



EAST YORK INKLINGS

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A MESSAGE FROM *President Pat...*

Season Greetings to our Friends and Supporters (Members & Visitors) of the East York Historical Society!

Please join me here in the reading of our **FIRST NATIONS LAND TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** text:

We acknowledge this sacred land on which the **East York Historical Society** meets. It has been a site of human activity for over 15,000 years. This land is the territory of Haudenshantee, the Huron-Wendat and Petun **First Nations**, the Seneca and most recently the Mississaugas of the New Credit. This territory was the subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Confederacy of the Ojibwa and allied Nations to peaceably share and care for the resources. Today the meeting place of Toronto is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in the community on this Territory.



ONE of MANY TYPES of WAMPUM BELTS

Thank you as we will begin our East York Historical Society meetings from now on by reading this text of our First Nations Land Treaty Acknowledgement... The East York Historical Society's President and its Executive Board of Directors is honoured and committed to continue to be of good service to you and the East York Community.

Thank you, *thank you* also for your continued support in renewing your memberships, attending regular meetings and events involving the **East York Historical Society**. We can only carry on with your continued support.

Please be reminded to renew your memberships with our EYHS Treasurer Mr. Val Dodge, at the meetings or by using the address at the back of this Newsletter. Please remember to wear your name tags during the meetings so that we can better acquaint ourselves with each other.

President's Member Spotlight for the month of November 2017: Joanne Green... article pg. 5.

REMEMBRANCE DAY:

On November 11th, on behalf of the East York Historical Society, I laid a wreath at the East York Civic Centre cenotaph. It was inspiring to see such a great turnout at this important ceremony.

Photo of Former Prime Minister Elliot Trudeau and the Queen signing the Charter of Rights and Freedom. 35 years ago, Canada patriated our constitution and adopted our Charter of Rights and Freedoms



JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING AND OUR AGM

Tuesday, November 28, 2017
Refreshments at 7:00pm ~ Meeting Starts at 7:30pm
John S. Ridout Auditorium at the S. Walter Stewart Library
170 Memorial Park Avenue

Our Meetings are Co-sponsored By



Special Guest Presenter: Mr. Rob Prince, Ph.D – Silent Film Historian
Topic: A Silent Film by Charlie Chaplin – British (April 16, 1889 – December 25, 1977)

Remembering some highlights of the East York Historical Society during Canada 150 Celebration:

"We now have a Charter which defies the kind of country in which we wish to live, and guarantees the basic rights and freedoms which each of us shall enjoy as a citizen of Canada. Let us celebrate the renewal and patriation of our Constitution; but let us put our faith, first and foremost, in the people of Canada who will breathe life into it."

-Pierre Elliott Trudeau on April 17, 1982

Thirty Five years later on April 5, 2017 the East York Historical Society celebrated its 35th Anniversary of serving East York and the surrounding communities with a memorable dinner event. Our five outstanding evening and three afternoon meetings were presented with some of the finest sought after speakers in the land and we promise to continue to bring you only the best in 2018.

At our East York Historical Society September

26 evening meeting we celebrated Canada 150 with First Nation (Inuit) Johnny Issaluk, actor... on Canada 150 and author Scott Kennedy on Don Mills.. **Link to EY Observer October 6, Page 3 -**

<https://torontoobserver.ca/2017/09/28/east-york-historical-society-celebrates-canada-150/>

The East York Historical Society Displayed and Exhibited

a two day Pop-Up Museum Archive at the Cosburn Art Centre, 1108 Greenwood Avenue, **EAST YORK-A LIVING HISTORY** as part of the City of Toronto's **Cultural HotSpot Arts** event in East York & East End 2017 Celebration.

Day 1...Cosburn Middle School (CMS) had 240 students take part in a special preview on October 13, 2017 from 9:30 am - 2:30pm. EYHS Volunteers Day 1: Pat Barnett, Ron Chamberlain, Joyce Crook, Kay Horiszny & Sandra McNamara

Day 2...General Public Viewing October 14, 2017 from 10 am-3 pm. Both days were successful, informative and rewarding for all, including EYHS Volunteers Day 2: Pat Barnett, Ron Brown, Ron Chamberlain & Jeff Brown.

40 CMS students filled out the EYHS Q&A forms about East York and were the recipients of 20 CULTURAL HOTSPOT T-SHIRTS, buttons and books. Thanks to all our EYHS volunteers for your service on the two days!

More EYHS outreach information as outlined for the year 2017 starts on page 5.

The East York Historical Society has had amazing & increased publicity and media exposure since I became its hard working President. This is excellent and good

news for the Society's Prosperity & Wellness and has been noted in some of the following ways in which you have all helped me to make this list happen. Thanks!!!

- ✓ increase in requests to outreach invites
- ✓ increase in e-mail inquiries for Historical Data pertaining to the region
- ✓ increase in memberships and net worth
- ✓ regular compliments from readers on the content of the East York Inklings Newsletter of the East York Historical Society.
- ✓ compliments on a successful programme of well sought after speakers and presenters
- ✓ More East Yorkers are hearing and learning about the EYHS
- ✓ Attendance at our meetings and events have increased over the years... and the list goes on

I am honoured that what we do for the EYHS is beneficial to the advancement of a noble cause and service to East York and its surrounding communities. As President, I serve only in the best interests of the Society and for no personal benefit of my own....Thank you!

Acknowledgement and Thanks to our East York Historical Society Executive Board of Directors...Page 3

Our 37th Annual General Meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2017 and we look forward to seeing you all. Please bring this Newsletter to the meeting with you as it contains the Agenda and Reports that need to be approved. All members are welcome and encouraged to bring a guest.

Our main evening presenter will feature a "Silent Film" by Charlie Chaplin with an informative Pre-Talk, which will inform the audience on Silent Film Star Mary Pickford & other Stars of the era by Local Film Historian Mr. Rob Prince Ph.D.

On behalf of the East York Historical Society Executive Board of Directors we wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and All the very best of good health to you and your loved ones throughout the year. Happy New Year 2018!!! Please keep safe & warm.

Sincerely,



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EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Notice of the 37 Annual General Meeting and
Election of Board of Directors

Agenda - Tuesday, November 28, 2017 @ 7:30 pm

1. Approval of minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting (published in the January 2017 Newsletter)
2. Acceptance of Annual Report (page 8) and Financial Report (page 10)
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	Ron Chamberlain
Director	Justin Van Dette
Director	Christopher Salmond

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

Secretary	
Treasurer	Val Dodge
Past President	Margaret McRae

6. Guest Presenter/Speaker Mr. Rob Prince Ph.D.
7. Adjourned

SAVE THESE DATES:

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

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 @ 7PM
Speaker: Stanley E. Grizzle son of the late Judge Stanley G. Grizzle (Nov 18, 1918 – Nov. 12, 2016)
Topic: The Grizzle Family of East York

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 @ 2 pm
Presenter: TBA
Topic: TBA

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 @ 7PM
Presenter: Richard Fiennes Clinton
Topic: TBA

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 @ 2 pm
Speaker: Ulana Baluk
Topic: The Renewed Todmorden

Tuesday, May 29, 2018 @ 7PM
Speaker: TBA
Topic: TBA

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 @ 7PM
Presenter: Paul Farrelly, Chair, Toronto-East York Community Preservation Panel
Topic: Frank O'Connor

Wednesday, October 24, 2018 @ 2PM
Presenter: TBA
Topic: TBA

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 - AGM
Speaker: Ron Brown
Topic: East York

Acknowledgement and Thanks...

President and CEO Pancheta (Pat) Barnett (East York Historical Society Mission, Archives, Program, Room Bookings, Canada Day, Remembrance Day, Promotions, Co Editor Newsletter, Outreach Events, EYHS Annual Report...); **Vice-President** Ron Brown (Afternoon Discussion Show & Tell Meeting, Outreach Events, Outreach For Special Events, Walks...); Ron & Wanda Chamberlain Facebook. **Director** Ron Chamberlain (Outreach Events, Hospitality...); **Director** Justin Van Dette (Editor, Newsletter) **Director** Christopher Salmond (Outreach Events...); **Past President** Margaret McRae (Web Person, Media, Outreach Events...); **Treasurer** Val Dodge (Treasurer, EYHS Canada Day organizer -Parking & Table...); Lorna Krawchuk (Financial Reviewer)... **Secretary** John Michailidis (Secretary, Outreach Events...); Toronto Public Library Co Sponsor of the East York Historical Society, Library Head Paul Robinson... Janet Nanos & including the rest of Staff of TPL for hosting and promoting the EYHS Meetings... **Volunteers:** Kay Horiszny (EYHS Archives, Outreach Events, Hospitality, Refreshments, Name Tags); Joyce Crook (Refreshments, Outreach Events, Display of Members Name Tags); Joanne Green (Events); Rhonda Barnett McKenzie (Events...) Jeff Brown (Outreach Events) Sandra McNamara (Outreach Events); And to All East York Historical Society Members Supporters, Donors and Visitors; Our Presenters & Speakers of 2016-2017; The East York Mirror; The East York Observer; East York Chronicle, Leaside Life and other outlets. All positions are on a voluntary basis in service to the East York Historical Society.

EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY - ANNUAL REPORT

Number of Members- 2017: 129
Number of Members- 2016: 152
Number of Members- 2015: 145

GENERAL MEETINGS:

#187 – November 29, 2016 (50 in attendance)
Annual General Meeting and Author/Speaker Barbara Dickson.
Topic: “Bomb Girls, Trading Aprons for Ammo”.
East Yorker Diane Gore gave a brief talk on the
Topic: Leaside Lawn Bowling Club.

#188 - January 31, 2017 (50 in attendance)
Presenter: Mr. William Hunter, Director of the Ofc. Of ECO-Seneca.
Topic: Three Great Canadians.
In celebration of Black History Month, Rick Pearson on guitar.

#189 – March 28, 2017 (57 in attendance)
Presenter: George Kourounis, Storm Chaser, East York resident and
Producer of the TV show “Angry Planet”.
Topic: “Exploring Earth’s Extreme”.
Manny Szeptycki, age 13, the 2017 Agnes Macphail Speaking Contest
winner, was introduced to the audience
Topic Food Waste.

#190 – May 30, 2017 (30 in attendance)
Presenter: Marilyn Churley, Author, former City Councillor, Former Ontario MPP, Currently Justice of the Peace.
Topic: “Shameless” The fight for adoption, disclosure and the search for her son.
Justice of the Peace Marilyn Churley was “piped in” to the meeting by Pipe Sarah Severn.

OUTREACH FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

October 17, 2016 - Heritage Toronto Awards Night at Victoria College, University of Toronto. Attended by Pat Barnett.

October 21, 2016 - Mad About Margaret (Fraser) 5th Annual Gala. Margaret’s Housing & Community Support Services Inc. Held at Daniel’s Spectrum, 585 Dundas Street E. Toronto. Attended by Pat Barnett.

October 29, 2016 - Councillor Mary Fragedakis Ribbon Cutting on the newly renovated East York Civic Centre grounds and the Cenotaph. Attended by Pat Barnett.

November 11, 2016 - Remembrance Day Ceremonies at East York Civic Centre.

Our Society was represented by Pat Barnett and Margaret McRae who laid a wreath on behalf of the East York Historical Society.

#191 – September 26, 2017. (35 in attendance)
Presenter: Scott Kennedy, Author of “Don Mills: from Forests and Farms to Forces of Change”.
Our opening speaker was First Nation (Inuit) Johnny Issaluk, Actor...
Topic: Brief presentation on Canada 150.

Total Attendance for 5 meetings:
2017: 222
2016: 249
2015: 169

AFTERNOON DISCUSSION GROUPS:

October 26, 2016 (33 in attendance)
Speaker and East York Historical Society member Ed Freeman.
Topic: Railways.

February 22, 2017 (29 in attendance)
Mini speaker Sandra Lewis, Author of “Just Where You Stand” &
Main Presenter Colleen Peacock.
Topic: “The Story of the McKay Family in East York”.

April 19, 2017 (22 in attendance)
Guest Speaker: Beth Johnson, Executive Director, Mission Integration and Chief Communication Officer.
Topic: Providence Healthcare – Celebrating their 160th Anniversary.

Total Attendance for 3 meetings: 84

Prior years: 2016 83 (3 meetings)
2015 96 (4 meetings)
2014 141 (5 meetings)

January 7, 2017 - New Year Levee - Hosted by M.P.P. Arthur Potts, M.P. Nathaniel Erskine-Smith at 676 Kingston Road, The Grover Pub & Grub. Attended by Pat Barnett.

January 8, 2017 - Welcome East York - Open House at the East York Civic Centre, hosted by Toronto Councillors Jon Burnside, Janet Davis and Mary Fragedakis. Attended by Pat Barnett, Margaret McRae, and Christopher Salmond.

January 14, 2017 - Province of Ontario New Year Levee hosted by M.P.P. Kathleen Wynn and M.P. Rob Oliphant at Toronto Botanical Gardens (Edwards Gardens). Attended by Pat Barnett.

February 8, 2017 - Helen Lucas Exhibits: "Roots to the Present" at the Paper mill Gallery at Todmorden Mills. Attended by Pat Barnett and Margaret McRae.

February 22, 2017 - Agnes McPhail Public Speaking Contest took place at the East York Civic Centre. Attended by Pat Barnett.

March 6, 2017 - The Town of York Historical Society's celebration of Toronto's 183rd birthday. Held at St. Lawrence Hall, King and Jarvis Streets. Attended by Pat Barnett Kay Horiszny and Joyce Crook.

March 24, 2017 - Agnes McPhail Award Ceremony at the East York Civic Centre in the True Davidson Council Chambers. Attended by Pat Barnett and Margaret McRae.

March 29, 2017 - Canada Day Meeting held by the Canada Day Committee at the East York Civic Centre. Pat Barnett attended.

April 5, 2017 perhaps the most significant event of the year was the EYHS Anniversary Dinner. Organized by Pat Barnett and other volunteer members of the Society. The dinner had a large turnout. Guest speaker was Michael Prue, East York's last Mayor who was introduced by the Hon Alan Redway, the EYHS past vice-president. Musical entertainment was presented by Ruth Ann Onley.

April 8, 2017 - Bomb Girls Tour lead by Barbara Dickson. A walking tour of the former World War II GECCO fuse making site. Located at the Eglinton and Warden Avenue area of Scarborough. Attended by Pat Barnett, Ron Brown a group of EYHS members.

April 9, 2017 - Vimy Centennial Celebration at the East York Civic Centre. Attended by Pat Barnett and Justin Van Dette

May 27 and 28, 2017 – Doors Open Toronto – Todmorden. Volunteers Pat Barnett, Joanne Green, Chris Salmand, Hon. Alan Redway, Ron Chamberlain and Margaret McRae.

May 29, 2017 – Grand Opening of the Donlands Diner (formerly known as Donlands Restaurant) at 417 Donlands Avenue. Co-Presenter Pat Barnett with owner Anna Tsirakidis. Speakers...Mayor John Tory, Hon. Alan Redway, Councillor Mary Fragedakis, Bill Lewis. Present: Justin Van Dette, Kay Horiszny, Joyce Crook, Joe Cooper.

June 2, 2017 Chris Salmond manned a small display of the area's history at Gower Park, and spoke to a number of

individuals about joining the society. He also presented EYHS material at a number of local events in the area.

June 17, 2017 Chester Elementary School Fun Fair Celebration 125 Years. East York Historical Society tables : Ron & Wanda Chamberlain, Jeff Brown & Pat Barnett

June 17, 2017 Pat Barnett attended the Opening Celebration of the East York/ East End Cultural HotSpot event at the East York Civic Centre..

July 1, 2017 The EYHS was pleased to again march (Pat Barnett, Joyce Crook, Erica & Ron Chamberlain, Christopher Salmond, Margaret McRae), in the East York Canada Day parade and participate at the Canada Day celebration in Stan Wadlow Park and offer attendees an opportunity to enjoy our Pop-Up Museum display: Ron Brown, Pat Barnett, Jeffrey Brown, Margaret McRae, Val Dodge, Ron Chamberlain attended the tables.

July 15, 2017 The EYHS attended the reopening of the historic houses at Todmorden as they represent our community's most significant visible heritage. Those present included Pat Barnett, Joyce Crook, Mary Fragedakis and Christopher Salmond

July 21, 2017 Heritage Toronto Ceremonial & Unveiling of plaque in memory of Toronto's First Black Postman Albert Jackson. Pat Barnett & Rhonda Barnett-McKenzie attended

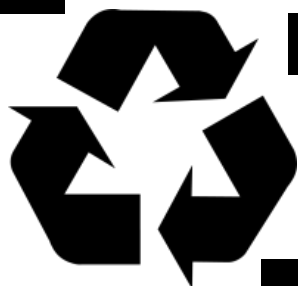
August 14, 2017 Churchill Plaque by Churchill Society-City Hall. Pat Barnett attended.

August 31, 2017 Heritage Toronto Unveiling Ceremony of Joseph Bloor plaque
Pat Barnett attended at 12 noon.

August 31, 2017 On behalf of the EYHS-Pat Barnett attended the documentary film "Citizen Jane: Battle for the City" Streetcar Crowsnest Theatre at 345 Carlaw... 6:30 pm

Sept. 24, 2017 Members including Jeffery Brown, Ron Chamberlain, Pat Barnett and Ron Brown also volunteered at the Annual Harvest Festival at Todmorden Mills.

September 24, 2017:
Submitted by Pat Barnett , President
and Val Dodge, Treasurer



WE RECYCLE>>>
The EYHS recycle all its EY Inklings
Newsletters of the EYHS by returning to the
meetings or passing on to neighbours and
friends

**EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2016-2017**

Income	2017	2016	Expenses	2017	2016
Donations					
Donations (Individuals)	\$1,717.20	\$175.00	Administration		
Organization Donations (Orgs)	\$-	\$-	Bank Fees	\$20.00	\$22.00
Donations (Refreshment fund)	\$129.60	\$110.05	Gifts	\$42.89	\$20.32
Total Donations	\$1,846.80	\$285.05	Office Misc.	\$13.00	\$10.49
			Total Administration	\$75.89	\$52.81
Grants					
Government Grants	\$385.00	\$385.00	Program Expenses		
Total Grants	\$385.00	\$385.00	Flags	\$1,178.03	\$608.28
			Membership Dues	\$55.00	\$-
Investments					
Bank Interest	\$1.40	\$1.15	Fundraising (Anniv. Dinner)	\$2,958.45	\$-
Investment Interest	\$5.00	\$8.00	Newsletter Printing & Expenses	\$1,108.35	\$1,124.97
Total Investments	\$6.40	\$9.15	Photo Material	\$1,600.00	\$-
			Outreach	\$23.80	\$19.30
Merchandise Sales					
Books	\$12.00	\$12.00	Refreshments	\$88.50	\$135.50
Posters/Pins	\$65.00	\$48.00	Speakers	\$445.00	\$360.00
Flags	\$160.00	\$700.00	Public Events	\$140.00	\$140.00
Other	\$20.00	\$18.00	Other Costs	\$-	
Total Merchandise Sales	\$257.00	\$778.00	Total Program Expenses	\$7,597.13	\$2,388.05
			Total Expense	\$7,673.02	\$2,440.86
Program Income					
Fundraising Dinner	\$4,691.40	\$-			
Historical Tours	\$80.00	\$-			
Membership Dues	\$1,472.00	\$1,587.00			
Total Program Income	\$6,243.40	\$1,587.00			
Total Income					
	\$8,738.60	\$3,044.20			
	2017	2016			
Net Income	\$1,065.58	\$603.34			
Net worth (end of previous Fiscal Year)	\$7,646.43	\$7,043.09			
Net change in finances	\$1,065.58	\$603.34			
Net worth (end of this FY)	\$8,712.01	\$7,646.43			

Highlighting our October 18th meeting.

"On the afternoon of October 18, EYHS member Ed Freeman led our discussion group of 28 members on a photo journey to reveal the old and the new of East York. His images compared various East York scenes from yesteryear ago to those with which we are familiar today. His images included aerial photos depicting earlier scenes such as the former Canadian Northern Railway yards which few knew existed down in the Don Valley itself and the new rail yards where Leaside Longo's stands today. Longo's in fact is in one of those railway buildings. Ed is also an experienced geologist with an intimate knowledge of Ontario's rocks and minerals and often leads walks to Toronto's lesser known sites."



Introducing our Guest Speaker for our November 28th meeting...

Silent Film Presenter on the Evening of Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Rob Prince has a PhD in History from the University of Toronto, and works as a writer and researcher. A member of the Arts & Letters Club of Toronto, he has for the past 5 years hosted a series of evenings devoted to the screening and discussion of the silent film comedies of Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton and Harold Lloyd.



On September 26th, the East York Historical Society welcomed our special guest speakers Johnny Issaluk on Canada 150 and Scott Kennedy on Don Mills and to our monthly meeting. Joining them are President Pat Barnett and Director Justin Van Dette. Janet Davis thanked the speakers at the end and read the first nations land treaty acknowledgement.



Let's Remember and Pay Tribute to Those Who Served... the East York Historical Society, President Pat Barnett and Joyce Crook, were pleased to lay a wreath at the annual East York Remembrance Day Service on November 11, 2017.

The hymn as printed in [Songs of Praise](#) (1925) consisted only of the two verses of the 1918 version, credited "Words: Cecil Spring-Rice, 1918; Music: Thaxted", as follows:^[9]

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

I heard my country calling, away across the sea,
Across the waste of waters, she calls and calls to me.
Her sword is girded at her side, her helmet on her head,
And around her feet are lying the dying and the dead;
I hear the noise of battle, the thunder of her guns;
I haste to thee. my mother. a son among thy sons.

President Pat's Spotlight: Joanne Green (East Yorker)

Joanne Green was born in the west end — Etobicoke just after Hurricane Hazel and has been a EYHS member since 2008 when she moved to East York. Here began her family history, remembering that her grandmother, Elsie Wild, had lived in Todmorden after immigrating from England, according to an old post card she possessed, but never knew exactly where that was, but a clue had always been on the old smokestack she saw going up the Don Valley.

After doing some research, she was trying to find the church where Elsie was married in 1915 and had a chat with EYHS member Joyce Crook who showed her the newspaper clipping of the “Church built in a Day” which was St. Andrew’s — where McDonald’s is now at Pape and Cosburn. There is a nice big plaque now on the outer wall with the details. Unfortunately, Joanne was not a regular of the double arches or she would have found it sooner, she said.

Joanne has volunteered for many years for the East York Historical Society at the information tents at Todmorden Mills for Doors Open and July 1 Canada Day at Stan Wadlow Park. She produced a new map of the houses of architectural interest of East York and printed out some of the old maps of the area to engage the public at the tables, letting them know that they are available on-line through the Metro Toronto Public Library and encouraging folks to check out the history of their area. Her research skills and knowledge picked up, thanks partly to Ancestry, and also by joining the Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society and taking courses and historical walks all over the city.

Now retired, Joanne plans to move from her Chisholm Avenue house up to Guelph to further her education in family and local history of both areas, tracking down the first Greens who immigrated to that area in 1830's and then slowly trickled down to the Toronto area too — again to east and west sides of the city. Joanne's other grandmother, Mary Hearn married a trickle-downer, Wesley Green in 1922. A bit of that early family history ties into our November meeting subject.

The Irish Hearn family had a row house on Centre Avenue (site of Hospital for Sick Children) and Mary Hearn, the first child born in Canada (4th of 8), lived in the area now referred to as “The Ward”. It is the area

Photo taken at Doors Open Toronto – Todmorden on May 27, 2017



including and north of City Hall that was the first stop for thousands of similar families to get their footing in the “New World”. What had started off as a “suburb” of early Toronto called

McCauley Town eventually had every square foot used as rental income for absentee landlords, and became a run-down, overcrowded slum which was removed to build New City Hall and the Hospital for Sick Children.

Mary Pickford (Gladys Louise Smith), the silent screen actress, was born in the Ward in 1892 of Irish stock too, in the Ward at University and Elm St. There is a plaque and a bust of “America’s Sweetheart” on the south side of the front entrance to the Hospital for Sick Children to mark her birthplace. When her own house was demolished, she had the bricks sent to her home in California. She used the proceeds of the sale to have a bungalow built in East York, at 90 Glenwood Cres. which was raffled off to benefit war charities in 1943 to the tune of \$250,000. It is on the significant list as the first house built in Woodbine Gardens.

Thanks Joanne for your many years of service to the EYHS and best of luck!!!

There is a book called *The Ward: The Life and Loss of Toronto's First Immigrant Neighbourhood* by John Lorinc et el, Coach House Press that has lots of interesting info.



Photo of Silent Screen Actress Mary Pickford Autographing her signature on the outer wall of her East York House (date unknown).



SHOW YOUR SUPPORT OF THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY BY PROUDLY WEARING ONE OF OUR PINS.

THEY ARE AVAILABLE ON SALE FOR \$5.00 EACH

**CONGRATULATIONS!!! Four Lucky Winners from the East York Historical Society 35th Anniversary. Celebration Dinner held on April 5, 2017
Drawn at The East York Historical Society evening meeting of Tuesday, 26th September, 2017**

Gloria Lippert (#209) : \$20 gift Certificate, Toronto's First Post Office
Paula Davies (#244) : \$30 gift Card, Metro
Elizabeth Shelton (#208) : \$49 gift Magic Bullet Blender/Juicer
Chris Greenland (#233) : \$250 gift Card, Sheridan Nurseries

The East York Flag

By former East York Mayor Hon. Alan Redway

Source: East York Historical Society Website

Shortly after I was elected as the Mayor of East York and therefore a Member of the Metropolitan Toronto Council and Executive Committee, I realized that every one of the six area municipalities which comprised Metropolitan Toronto with the exception of East York had a municipal flag.

So I applied for and received authorization from East York Council to hold a design contest for an East York flag. Now every contest needs a prize but I did not want to burden the taxpayers with the cost so I wrote to each of the industries and businesses in the Borough asking for a modest cash donation of \$200.00 each towards the prize. Peak Freans, Bate Chemical, Canada Wire and Cable, Coca Cola, Dominion Regalia and Seel Enterprises responded positively.

However one other company sent me a cheque but indicated they thought this was a foolish idea. I promptly sent back their cheque reminding them that this was a matter of civic pride for a very special municipality with an incredible community spirit. Design submissions came from a great many adults but especially from school children some whose teachers took it on as a class project. The winning design was submitted by a Scarborough resident Raymond Taylor who had learned about the contest

from East Yorker Blain Till when they ran together daily in Taylor Creek Park.

The prize was \$1000.00 for Mr. Taylor and \$100.00 for the winning student design. Thus our flag was a real bargain. On viewing the design a number of East Yorkers expressed the opinion that the "Y" on the flag also represented the two branches of the Don River.

Once the design was approved by Council, Diana (Didy) Erb the wife of the Rector of St. Luke's Anglican Church on Coxwell, the Rev. Canon John Erb made the very first East York flag. Ever after she was known as East York's Betsy Ross. From then on the flag appeared throughout the Borough including prominently on all of our road signs.

Unfortunately in its efforts to ensure we are all Torontonians first, the amalgamated city is replacing our East York street signs with large Toronto blue and white signs. One way we can help to keep the very special community spirit of our Borough alive is by flying the East York flag. The East York Historical Society is selling 4" x 6" East York Flags and will order larger ones if there is sufficient interest.



GET YOUR VERY OWN EAST YORK FLAG

The East York Historical Society has them for sale. Call Margaret McRae at 416-429-7821 if you're interested in purchasing one.



East York mayor True Davidson; along with her niece Mrs. David Cobden and grandnephew Richard; 4; were guests in this undated photo in 1970 of Star columnist Lotta Dempsey on a shopping safari at Kensington market.

The mayor; at right; sported one of her famous hats and enjoyed chatting with merchants; comparing prices and buying vegetables. Mrs. Cobden; centre; compared prices with those in South Africa where she came from. Miss Dempsey; left; points to colorful stall - Courtesy of Toronto Archives & the Toronto Star Archives – 1970

Source:
Facebook Group: East York then and now

GREAT NEWS!!!

East York flag to fly on street signs across former borough, October 5, 2017 – Source: South Bayview Bulldog – www.bayview-news.com

City Council has voted 26 to 11 to approve the use of the 1967 East York flag on street signs in the former borough. The East York Historical Society was pleased to be part of the discussions and encourage City Council to keep the East York logo on our street signs.



Celebrating the Donlands Diner

This past May, President Pat Barnett was co-presenter for the Grand Opening of the Donlands Diner, which is operated by our friend and member Anna Tsirakidis. Mayor John Tory and Councillor Mary Fragedakis were also in attendance to celebrate the special occasion.

Save the date: Donlands Diner will be hosting a community fundraiser from December 15th to December 17th with a portion of the proceeds during the weekend being directed to Alzheimer's Society of Canada. Drop by 417 Donlands Avenue



Trending Now: BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO JANE!!!

Jane Toller has been elected warden of the Pontiac MRC, the first warden in the Pontiac's history to be elected directly rather than selected from the MRC's council of 18 mayors. Jane sought election in the Province of Quebec where they had their municipal elections on November 5th. Jane is the Past President of the East York Historical Society and served as a Toronto Councillor, representing East York, from 1998 to 2006. Prior to her time as Councillor, Jane was a School Trustee with the East York Board of Education.



WHO SHOULD BE IN THE EAST YORK HALL OF FAME?

Toronto Sun, Joe Warmington, October 20, 2017

So who is going to be the first member of the East York Hall of Fame?

John Candy seems like a slam dunk?

Or do you think it should be a slate of big namers from the legendary one-time city that more than eight out of 10 residents didn't want to be amalgamated into Toronto.

"It truly had that small town in the big city feeling," said Justin "Shaker" Van Dette.

I have been to the last two Canada Day celebrations in East York and can say it still does. East York is special and good for Van Dette, Tory and councillors Mary Fragedakis and Jon Burnside, MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, MPP Arthur Potts, Premier Kathleen Wynne and Newstalk 1010's Barb DiGiulio for doing this.



"There are so many unsung heroes who have ties to this community and we should celebrate their achievements and the fact that they once called East York home," said Van Dette, who thinks the old East York Civic Centre is the best location.

There are so many great East Yorkers to consider: Dr. Ron Taylor, Rob and Rich Butler and Russell Martin of Blue Jays and baseball fame; Wrestling legend Billy Watson, actors Will Arnett, Shirley Douglas, Kiefer Sutherland and comedian Colin Mochrie. Businessmen

Steve Stavro and Saul Korman and Colin Mochrie. Maybe Canada's first female MP Agnes MacPhail should be amongst the first inducted?

So who would you put in there? Go to www.bestofeast york.com and submit your nomination.

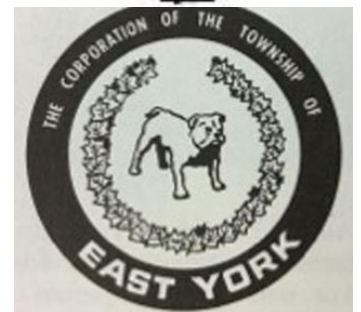
NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON DECEMBER 31, 2017. SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION ONLINE AT www.bestofeast york.com or pickup a nomination package at a local library or Community Centre

THE BULLDOG, A SYMBOL OF EAST YORK

By John Michailidis, Original published in June 2006

The bulldog emblematic of stability, tenacity and fortitude, has long been the symbol of East York. The first official record of the use of the bulldog is in 1962 when the old East York Township, recognising the value of corporate images, decided to use the bulldog on its trucks and letterhead. Also, the Township presented small silver-plated bulldog paperweights to honoured guests.

After amalgamation with the Town of Leaside in 1967, the new Borough held a public contest for the design of a new crest. In September 1967, the design by Harry Faulks of Leaside was selected as the Borough's new crest. The design features green maple leaves, a white rose, a brown beaver, a red shield and a bulldog. Before amalgamation Leaside's symbol was the beaver. Mayor True Davidson presented Mr. Faulks with a pair of cuff links as a prize for his winning design.



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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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 2018 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:
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