? "I have to eat," the proprietor would reply. Dad would reach into the pocket of his white shirt pull out his paper money and count out eight one-dollar bills for the cobbler. I would be set to skate another winter at the Dieppe Park outdoor natural ice hockey pad. A winter paradise for me.

Of all of the shops on Donlands, Ron's Smoke Shop was the centre of our kids' world.

Ron Herman opened Ron's Smoke Shop in 1955. It served the community until the early 2000s. It was to Ron's I would race with my dad's torn flap of his Rothmans cigarette pack. I would hand Ron the torn flap and 50 cents. Dad couldn't be sure a ten-year-old boy would remember the brand of cigarettes to ask for, thus the torn flap. Ron would hand me a fresh pack of Rothmans and sometimes he would point to the large jar of double bubble gum. I would grab a gum and race home.

Ron's tiny store was packed top to bottom with all sorts of toys, model planes, dolls, kites, checkers, snakes and ladders, plastic toy army men and firecrackers. We couldn't always afford to buy, but it never stopped us from browsing at Ron's. It was our meeting place. I recall the large stack of the racing forum on the counter beside a jar of cigarettes with a hand-written sign – cigarettes a nickel each. Men would dash into Ron's and without looking up, would grab a racing forum and drop a dime on the counter. "Thanks Ron," they would shout and rush out the door to catch the bus to the Greenwood Race Track.

An Aug. 31, 1997 Toronto Star article dubbed Ron the King in East York. The article mentioned that Ron followed the same routine for five decades. He would open the store at 7:30 a.m. and close up at 8 p.m. every day except for Sundays. Ron remembers John Candy buying sweets at his store before he became famous. Ron had his own movie fame. Part of the 1986 Rob Lowe movie *Youngblood* was filmed at the Donlands commercial area. Ron has a small part in the movie; he sells Lowe a book from Ron's Smoke Shop.

As all things must pass, the shops on Donlands of my childhood are gone, replaced by others. The commercial area continues to thrive. No doubt, today, a 10-year-old is gathering memories of the shops on Donlands to be retold in future.

John Michailidis is a longtime East Yorker and member of the East York Historical Society. The society is dedicated to increasing awareness of East York's rich history. The society meets five evenings a year at S. Walter Stewart Library. Please join us. John's passion is sharing stories about East York. For more information or to contact John, visit east york.org



**PRESIDENT'S MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT:
MR. WILLIAM ROBERT LEWIS (an East Yorker)**

Born in the year 1927 (same year Toronto East General Hospital, Leaside Bridge & East York Collegiate was opened) to English parents Harold & Florence Lewis at 19 Peplar Avenue in East York. (DOB...Harold - 1899 & Florence - 1902).

The family moved from East York to Scarborough in 1952. House cost was on the rise in East York then.

However, Bill & his family always return to visit their families & friends in East York and during the early days of the reformed East York Historical Society Bill would regularly attend meetings. Bill eventually became a member of the East York Historical Society in the year 2014.

At age 6 years old he started school at Wm. Burgess Elementary in Junior 1 to Senior fourth (grades 1 - 8). Bill continued his education at East York Collegiate and went on to do Lithography.

Recently on October 14, at our Afternoon Discussion Meeting at 2 pm, Bill Lewis gave a slide presentation titled "The Glory Years of East York" to an audience of approximately 40. So exhilarating & interesting was his presentation followed by Q&A, that he was asked to return at another date asap. The folks just could not get enough of Bill's story...

He married an East Yorker Bernice Anne Rowland in 1948 (she was also from Wm Burgess Elementary School). Bernice won the CORONATION CUP in 1941 for the most outstanding girl in Wm Burgess Elementary School. Bill & Bernice were blessed with twin daughters Jane & Susan. Mrs. Bernice Lewis passed away in 2013.

Thanks Bill for your warmth, your smiles & long lasting knowledge & love for East York. The East York Historical Society is grateful to have someone like you as one of its members. Thank you!

EYHS WEBSITE: Recently we have been experiencing technical difficulties on our website. Our Web person is working hard to restore to its proper functions. Thank you for your patience.

The Georgia Walsh...First Memorial All-Star Baseball Game and Fun Fair took place on August 29, 2015 and raised \$72,500.00. "Due to the success of the event there are plans to make it annual" Jillian Walsh - Report by Christine Ford in "Leaside Life news". For more information, visit <http://www.rememberinggeorgiawalsh.com/>



GET YOUR 2016 SAFE SENIORS CALENDAR

With support from Co-operators Insurance, the B.A.S.S.I.C. partners develop and print a calendar every year. The calendar offers tips and suggestions on how seniors can keep safe in their homes and communities. The 2016 calendar will be launched in November and is distributed through various B.A.S.S.I.C. partners, including Fire and Police Services

Contact Justin Van Dette at 416-469-6218 or e-mail juvan@tegh.on.ca if you would like a copy mailed to you. Please provide your mailing address.

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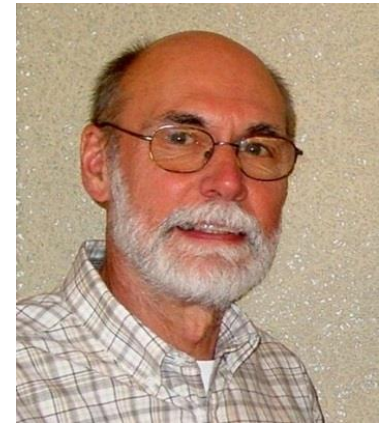
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NOVEMBER 24th SPEAKER'S PROFILE: MIKE DOLBEY

The title of my talk will be Woodbine Gardens – Its past and how it shaped the future of East York.

The Woodbine Gardens area of East York, its geology, early settlement, and post-war housing developments are the subject of this talk. It will include the rise and demise of the Woodbine/Gleneagles Golf & Country Club and the great apartment building controversy that arose in Woodbine Gardens and lead directly to the rise of True Davidson and a major change in East York's future.

Drs. Mike & Susan Dolbey have lived in the Woodbine Gardens area of East York since 1972 and they have been members of the East York Historical Society since about 1985. They are also members of the Lakefield Historical Society and the Trent Valley Archives in Peterborough. Mike is a retired professional engineer and he is interested in, among other things, local history, gardening and nature.



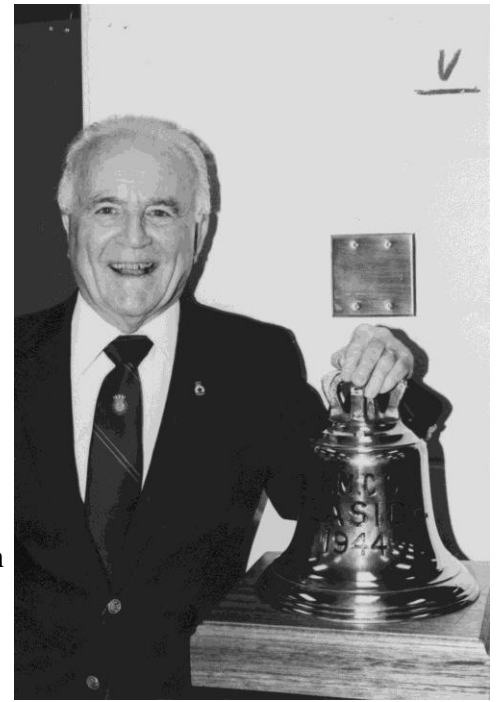
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME	2015	2014	EXPENSES	2015	2014
DONATIONS			Administration		
Donations (Individuals)	\$440.00	\$120.00	Bank Fees	\$28.00	\$18.00
Organization Donations (Orgs)	\$100.00	0	Gifts	\$45.00	\$20.00
Donations (Refreshment Fund)	\$89.05	\$85.03	Office Supplies	\$61.51	\$81.05
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$629.05	\$205.03	Photocopies	0	\$10.90
GRANTS			Postage	0	\$2.50
Government Grants	\$385.00	\$385.00	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	134.51	132.45
TOTAL GRANTS	\$385.00	\$385.00	OTHER TYPES OF EXPENSES		
INVESTMENTS			PROGRRAM EXPENSES		
Bank Interest	\$1.83	\$1.74	Information Boards	0	109.76
Investment Interest	\$8.00	\$8.00	Flags	\$1849.45	0
TOTAL INVESTMENT	\$9.83	\$9.74	Membership Dues	\$95.00	95.00
MERCHANDISE SALES			Newsletter Printing/Expenses	\$905.05	851.43
Books	\$12.00	\$31.75	Outreach	\$14.25	21.80
Bumper Stickers	\$24.00	\$2.00	Refreshments	\$305.00	345.00
Posters	\$251.50	0	Public Events	\$86.00	86.00
Flags	\$1995.00	\$140.00	Other Costs	\$336.10	0
TOTAL MERCHANDISE SALES	\$2282.50	\$173.75	TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$3661.81	1589.19
MISC REVENUE			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3796.32	\$1737.39
	\$0	\$3.35			
PROGRAM INCOME					
Membership Dues	\$1690.00	\$1550.00			
TOTAL INCOME	\$4996.38	\$2326.87			
			2015	2014	
NET INCOME			\$1200.06	\$589.48	
Net Worth (end of previous fiscal year)			\$5843.03	\$5253.55	
Net change in finances			\$1200.06	\$589.48	
Net worth (end of fiscal year)			\$7043.09	\$5843.03	

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL FEATURE – MR. ALFRED JOSEPH COCKBURN 1919 - 2011

The first of four children, born to Joanna & Alfred Cockburn at 14 Morton Road in Toronto on November 3, 1919 and at age 5/6 he attended St. Brigid Catholic School (opened in Toronto on Monday, 14th November, 1921) and later went on to Malvern Collegiate. Mr. Cockburn married Mary Cockburn nee Kavanagh in June of 1943. The Cockburns were married for 68

years before his passing on February 26, 2011. I am honoured to have met this amazing gentleman (& his adorable wife) of valour, respect & incredible intelligence during the couple's years of Lawn bowling at the Leaside Lawn bowling Club in Toronto. Attached is the story of "**Bell Triggers War Memories**" includes Alfred Joseph Cockburn's Moment...



Bell triggers war memories

By Malcolm Kelly ~ for the Town Crier, 1991

Pitted, scarred and long-since turned green, a little of Leaside's past sat forgotten for more than 20 years in the back of a Leaside High School closet. It was the ship's from HMCS Leaside, one of the many corvettes names for small towns in Canada that survived North Atlantic storms and Nazi U-Boats while escorting convoys in World War II.

Now thanks to the efforts of the school's staff, students, friends and a former crewman, the bell is now in a place of honour in the school's library.

"Just to have the bell displayed like this is wonderful," says Alfred Cockburn, a former ordinary seaman on the Leaside, now 72, who the honoured guest at a presentation ceremony during the school's commencement exercises in November.

"But the thing I like most about it was that the kids at the school were involved. That was nice."



H.M.C.S. Leaside survived storms and U-Boats.

**STORY TO BE
CONTINUED IN THE
JANUARY EDITION
OF THE EAST YORK
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
INKLING**

President's Spotlight: Maureen Lindsay

Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the tragic passing of Maureen Lindsay on Sunday, March 28, 2010. Maureen was a proud East Yorker who dedicated her time and energy to improving the local community, supporting her neighbours, and keeping the spirit of East York alive.

Maureen was a long time East Yorker who loved her community and her City. She fought amalgamation and was a constant champion of East York. She attended every event in East York, most recently the Agnes Macphail Award Ceremony. Maureen was an active member of the East York Historical Society, serving as Treasurer for a period of time. She also served as Chair of the East York Property Standards. Maureen loved children.

She volunteered in the annual Christmas and Easter parades in the beach. She also cared deeply for our seniors and for a number of years she ran the Seniors Christmas Dinner in East York, helping coordinate and deliver a massive program so that no senior would have to spend the day alone. Maureen worked tirelessly to help improve nearby Dentonia Park. As a leader of the Friends of Dentonia Park, she was active in the transformation of the park over the last several years. Maureen could often be seen flooding the outdoor ice rink, participating in a local community clean-up, or helping out with programs at the Clubhouse.

Her efforts can be seen in every corner of the park. Maureen was also a tireless advocate for her neighbours, working to ensure that local issues and problems were fixed. From parking and traffic problems to property standards concerns, Maureen's care for her neighbours and the neighbourhood made a real difference. Maureen will be missed by many, and her contribution to our City and community will be long felt.



Maureen (Theresa) Lindsay
“(c.) August 1948 - March 28, 2010)”

Miss Lindsay joined the EYHS in (c) 2002 and held the position as Treasurer until 2009. Our records shows that Ms. Lindsay was a dedicated, loyal, supporter & member of the EYHS.

The attached Honorary mention about her life of service with a human heart is more than I can say about Miss Lindsay.

The President along with the entire EYHS Board of Directors are in the process of memorializing Maureen Lindsay with a bench plaque from the Maureen Lindsay Memorial Fund.

Thanks Maureen for all you did for the East York Historical Society & leaving this world a better place in history. You will be remembered.

SAVE THESE DATES

THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS PLANNING AHEAD

**Our Tuesday evening
Meetings start at 7pm.
Refreshments are always served.**

January 26, 2016

Mr. Ron Manfield on piano "Tribute to Black History Month"
& Liz (Elizabeth Gilan) Muir - Riverdale: east of the Don -

March 29, 2016

Hon. Alan Redway's New Book "Governing Toronto"
Bringing Back the City that Worked...

May 31, 2016

Arthur Bousfield: Chairman of CRHT & ESU... East York and the Commonwealth

September 27, 2016

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

November 29, 2016 – Annual General Meeting
Cosburn Park Lawn Bowling Club

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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.



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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.

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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: East York Historical Society, 107 Cambridge Avenue, Toronto, ON, M4K 2L7

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