



# EAST YORK INKLINGS

*Newsletter of the East York Historical Society*

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## A Message from President Pat



Dear loyal Members and other Friends greetings.

**The East York Historical Society** and its Executive Board of Directors is dedicated to continue to serve its members and visitors with the best speakers/presenters of the day. The John S. Ridout Auditorium located in the S. Walter Stewart Library adds to the ambiance of our meeting space co-sponsored by the Toronto Public Library to whom we are most grateful for their ongoing support for over 35 years. Seats 200. Wheel Chair, Ramp, Stairs & Elevator Access. Clean & cheerful environment.

**Acknowledgements and Thanks** to the EYHS' Board of Directors – see page 6. **Refreshments:** Special thanks to EYHS family members... The Frantzis' Family (DQ) for the Ice cream Strawberry Cake donated to our September 2016 meeting. Sure was yummy to the last piece!!!

**A special thanks** to each and everyone of our loyal, faithful members and visitors who continue to help support the East York Historical Society by renewing memberships, becoming new members, attending regular meetings.

**Please continue to support the EYHS** by attending meetings, helping to spread the East York Historical Society name & meeting dates to neighbours, friends and family, encouraging them to become members and involve themselves within the EYHS. The East York Historical Society is growing and is getting involved in the East York Community. Please forward any suggestions you may have to any Board Members at the meetings on any ideas on how we can make

improvements to our EYHS. We cannot function as a Society without our members, visitors and donors.

Our Treasurer Mr. Val Dodge is available at the meetings to receive payments for your memberships & monetary donations or mailed payments to the address listed in the Newsletter.

**The East York Historical Society** is looking for a permanent place in East York to establish its collection of Archival materials in 2017.

**Remembrance Day:** On November 11th @ 11 am, I laid a wreath at the East York Civic Centre Cenotaph. It was great to so many people in attendance at this important ceremony. Please see Page 2 for a special tribute and acknowledgement to those who served and continue to serve.

**September 27, 2016** Speaker was the reliable, delightful and enthusiastic Spider Jones Topic: "Spider Jones Story..." He spoke about his difficulties growing up in Canada and how he turned his life around for a life of service to helping youths in Toronto...He also spoke about his relationship with many fighters including Muhammad Ali (Jan.17, 1942-Jun. 3, 2016) and George Chuvalo...How his wife's encouragement helped him to become a successful and best selling author of several books...The well attended evening enjoyed his presentation including the Q&A period.

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 5 FOR THE  
CONTINUATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

## JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING AND OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday, November 29, 2016**

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

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

Presenter: Barbara Dickson

Topic: The Bomb Girls

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## HOW REMEMBRANCE DAY GOT STARTED

At 11 am on Monday, November 11, 1918, the guns fell silent on the devastated battlefields of Europe. The First World War was over. There were wild street parties in the capitals of the victorious nations, while the defeated struggled with numb disbelief.

Over four years, millions had died in the most bitter conflict the world had ever seen. But, while the fighting was over, tensions remained that would provide the sparks that led directly into the next war - so much so that some historians view the two conflicts as one.

In memory of those men and women of the world's armed forces who rest unknown in graves, marked and unmarked, on the land and beneath the seas.

### LEST WE FORGET

**Soldier, rest! Thy warfare o'er,  
Dream of fighting fields no more:  
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking.  
Morn of toil, nor night of waking.**

**-Sir Walter Scott...tribute to the  
Unknown Soldier of the Great War (WW1)**



## O Valiant Hearts

O valiant hearts who to your glory came  
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;  
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,  
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war  
As who had heard God's message from afar;  
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,  
To save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made;  
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;  
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,  
Who wait the last clear trumpet call of God.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,  
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,  
While in the frailty of our human way,  
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self same way.

Still stands His Cross from that dread hour to this,  
Like some bright star above the dark abyss;  
Still, through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes  
Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

These were His servants, in His steps they trod,  
Following through death the martyred Son of God:  
Victor, He rose; victorious too shall rise  
They who have drunk His cup of sacrifice.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,  
Whose cross has bought them and Whose staff  
has led,  
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land  
Commits her children to Thy gracious hand.

East York Historical Society Members  
Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, MP for Beaches-  
East York, Councillor Mary Fragedakis,  
Pancheta Barnett (President) and  
Justin Van Dette (Secretary) at the  
Remembrance Day Ceremony at the  
East York Civic Centre



**EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**Notice of the 36 Annual General Meeting and Election of Board of Directors**  
**Agenda - Tuesday, November 29, 2016 @ 7:30 pm**

1. Approval of minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting (published in the January 2016 Newsletter)
2. Acceptance of Annual Report (page 5) and Financial Report (page 8).
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:	Mr. Ron Brown
Director:	Christopher Salmond	Director	Justin Van Dette
Director:	Ron Chamberlain	Director:	

The following individuals are to be appointed by the East York Historical Society Board of Directors:

Secretary	John Michailidis
Treasurer:	Val Dodge
Past President	Margaret McRae

5. Guest Speaker: Barbara Dickson
6. Adjourned



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## BACK IN 1935...

There was a dramatic accident in 1935 at the corner of Danforth and Glebe Mount. The truck was a fuel truck that was heading to the gas station located at the bottom right of the picture. A massive fire broke out with a number of people being injured.

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**AGO - Art Gallery of Ontario**

**Bata Shoe Museum**

**Black Creek Pioneer Village**

**City of Toronto Historic Sites:**

Colborne Lodge in High Park

Fort York National Historic Site

Gibson House Museum

Mackenzie House

Montgomery's Inn

Scarborough Museum

Spadina Museum: Historic House & Gardens

Todmorden Mills Heritage Site

**Gardiner Ceramics Museum**

**Ontario Science Centre**

**ROM - Royal Ontario Museum**

**Textile Museum of Canada**

**Toronto Zoo**

For more information, visit:

<http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/museum-arts-passes>

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Fiscal Year – 2015/2016

	2016	2015		2016	2015
<b>INCOME</b>			<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Donations</b>			<b>Administration</b>		
Donations (Individuals)	\$175.00	\$440.00	Bank Fees	\$22.00	\$28.00
Organization Donations (Orgs)	\$-	\$100.00	Gifts	\$20.32	\$45.00
Donations (Refreshment fund)	\$110.05	\$89.05	Office Supplies	\$10.49	\$61.51
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$285.05</b>	<b>\$629.05</b>	<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$52.81</b>	<b>\$134.51</b>
<b>Grants</b>			<b>Program Expenses</b>		
Government Grants	\$385.00	\$385.00	Flags	\$608.28	\$1,849.45
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>\$385.00</b>	<b>\$385.00</b>	Membership Dues	\$-	\$95.00
<b>Investments</b>			Newsletter Printing & Expenses	\$1,124.97	\$905.05
Bank Interest	\$1.15	\$1.83	Outreach	\$19.30	\$14.25
Investment Interest	\$8.00	\$8.00	Refreshments	\$135.50	\$70.96
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$9.15</b>	<b>\$9.83</b>	Speakers	\$360.00	\$305.00
<b>Merchandise Sales</b>			Public Events	\$140.00	\$86.00
Books	\$12.00	\$12.00	Other Costs	\$-	\$336.10
Posters	\$48.00	\$251.50	<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,388.05</b>	<b>\$3,661.81</b>
Flags	\$700.00	\$1,995.00	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$2,440.86</b>	<b>\$3,796.32</b>
Other	\$18.00	\$24.00	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$603.34</b>	<b>\$1,200.06</b>
<b>Total Merchandise Sales</b>	<b>\$778.00</b>	<b>\$2,282.50</b>			
<b>Program Income</b>					
Membership Dues	\$1,587.00	\$1,690.00			
<b>Total Program Income</b>	<b>\$1,587.00</b>	<b>\$1,690.00</b>			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,044.20</b>	<b>\$4,996.38</b>			

	2015	2016
Net worth (end of previous Fiscal Year)	\$7,043.09	\$5,843.03
Net change in finances	\$603.34	\$1,200.06
Net worth (end of this FY)	\$7,646.43	\$7,043.09

**CORRECTION:** President's Message on page 2 of September Newsletter article on **True Davidson** should read...  
(Friday, April 19, 1901- Monday, Sept. 18, 1978).

**WELCOME TO  
OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Fr. Pastor Larry Marcille

Wayne Trinier & Michelle Giroux

Nicole Hay

Rachelle Desrosiers &  
Barb McCutcheon

**Congratulation to  
Heritage Toronto  
2016 Award Recipient:  
  
Mrs. Carolyn King**



# EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY - ANNUAL REPORT

**Number of Members -- 2016: 152**  
**Number of Members -- 2015: 145**  
**Number of Members -- 2014: 131**

## GENERAL MEETINGS:

#182 - November 24, 2015 (74 in attendance)  
Annual General Meeting and The Story of Woodbine Gardens. Speaker: Mike Dolbey

#183 - January 26, 2016 (45 in attendance)  
Black History Month, Musical tribute by Ron Mansfield, Singer and Pianist and Miss Brooke Donna-Lee Pastuch, Singer, Spider Jones, Author/Champion Boxer, Motivational Speaker, Sportscaster, Youth Leader, Canadian Hall of Fame.  
Topic: Riverdale-East of the Don. Speaker: Author Elizabeth (Liz) Gillian Muir.

#184 - March 29, 2016 (69 in attendance)  
Governing Toronto, Bringing back the city that worked.  
Speaker: Author Alan Redway, former East York Mayor, Federal Cabinet Minister and Lawyer.

#185 - May 31, 2016 (35 in attendance)  
Cataloguing Canada's Royal Heritage.  
Speaker: Arthur Bousfield, Chairman of Canadian Royal Heritage Trust.

#186 - September 27, 2016 (26 in attendance)  
Spider Through The Years.  
Speaker: Spider Jones, Author, award winning broadcaster, Golden Glove Boxing Champ and motivational speaker.

### Total Attendance for 5 meetings:

**2016: 249**  
**2015: 169**  
**2014: 194**

## AFTERNOON DISCUSSION GROUPS

October 14, 2015 (25 in attendance)  
Bill Lewis and his East York memories.

February 24, 2016 (33 in attendance)  
Ravines and urban forests in the East York area.  
Guest Speaker: Author Jason Ramsay-Brown.

April 27, 2016. (25 in attendance)  
Bill Lewis and growing up in East York during the 1930's and 1940's

### Total Attendance for 3 meetings: 83

**Prior years: 2015 96 (4 meetings)**  
**2014 141 (5 meetings)**

## OUTREACH FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

October 13, 2015 - Heritage Toronto Awards Night at Koerner Hall. Attended by Margaret McRae.

October 24, 2015 - Fall Fair at R. H. McGregor School. Christopher Salmond was at the EYHS table.

November 11, 2015 - 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 East York Historical Society.

November 30, 2015 - The EYHS unveiled the Maureen Lindsay Plaque on a bench in Dentonia Park. She was an E Y community activist and EYHS Board member-treasurer. In addition to the public being there, society members present were: Pat Barnett, Alan Redway, Margaret McRae, Kay Horiszny, Anita Millar, Michael Prue and Janet Davis.

January 3, 2016 - At the East York Civic Centre, East York New Year's Levee. Attended by Pat Barnett and Margaret McRae.

January 16, 2016 - Toronto Botanical Gardens (Edwards Gardens), Lawrence Ave. east and Leslie St. Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne's New Year's Levee. Attended by Pat Barnett and Alan Redway.

February 16, 2016 - Black History Month celebrated in the main Legislative building at Queen's Park with Premier Kathleen Wynne and the Ontario Liberal Caucus. Representing the EYHS was President Pat Barnett.

February 16, 2016 - Agnes Macphail Public Speaking Contest for grades 6, 7 & 8 at East York Civic Centre. Attended by Pat Barnett and Margaret McRae.

February 20, 2016 - Thomas McClintock Lane unveiling. Attended by Pat Barnett and Alan Redway. This Lane runs between Ferrier and Logan Avenues.

March 6, 2016 - Myseum festival launch at 362 Richmond Street West. Attended by Pat Barnett. Celebration of Toronto's 182nd birthday. (Incorporated March 6, 1834.)

March 24, 2016 - Agnes Macphail Award: Attended by Pancheta Barnett nominator of 2016 Recipient Patrick Rocca; also Margaret McRae and Alan Redway in attendance.

April 6, 2016 - "Active Spaces-People Places" lead by Councillor Davis. Planning for the future of Toronto's parks and recreation facilities. Took place in the Stan Wadlow Park clubhouse. Pat Barnett attended.

April 9, 2016 - History That Actually Gets Read. "Biographies Beyond Academia" In Victoria College Chapel of University of Toronto. Pat Barnett attended.

April 20, 2016 - Chester School's 125th anniversary. Margaret McRae and Bill Lewis spoke to Grade 4 & 5 students on school and surrounding neighbourhood history.

April 21, 2016 - Toronto Historical Association Annual General Meeting at Montgomery Inn. Attended by Pat Barnett and Paula Davies.

May 7, 2016 - Jane Jacob's Walk of Dentonia Park and surrounding area. Attended by Pat Barnett, Ian Wheall, Dr. John Carter, Margaret McRae and Anita Millar. Pat and Ian participated in talking about the Dentonia Plaque. Dr. John Carter talked about the Massey Goulding Estate heritage home and farm.

May 28 & 29, 2016 - Doors Open Toronto Weekend at Todmorden Mills. Tending the EYHS table and exhibit were Margaret McRae, Christopher Salmond, Ron and Erica Chamberlain, Joanne Green and Pat Barnett.

June 4, 2016 - George Webster School "World Fun Fair". Christopher Salmond was at the EYHS table.

July 1, 2016 - Canada Day. We walked in the parade and had a table at Stan Wadlow Park. Attended by Pat Barnett, Alan Redway, Margaret McRae, Robert Brathwaite, Ron and Erica Chamberlain, Ron Brown and Kay Horiszny.

September 24, 2016 - St. Vincent de Paul Society building at 10 Gower Street. Christopher Salmond had a table display showing the history of the area, 'Woodbine Gardens' book Michael Burley and military items.

September 25, 2016 - Annual Harvest Festival at Todmorden Mills. At the EYHS table were Christopher Salmond, Ron Chamberlain, Margaret McRae and Pat Barnett.

Submitted by Pat Barnett, President and Val Dodge, Treasurer

## *Acknowledgement and Thanks...*

## *Thank You*

President and CEO Pancheta Barnett (EYHS Mission, Archives...), Vice President Hon. Alan Redway (afternoon Discussion Show and Tell Meeting)...; Director Kay Horiszny (Archives, Refreshments and Advisor); Director John Michailidis; Director Christopher Salmond; Director Ron Chamberlain; Treasurer Val Dodge; Secretary Justin Van Dette (Editor, Newsletter), Lorna Krawchuk (Financial Reviewer), 2 X Past President Margaret McRae (Webperson, Editor, Advertiser, Archives, Outreach), Kay Horiszny, Joyce Crook (Refreshments), Kay Horiszny, Val Dodge, John Michailidis (Assistant Secretary), Ron Chamberlain (Events, Outreach), Toronto Public Library (Co-Sponsor) ... S. Walter Stewart Library Head Paul Robinson... Janet Nanos & including the rest of the staff of the Toronto Public Library for (Hosting and Promoting our meetings), Rhonda Barnett (Events), Joanne Green (Events) and All Members of the East York Historical Society Donors and Visitors; All our Presenters and Speakers of 2015 and 2016 and also the East York Mirror, East York Observer, East York Chronicle and media.



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# 50 Fun, Weird And Interesting Facts About Toronto – continued from a recent newsletter

23. They boast many other professional sports teams – The Toronto Raptors (basketball), The Toronto BlueJays (baseball), The Toronto Argonauts (football), the Toronto FC team (soccer), Toronto Rock (National Lacrosse) and the Toronto Marlies (American Hockey League).
24. There are 52 outdoor skating rinks in Toronto – open from the beginning of December until the end of February.
25. Toronto is home to three universities, a degree granting college of art and design and four colleges of applied arts and technology.
26. The Toronto Islands, just a short ferry ride away from downtown Toronto, comprise the largest urban car-free community in North America. They are also a very popular recreational destination and home to the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport.
27. High Park is Toronto's largest public park. Walk along the Grenadier Pond and you won't feel like you're in a big city. It also boasts a zoo, playgrounds, a dog park, sports facilities and many hiking trails.
28. Toronto is considered to be one of the most multicultural cities in the world.
29. Nathan Phillips Square is named for the mayor of Toronto from 1955-1962. Toronto's City Hall is located at the square. The square is used for concerts, art displays, the winter festival of lights and even demonstrations.
30. Toronto's plant hardiness zone is 6 – and is considered to be on the eastern edge of the Carolinian Forest zone.
31. Toronto sits on the northwest shore of Lake Ontario.
32. Toronto is 76.5 meters above sea level. The highest point – 209 meters – is at the intersection of Steeles Avenue West and Keele Street.
33. Toronto's shoreline stretches 43 kilometers as the crow flies – or 138 kilometers if bays and islands are factored in.

## **SAVE THESE DATES: THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS PLANNING AHEAD REFRESHMENTS ARE ALWAYS SERVED**

### **Jan. 31-17 @ 7 PM**

Black History Month... Professional performers Rick Pearson on guitar and accompanied by Mervin Charles on Pan player for 10 minutes. Our main speaker will be Mr. William Humber, Director of the Office of ECO-Seneca Initiative, Seneca College Toronto – Topic: Celebrating 3 Great Canadians

### **February 22, 2017 @ 2:00 PM –**

Mini speaker Sandra Lewis "Just Where You Stand" and Main Presenter Colleen Peacock "The Story of the McKay Family in East York"

### **March 28/17 @ 7 pm**

Storm Chaser. East York resident and producer of the TV show "Angry Planet" Mr. George Kourounis. Topic will be on climate change, "Exploring Earth's Extreme".

### **May 30/17 @ 7 PM**

Her Worship Marilyn Churley. Topic: "Shameless", her new book.

### **Sept. 28/17 @ 7 PM**

Mr. Alexis Tourbetzkay, author. Topic: to be announced later.

### **Nov. 28/17 @ 7 PM**

Annual General Meeting.

# A Message from President Pat... continued

**Harriet Tubman Award** January 31, 2016 to East York Historical Society Members/Recipients: Barry Penhale and Jane Gibson ....Article on page 5.

**U.S.A. 2016 election** on November 8, elected New President Donald.J. Trump...page 9 Hilary D. R. Clinton's Concession Speech (Special Feature)..Page 9 & 10

**Please join us at our Annual General Meeting on the evening of Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Further details are noted on the front page. Please bring this newsletter with you to our AGM as it contains the Agenda and Reports that needs to be approved. All our members** are reminded to please wear their name tags so we can all get better acquainted with each other during the meeting. Thank you.

**35th Anniversary** of the East York Historical Society Dinner/Fundraiser will be held in the great room of the York Masonic Banquet Hall, 1100 Millwood Road (corners of Millwood and Overlea Blvd.) in East York on April 5, 2017 Tickets with details of this event will go on sale beginning January, 2017. Volunteers needed to help with this occasion. Please contact The Hon. Alan Redway at 416-421-5328. Thank you!

Free from the Toronto District Libraries "**MAP FAMILY PASSES**" with presentation of your Library cards

**The season is changing** with early & darker hours occurring in the day time so please take care of yourselves especially when walking/crossing the streets. I suggest wearing bright visible colours and look out for each other.

**I look forward** to see you all at our upcoming 36th Annual General Meeting on the evening of Tuesday, 29th November, 2016. **Our Speaker/Presenter** will be Barbara Dickson "BOMB GIRLS" Trading Aprons for Ammo...We will also Welcome...Leaside Lawn Bowling Club...East Yorker Diane Gore Presenter (10 mins. Q&A

**On behalf** of the East York Historical Society Executive Board of Directors we wish you A Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays & All the very best of good health to you and your loved ones throughout the year. Happy and Lucky New Year 2017!!!

Sincerely,

Pancheta (Pat) Barnett  
President, East York Historical Society  
E-mail:eyhs@eastyork.org



## WELCOME TO LEASIDE LAWN BOWLING CLUB:

Presentation by East Yorker Diane Gore

Topic: Leaside Lawn Bowling Club's Open House 2017...

Diane and her family moved to East York in 1955 where she attended Gledhill Public School.

In 1969 Diane bought her first house on Barker Avenue in East York. Since her retiring in 2011 she became a member of the Leaside Lawn Bowling Club and in 2015 joined the Board as Membership Secretary. She also volunteers with: The Community Share Food Bank in Don Mills, the Toronto Botanical Gardens & the Toronto Zoo...



EYHS President Pat Barnett cleans her four sets of Lawn Bowls at the LLBC



## Harriet Tubman Award recipients of January 31, 2016: Barry Penhale and Jane Gibson



Individually and together Barry Penhale (born Toronto, 1932), and his wife, Jane Gibson (born Paris, Ontario, 1938), have long been identified with racial equality and human rights causes. As a journalist, publisher, and former broadcaster, Barry Penhale's involvement in social justice issues led him to focus on both the struggles and achievements of people of colour. As a young broadcaster and sports personality in the early 1950s, he mentored aspiring black football players and was one of the first to welcome to Canada a young ex-marine who chose to stay here and become the famous wrestler, "Sweet Daddy" Siki. For a number of years he encouraged the

careers of numerous Canadian singers, dancers, and musicians who found many doors closed, due to their skin colour. At the invitation of Dr. Daniel Hill, Barry was privileged to participate in an official commission concerning hiring practices of the time that limited work opportunities on Canadian television for performers of colour. He still considers it an honour to have been included in the human rights activities of Daniel and Donna Hill and the McCurdy brothers (Dr. George and Alvin of Amherstburg). Following an extensive period of contract work with CBC (radio/TV) and TVO, Barry Penhale, in the 1980s, founded a trade book publishing house bearing the imprint of Natural Heritage Books, now part of Dundurn Press, Toronto.

Jane Gibson began teaching in Hamilton in 1958, and later in the Township of York. By the mid-1960s she was working in CIDA-sponsored teacher-education programs in Montserrat and later at Bethlehem Teacher's College in Jamaica, an experience that had a profound effect on her life. Upon her return to the Toronto area, she joined the East York Board of Education, and by 1975 became responsible for the History/Geography/Social Studies curricula. Later, when she became Community Services coordinator, Black Heritage programs brought her into joyful contact with Veronica Sullivan and a young Afua Cooper. An early member of the Urban Alliance on Race Relations, Jane was also involved with Ontario Multicultural Association/Association Multicultural d'Ontario (OMAMO), headed by Dr. Keith Lowe.

When Jane and Barry married, their common values and interests, and their concern regarding the lack of African-Canadian heritage resources for both schools and the trade book market, fuelled their determination to support African-Canadian works in print. Their first book in this genre, *A Stolen Life* (Peter and David Meyler), led to contact with Karolyn Smardz Frost, which in turn brought about a renewed link with the now Dr. Afua Cooper, an introduction to Adrienne Shadd, and ultimately the publication of *The Underground Railroad: Next Stop Toronto!* Over the years they have supported such African-Canadian writers as Afua Cooper, Bryan Prince, Natasha Henry, Adrienne Shadd, Catherine Slaney, and Sharon Robart-Johnson of Nova Scotia. Their editorial relationship with Dr. Karolyn Smartz Frost, Dr. Bryan Walls, Janie Cooper-Wilson, and others resulted in the publication of *Ontario's African Canadian Heritage*.

Barry and Jane take pride in the now sizeable booklist documenting and celebrating African-Canadian history. Other supportive involvement includes their association with the Black Heritage Event, initially held in Durham, Ontario, more recently at Grey Roots Museum and Archives in Owen Sound, and the renewal of the Old Durham Road Pioneer Cemetery of Priceville, Ontario. Now living in Grey County, Barry and Jane continue to actively support the Emancipation Day festivities held annually in Owen Sound, the Northern Terminus of the Underground Railroad.

**Sally White**

**Congratulations to EYHS Members Mr. Penhale and Ms. Gibson  
from all of us at the East York Historical Society.**

## **Laird in Focus Community Engagement Launch**

**Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2016**

**Time: 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. (open house) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 p.m.  
(presentation, repeated on the hour)**

**Location: Leaside United Church - 822 Millwood Road**

## PRESIDENT PAT'S SPECIAL FEATURE:

### BARBARA DICKSON, AUTHOR AND SPEAKER “Bomb Girls” Trading Aprons for Ammo

Author and speaker Barbara Dickson has lived in Scarborough, Ontario for over half a century. Imagine her surprise when she learned there were over four kilometres of abandoned tunnels under the city, less than a kilometre from where she lived. With a little digging, she discovered these tunnels once belonged to a top-secret WWII munitions factory comprising 172 buildings spread over 346 acres. Its dubious company name, the “General Engineering Company” or GECO (pronounced GEE-KO) for short, kept both the curious and the more unscrupulous in the dark.

At the time, Barb was about to start her next novel. Creepy long-forgotten WWII tunnels seemed the perfect setting. So began ten years of research which afforded Barbara the opportunity to become a local historian and GECO aficionado. While she completed the fiction novel she started out to write, she found a new passion in educating the public about the incredible work carried out by over 21,000 courageous Canadians at GECO. She also has become a champion in preserving its legacy. Her book, “Bomb Girls: Trading Aprons for Ammo,” was published in October, 2015, and offers a unique, intimate, and extraordinary glimpse into the lives and hearts of these dedicated Canadians.

Barbara is a professionally trained public speaker and author who has entertained, educated, and enlightened audiences for almost two decades. In addition to GECO, Barb speaks on a variety of other topics including overcoming adversity such as living with multiple sclerosis. Barbara was diagnosed with this often debilitating disease in 1992, and her first book, “Mountains for Maddi” is a story of hope about a young woman who lives with MS.

Barbara’s latest projects include writing a sequel to “Bomb Girls,” a book examining the legacy of the Irish people in Canada in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and a personal memoir about her youngest daughter Emily’s recent heart-transplant journey (hopefully co-authored by Emily).

She hopes you’ll enjoy learning more about Scarborough’s Bomb Girls — truly one of Canada’s best kept war secrets.



11485 T.T.C. Waiting Room, Danforth and Coxwell Avenues.  
(Bldgs.) Aug. 4, 1936.

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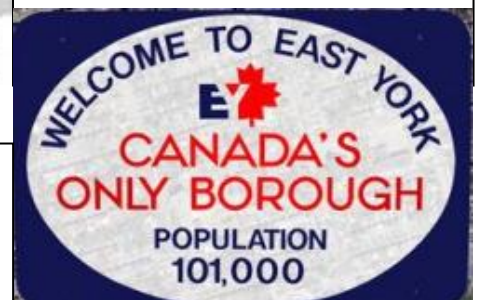
**Danforth & Coxwell, TTC  
waiting room 1936**

**Check out the facebook  
group:**

**I'm From East York**

**For more interesting  
photos and postings**

**19 years ago this month. November 10, 1997 –  
Elections were held for the new City of Toronto**



# President's Special Feature: Hilary Diane R. Clinton's Concession Speech on Wednesday, 9th November, 2016...Donald Trump elected 45th President of the United States of America on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

Pat --

Thank you.

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Last night, I congratulated Donald Trump and offered to work with him on behalf of our country. I hope that he will be a successful president for all Americans.

This is not the outcome we wanted or we worked so hard for, and I'm sorry we did not win this election for the values we share and the vision we hold for our country.

But I feel pride and gratitude for this wonderful campaign that we built together -- this vast, diverse, creative, unruly, energized campaign. You represent the best of America, and being your candidate has been one of the greatest honors of my life.



I know how disappointed you feel, because I feel it too. And so do tens of millions of Americans who invested their hopes and dreams in this effort. This is painful, and it will be for a long time. But I want you to remember this: Our campaign was never about one person or even one election. It was about the country we love -- and about building an America that's hopeful, inclusive, and big-hearted.

We have seen that our nation is more deeply divided than we thought. But I still believe in America -- and I always will. And if you do, too, then we must accept this result -- and then look to the future.

Donald Trump is going to be our president. We owe him an open mind and the chance to lead.

Our constitutional democracy enshrines the peaceful transfer of power, and we don't just respect that, we cherish it. It also enshrines other things -- the rule of law,

the principle that we're all equal in rights and dignity, and the freedom of worship and expression. We respect and cherish these things too -- and we must defend them.

And let me add: Our constitutional democracy demands our participation, not just every four years, but all the time. So let's do all we can to keep advancing the causes and values we all hold dear: making our economy work for everyone, not just those at the top; protecting our country and protecting our planet; and breaking down all the barriers that hold anyone back from achieving their dreams.

We've spent a year and a half bringing together millions of people from every corner of our country to say with one voice that we believe that the American Dream is big enough for everyone -- for people of all races and religions, for men and women, for immigrants, for LGBT people, and people with disabilities.

Our responsibility as citizens is to keep doing our part to build that better, stronger, fairer America we seek. And I know you will.

I am so grateful to stand with all of you.

I want to thank Tim Kaine and Anne Holton for being our partners on this journey. It gives me great hope and comfort to know that Tim will remain on the front-lines of our democracy, representing Virginia in the Senate.

To Barack and Michelle Obama: Our country owes you an enormous debt of gratitude for your graceful, determined leadership, and so do I.

To Bill, Chelsea, Marc, Charlotte, Aidan, our brothers, and our entire family, my love for you means more than I can ever express.

You crisscrossed this country on my behalf and lifted me up when I needed it most -- even four-month old Aidan traveling with his mom.



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I will always be grateful to the creative, talented, dedicated men and women at our headquarters in Brooklyn and across our country who poured their hearts into this campaign. For you veterans, this was a campaign after a campaign -- for some of you, this was your first campaign ever. I want each of you to know that you were the best campaign anyone has had.

To all the volunteers, community leaders, activists, and union organizers who knocked on doors, talked to neighbors, posted on Facebook - even in secret or in private: Thank you.

To everyone who sent in contributions as small as \$5 and kept us going, thank you.

And to all the young people in particular, I want you to hear this. I've spent my entire adult life fighting for what I believe in. I've had successes and I've had setbacks — sometimes really painful ones. Many of you are at the beginning of your careers. You will have successes and setbacks, too.

This loss hurts. But please, please never stop believing that fighting for what's right is worth it. It's always worth it. And we need you keep up these fights now and for the rest of your lives.

To all the women, and especially the young women, who

put their faith in this campaign and in me, I want you to know that nothing has made me prouder than to be your champion.

I know that we still have not shattered that highest glass ceiling. But some day someone will — hopefully sooner than we might think right now.

And to all the little girls watching right now, never doubt that you are valuable and powerful and deserving of every chance and opportunity in the world.

Finally, I am grateful to our country for all it has given me.

I count my blessings every day that I am an American. And I still believe, as deeply as I ever have, that if we stand together and work together, with respect for our differences, strength in our convictions, and love for this nation — our best days are still ahead of us.

You know I believe we are stronger together and will go forward together. And you should never be sorry that you fought for that.

Scripture tells us: "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season, we shall reap, if we do not lose heart."

My friends, let us have faith in each other. Let us not grow weary. Let us not lose heart. For there are more seasons to come and there is more work to do.

I am incredibly honored and grateful to have had this chance to represent all of you in this consequential election. May God bless you and god bless the United States of America.

-Hilary



**45<sup>th</sup> PEOTUS Donald J. Trump with 44<sup>th</sup> POTUS Barack H. Obama in the White House on November 10, 2016.**

**Trump victory speech can be read at:**

<http://www.businessinsider.com/donald-trump-victory-speech-and-full-transcript-2016-11>

# Trending Now



**Paul Bernardo** – 27-8-64  
25 years in prison. He is seeking day parole in March 2017.

Tammy Homolka,  
Kristen French  
Leslie Mahaffy.



**Leonard Cohen:**  
Canadian Music Icon. September 21, 1934 – November 10, 2016 at aged 82 in Los Angeles, California



**417 Donlands @ O'Connor Drive – Donlands Restaurant**

It closed on November 7<sup>th</sup> for a reno and re-opens on November 26<sup>th</sup>. This East York eatery has been in operation since the early 1960's.



**WE WILL MISS HONEST ED'S... Edwin "Ed" Mirvish - 24 July 1914 – 11 July 2007**

Honest Ed's opened in 1948 and it will close its doors on December 31, 2016. Mayor John Tory and TTC Chair Josh Colle recently unveiled a new decorated look of Bathurst Subway in Honest Ed's style with signs copying hand painted lettering that has appeared in the discount store for decades.



**Chicago Cubs – World Series Champions**

For the first time in 108 years, the Chicago Cubs became Major League Baseball's World Series Champions. The last time that they played in the World Series was in 1945. This past April at an event in support of Michael Garron Hospital, formerly known as Toronto East General Hospital, World Series Champion Devon White predicted a Chicago Cubs vs. Toronto Blue Jays World Series. It almost happened.

## 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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