



EAST YORK INKLINGS

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PRESIDENT PAT'S SPECIAL FEATURE NURSE HELEN GILLESPIE (article summary from Presenter Teresa Hall on October 16, 2019 @ 2 pm for East York Historical Society Afternoon Discussion Show and Tell TOPIC: "A CALL TO DUTY"). edit P. Barnett

Nurse Helen Gillespie
1898-1980

My Great-Aunt Helen Gillespie was the youngest child born in 1898(-1980) into a household in Glasgow, Scotland comprising of two brothers and one sister. Her youngest brother James, decided to join the Black Watch in 1910 at 17 years old telling everyone that he was 18. He worked his way through the ranks, was part of the mounted horse regiment and the Royal Highlanders and eventually taught calisthenics to the men in France during WW1.

My great-aunt's sister Jesse, born in 1880, was an important role model in her life and as she was a nurse, Auntie Helen decided to follow in her footsteps. Many young middle class women wanted to join the war effort. She was accepted into the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Service known as Qaimns, in the Reserves, in 1914 when she was 16 years old after passing for older than she was. She served between 1914 and 1919, leaving in 1920.

Soon, she was transferred to Malta which was accepting a large amount of casualties from the Gallipoli Campaign and Salonica. Many of the men had dysentery, sepsis, malaria, TB, typhoid and syphilis, among other diseases. The nurses worked long and hard hours for low compensation, also assisting the men in recreational facilities which included reading rooms, theatrical groups and writing letters home. This of course, greatly helped with morale. On the dark side of war, some of the nurses contracted diseases and died in Malta.

My great-aunt was decorated by King George V with the Royal Red Cross and bar for services given above and beyond the call of duty.

She married an engineer who was sent to start the first oil refinery on the island of Aruba. He drove around in an old rundown Model T Ford until it fell apart and he and some of the men lived in what had been former sheep sheds near the docks. When established, he sent for my great-aunt and they raised their only child on the island and became global travelers.

Years later when asked if she was proud of her service during WW1, my great-aunt replied that she was *satisfied* with her work in Malta. She and my father had long conversations about their wartime service as he was in the RAF in the Battle of Britain during WW2.

She was my mother's favourite aunt and was always very kind and loving to myself and my brother. She sent us National Geographic magazines and this partially started me on my path towards love of the planet as a whole and the environment. My brother also became a world traveler. She was a very special role model and has had a long and lasting influence on both of us and the world of women and families who SERVED. We will Remember them all with great honour and gratitude.



JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING...

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

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

John S. Ridout Auditorium at the S. Walter Stewart Library

170 Memorial Park Avenue

Opening Presenter: Mr. Peter McClusky, Founder/Director Garlick Festival

Guest Speaker: Mr. Rob Levery Executive Director Ontario Historical Society

Topic: Coming Full Circle: Lessons learned from the history of the grassroots heritage preservation



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A Message from President Pat...

SPECIAL and Delightful Greetings to all members and other supporters of East York Historical Society.

I sincerely trust this message of mine will find you in great spirits and in good health. Belated Happy Thanksgiving (day of Oct.14, 2019) and Halloween (nights of Oct.31-Nov.1, 2019) wishes to you.

The year already is winding down pretty fast as East York Historical Society approaches its 39th Annual General Meeting scheduled on the evening of Tuesday, 26th November, 2019; the weather degrees has simmered down as well...today November 5, 2019 is 8 Celsius degree Fahrenheit and Christmas Holidays is also fast approaching.

As your President East York Historical Society I am honoured and thankful to say that EYHS has once more enjoyed a prosperous and successful year-members and visitors support in attendance for both the Afternoon and Evening meetings were greatly attended. Your continued support is vital to this Society's future.

I have continued to voluntarily carry out my responsibilities (duties) in a delightful and steadfast manner with commitment in excellent service to the Society. I am please at the many things we the Executive Board of Directors have accomplished..see pages 7, 8, 9 & 10. East York Inklings Newsletter of East York Historical Society helps to record some/most of these outstanding activities.

EYHS Selection of Presenters/Speakers have been some of the finest in the land. We have been most fortunate to have them present at our prestigious Society. Many thanks.

I am looking forward to the evening of November 26, 2019 our 39th AGM: **Opening Presenter:** Mr. Peter McClusky, Founder/Director Garlick Festival. & **Main Presenter:** Mr. Rob Leverty Executive Director Ontario Historical Society and best of all to see our EYHS members and other supporters in attendance. What an evening to enjoy!!!

Warm Welcome to East York Historical Society new members. EYHS Members are encouraged to please wear your name cards so we can better acquaint ourselves with each other during the meetings. Thank you.

On behalf of the EYHS Executive Board of Directors we proudly announced that the Society new Website eastyorkhistory.ca is up and running. There are still a few things needed to be done to bring it up to par which is being done by our own web engineer EYHS Director Mr. Chris Theo...Please note our former

website <http://www.eastyork.org/eyhs.html> will still be in service for a little while.

Writers for this East York Inklings Newsletter of East York Historical Society are: Hon Alan Redway; Councillor Jaye Robinson; Ms. Teresa Hall; President P. Barnett; Messrs: Trevor Parkins- Sciberras & Dave Reigate. Please keep the following East York Historical Society members in your thoughts and prayers: Councillor Jaye Robinson; Mr. John Laraway and Mr. Bill Lewis. Please let us know of any members of Society who are unwell if its ok with them to do so. ...And stay tuned for the 2020 third annual Certificate of Appreciation Award.

REMEMBRANCE DAY: East York Historical Society's Wreath will be laid at the East York Civic Centre Cenotaph on the morning of November 11, 2019 @ 11:00 Hrs. by President Pancheta (Pat) Barnett and Vice President Ron F. Brown everyone is encouraged to attend.Refreshment will follow after the ceremony. Update on Mrs. Jessie **EDNA BEANGE** honourific Lane-naming ceremony June 25, 2019...page 5 & 6.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT and THANKS...page 7

By-Laws and Constitution for East York Historical Society will be brought forward in its revision for our members input at our March 31, 2020 evening general meeting. President Pancheta (Pat) Barnett Special Feature for November 2019 is: **NURSE HELEN GILLESPIE Served in the Great War)** great aunt of our East York Historical Society Afternoon Show and Tell Discussion Presenter **TERESA HALL** on October 16, 2019 @ 2 pm. Here is Teresa's presentation summary about her great aunt Helen...page 1 with photo.

East York Historical Society Treasurer Val Dodge is accepting renewed and new membership payments at our upcoming AGM. Thank you. Donations in any amount is welcomed.

About two months ago while turning left from Eglinton East onto Leslie I drove over the newly laid LRT tracks in place. Maybe things are moving faster than we think for the new LRT Crosstown beauty to be up and running on schedule.

TRENDING NOW...Jaye Robinson; 2019 Federal Election Results; Tyler Perry...links attached on pg.11 Please take care when walking on side walks> be on the look out for cyclists, strollers, sandwich boards and parked vehicles...Watch out for our children and mature adults safety along the way .

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Refreshments of assorted savouries and sweets will be donated by members of East York Historical Society. Names of donors will be announced in our January 2020 East York Inklings Newsletter East York Historical Society. Thanks to everyone in advance for their donations. EYHS is looking forward to a great year in 2020... Stay Tuned

Thanks to everyone for listening. On behalf of East York Historical Society Executive Board Directors we wish you and yours a prosperous, healthy and enjoyable Merry

Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy and best 2020 New Year all around. See you and all your invites to our AGM on the evening of Tuesday, 26th November, 2019.

Sincerely & in Honourable Service

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NEW Website: www.eastyorkhistory.ca (new)



The Cenotaph (*Cenotaph first published in EY Inklings newsletter of EYHS*)

*As we gather at the Cenotaph,
petty differences fade away,
but not memories of the fallen,
lost on those fateful days.
The strength of our Nation's
Heroes, is felt deeply in our souls.
We stand together in gratitude
for their sacrifice and toils.
Young voices ring out so innocently,
uplifting beauty there.
This is the reason war is fought
to protect our future cares.
In the moment of silence what
do we think of? There's emotion that's
pure and true. I think of you Dad, with a
crew of seven, when duty called to you*



Teresa Hall

Cecilia Butler 1943 WWII

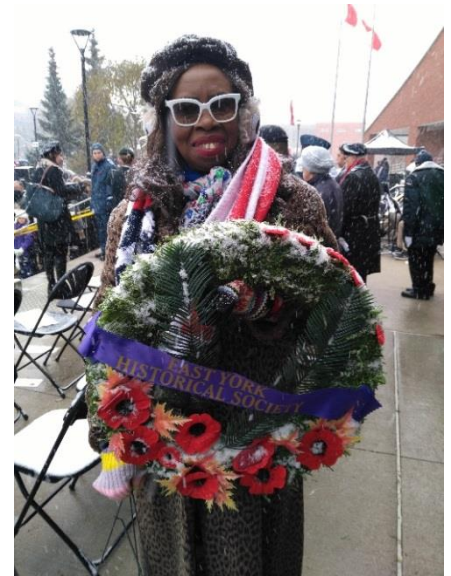
LEARN MORE AT:

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/those-who-served/black-canadians-in-uniform/history>

Photo and link submitted by R. McKenzie

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ELECTION WINNERS...

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Rob Oliphant, MP for Don Valley West
Julie Dabrusin, MP for Toronto-Danforth
Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, MP for Beaches-East York



President Pat Barnett and VP Ron Brown laid the EYHS Wreath on Nov 11, 2019 at East York Remembrance Day
Photo Credit: Ron Brown



50 RESEARCH ROAD, EAST YORK

By: Honourable Alan Redway

Photo of Alan in the House of Commons



The 8th self-storage building is about to open in the former Leaside industrial area at 50 Research Road and that 8 doesn't count those in the O'Connor industrial area such as the former Margaret's Donuts plant on Bermondsey. Why so many, do East Yorkers have so much valuable junk to keep, store and forget about, that we have no more room for it in our basements, garages or apartment storage-lockers?

50 Research Road is an as yet undesignated heritage building, constructed on the site of the former Leaside Aerodrome where Canada's first air mail flight landed in 1918. It is the last building still standing which was a part of the Research Enterprises Limited (REL) complex of buildings that extended for some 55 acres from Eglinton on the north to Laird on the west to Wicksteed on the south, directly across the street from Canada Wire and Cable. REL was one of the C.D. Howe Crown Corporations established at the beginning of WW II. This one was created to manufacture radar systems and optical equipment such as telescopes, binoculars and gun sights as part of Canada's contribution to the war effort. From 1941 to 1946 REL employed 7500 men and women in approximately equal numbers. It was Leaside's largest employer.

When WW II ended REL closed, laid off its employees and sold its complex of buildings to Corning Glass, Honeywell Controls, Rogers Majestic (successor to the present Rogers Communications), Philips Electronics, Lincoln Electric and Dorothea Knitting Mills (known to most of us as Parkhurst Knitwear). With the exception of Parkhurst Knitwear at 50 Research Road, all those other buildings have been demolished or greatly modified.

Parkhurst Knitwear is one of Canada's last garment manufacturers. It cuts, links and dyes sweaters, (I have two myself), hats and scarfs, (our President Pancheta Barnett has some of these). During my time as Mayor of East York the founder of the company Louis Borsook (Dorothea Knitting is named after Louis' wife Dorothy) and later their son Beryl Borsook were cornerstones of the Leaside industrial area, allies in my battle to save it as an industrial employment area to the exclusion of the residential and commercial developments which have now taken place. At that time the company supplied the United States Army with all its berets and gloves.

Beryl's son Steven who now heads the company has sold 50 Research Road but the company with about 300 employees still has two locations in the former Borough of East York; one on Beth Nealson Drive (named for Leaside's last Mayor) and the other a warehouse and shipping centre on Northline Road in the O'Connor industrial. Let's hope they aren't destined to become self-storage buildings as well.

We can only hope that the new owner of 50 Research Road will respect the building's historic past. But with our demand for more self-storage locations we are our own worst enemies.

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
Tuesday, January 28, 2020	7:00 PM	Celebrating Black History in Canada – Her Father, The late Icon Herbert Carnegie, and their legacy with small Carnegie Display Opener: 2 Poems Written by Poet Laureate George Elliott Clarke	Ms. Bernice Carnegie Reader: Pat Barnett
Tuesday, March 31, 2020	7:00 PM	Life and Times of John Candy	To Be Announced
Tuesday, May 31, 2020	7:00 PM	The DelZotto Family and the History of Tridel	The DelZotto Family
Tuesday, September 29, 2020	7:00 PM	Lost Golf Courses	Joanne Doucette
Tuesday, November 23, 2020 40 th Annual General Meeting	7:00 PM	Living Up To The Legend	Diana Bishop

Transit Tales Summary - East York Historical Society General Meeting on Sept. 24, 2019 by Presenters: MESSRS: Trevor Parkins-Sciberras & Dave Reigate

On Tuesday September 24th Transit Historians Trevor and Dave presented "Transit Tales," a history lesson on the TTC. The 1 hour presentation included colorful photos, vintage film footage, and Lego replicas of streetcars and buses. Transit Tales began with a fun music video show the evolution of Toronto's transit vehicles. Old streetcars operating at the Halton County Radial Railway were featured in the video as well. Trevor and Dave went on to explain the dawn of transit in Toronto: omnibuses and horsecars! Thornton Blackburn, the founder of Toronto's 1st taxi cab business was given an honorable mention as well.

Blackburn's horse-drawn taxi, known as "The City" was painted in maroon and yellow. The TTC would later use that paint scheme for their original fleet. Trevor first took interest in Toronto's transit history when he learned about the horse-drawn streetcars of the Victorian Era. The presentation then moved to the early electric railway era. The Toronto Railway Company was formed in 1891 and phased out the old horsecars with electric streetcars. Other companies such as the Toronto Suburban Railway and the Toronto Civic Railway formed during this pre-TTC era. After covering the dawn of Toronto's transit in detail, the historians finally reached the creation of the TTC in 1921. The TTC retained some of their heritage vehicles, including a horsecar, 3 omnibuses, and early electric streetcar #306.

These heritage vehicles were eventually donated to the Canada Science and Technology Museum in 1968. Trevor and Dave also showed pictures of TTC trolley coaches, streamliner "Rec Rockets," the 1st red subways, and our city's modern transit vehicles. Videos showing "Peter Witt" trailer trains on Yonge, the final days of the Bloor-Danforth streetcar, and GM Fishbowl buses were played as well. Trevor and Dave hope that the TTC will bring some of its old streetcars and buses back to Toronto for their centennial in 2021. Thankfully the TTC's current Chair Jaye Robinson attended the presentation. You can check out Trevor's various pages on Facebook for more photos, including Transit Bricks, Ontario Past and Present, Toronto Transit Museum, and the Halton County Radial Railway.



The Past, Present, and Future of Toronto's Transit

By: Councillor Jaye Robinson, Chair of the TTC - Summary – September 24, 2019 – EYHS Opener

Last month, I spoke to the East York Historical Society in advance of the Transit Tales presentation by Trevor Parkins-Sciberras and Dave Reigate. As Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission, my speech focused on the future of public transit in the City and my work as Chair.

Since being appointed as Chair almost one year ago, I have worked closely with the TTC Board to oversee matters of policy, plan TTC services, expand services and facilities, and establish a vision for transit in Toronto that serves riders across the City. I've also overseen some very important transit developments for our City, including launching our first electric bus and building the Bloor-Yonge capacity improvement project which is the first step in the TTC's \$9 billion-dollar plan to improve capacity on Line 1.

Prior to my tenure as TTC Chair, I've long been an advocate for a much-needed relief line. I've moved countless motions to speed up the delivery of a relief line and have stated on numerous occasions that relieving the capacity of Line 1 should be our City's top transit priority. Over the last several years the TTC has achieved a great deal, including procuring historic levels of funding, implementing significant service improvements, and making major strides in system accessibility. As Chair, it is my goal to ensure that our transit system is safe, reliable, and prepared for the future – I can't wait to see where the future leads.

ANOTHER EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBER: ALBERT WIGGAN
Laneway Naming Ceremony 2 pm October, 2019..Vaughan, Bathurst & St. Clair W.

Earlier this month, I was honoured to celebrate the naming of Albert Wiggan Lane. Albert has had a positive influence as a role model and pillar of our community for over 30 years. From his well-loved restaurant- Albert's Real Jamaican Foods, to his important community work and service on the Ontario Human Rights Commission, Albert has been an integral part of the neighbourhood for decades". **Councillor Josh Matlow Ward 12**



"Mr. Albert Wiggan, Councillor Josh Matlow (laughing), TEYCPP Chair of Honourific Ceremonial Lane & Street -Naming... Pancheta (Pat) Barnett in cowgirl hat & other well wishers. Hundreds attended the celebration/Reception."

President Pat Barnett, East York Historical Society

**EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAIN PRESENTER NOV. 26, 2019:
Mr. Rob Leverty Executive Director of The Ontario Historical Society**

Rob Leverty is the Executive Director of The Ontario Historical Society.

Rob grew up on a sheep farm in the former Township of North York. Since 1973, Rob and his partner Annie have had an organic working farm in the Beaver Valley, Grey County which is designated natural and protection in the Niagara Escarpment Plan. Their farm has a heritage conservation easement securing a wildlife corridor and protecting environmentally significant groundwater and surface water resources. The Bruce Trail Conservancy has a permanent hiking route through their farm.

Rob has also worked on environmental and rural development projects across Canada and overseas, including France, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, in South America and at the United Nations in New York.

Since 2015, Rob has been the President of The Niagara Escarpment Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation and registered charity, with a mandate to conduct research and educate the public on the natural environment and cultural history of Ontario's Niagara Escarpment, a World Biosphere Reserve.

PRESENTING OUR OPENER:

November 26, 2019

Speaker: Mr. Peter McClusky
Director and Founder of The Garlic Festival
Topic: "The History of Garlic"

Photo: September 20, 2019 – submitted by P. McClusky



TRENDING NOW:

2011 Renamed Danforth Music Hall turned 100 this year: 147 Danforth Avenue. The **name** of Allen's **Danforth** Theatre (1919) was changed to the Century Theatre, and it was managed by a Famous Players subsidiary, the B&F chain. The theatre remained a first-run movie house until the late 1960s, and it subsequently served as a Greek language cinema known as the Titania Theatre from 1970 to 1978.



GERMANY East & West; 30 years since the Fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989-2019. Ceremony November 9, 2019

Tyler Parry → https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tyler_Perry



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Statement from Councillor Jaye Robinson, Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission

29 October, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

I have recently been diagnosed with breast cancer and I am currently undergoing an extensive treatment plan.

Over the coming months, I will need to take time away from City Hall to focus on my health.

I have an exceptional and experienced team and together we will continue to serve the residents of Ward 15 and Toronto.

As Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), I will continue to work on behalf of the TTC and Toronto transit riders with support from the Vice Chair and the strong team we have in place.

My family and I thank you for your support and understanding during this difficult time.

October 29, 2019

**EYHS 35th
Anniversary
Pins \$5.00 each**

**East York Historical Society
President has been in touch with
Councillor Robinson
"We the Society will keep her in
our thoughts and prayers during
this time of great
concern".**

**The East York
Historical
Society is
proud to
recycle our
extra issues of
The Inklings to
the community.**



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AGENDA

EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NOTICE OF THE 39th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING &
ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY EVENING, OF 26TH NOVEMBER, 2019 @ 7:30 pm
S. WALTER STEWART LIBRARY IN JOHN S. RIDOUT AUDITORIUM

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order
2. Approval of minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting - (see page 8)
3. Acceptance of Annual Report (page 8 & 9) and Financial Report (page 10)
4. Appointment of Financial Reviewer - Mrs. Lorna Krawchuk
5. Elections of Executive Board of Directors
6. The following Slate is recommended by the Board of Directors:

President:	Pancheta (Pat) Barnett
Vice-President:	Ron F. Brown

Four Directors at Large:	Ron Chamberlain	Chris Theofilogiannakos
	Justin Van Dette	Christopher Salmond

7. The following individuals are to be appointed by the EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY Board of Directors:

Secretary:	
Treasurer:	Val Dodge
Past President:	Margaret McRae (EYHS has no immediate Past President since 2014)

8. Annual General Meeting Adjourned
9. Return to Regular evening General Meeting: Award Certificate Presentation
OPENER: Mr. Peter McClusky Founder/Director Toronto Garlic Festival
MAIN PRESENTER: Mr. Rob Leverty Executive Director of the Ontario Historical Society

***EYHS Member Mr. Ian Wheal
"What happened 100 years ago
after the Great War ended 1919-2019" ...
here is a quote from the internet...***

1919 War

Featured snippet from the web

World **War I** (1914-1918) was finally over. ... On June 28, **1919**, Germany and the Allied Nations (including Britain, France, Italy and Russia) signed the Treaty of Versailles, formally ending the **war**. (Versailles is a city in France, 10 miles outside of Paris.)

[World War I Ended With the Treaty of Versailles](#)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FINANCIALS

East York Historical Society
Financial Statement
 2015-10-01 through 2016-09-30

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Income		
Donations		
Donations (Individuals)	\$ 145.00	\$ 191.00
Organization Donations (Orgs)	\$ -	\$ 75.00
Donations (Refreshment fund)	\$ 111.35	\$ 122.50
Total Donations	<u>\$ 256.35</u>	<u>\$ 388.50</u>
Grants		
Government Grants	\$ 385.00	\$ 385.00
Total Grants	<u>\$ 385.00</u>	<u>\$ 385.00</u>
Investments		
Bank Interest	\$ 1.90	\$ 2.00
Investment Interest	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Total Investments	<u>\$ 6.90</u>	<u>\$ 7.00</u>
Merchandise Sales		
Books	\$ -	\$ 32.00
Posters/Pins	\$ -	\$ 25.00
Flags	\$ 345.00	\$ 256.00
Other	\$ -	\$ 16.00
Total Merchandise Sales	<u>\$ 345.00</u>	<u>\$ 329.00</u>
Program Income		
Fundraising Dinner	\$ -	\$ -
Historical Tours	\$ -	\$ -
Membership Dues	\$ 1,610.00	\$ 1,605.00
Total Program Income	<u>\$ 1,610.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,605.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 2,603.25</u>	<u>\$ 2,714.50</u>
Expenses		
Administration		
Bank Fees	\$ 166.66	\$ 22.00
Gifts	\$ -	\$ 44.04
Other admin	\$ 98.02	\$ 51.40
Total Administration	<u>\$ 264.68</u>	<u>\$ 117.44</u>
Program Expenses		
Flags	\$ 5.00	\$ -
Membership Dues	\$ 60.00	\$ 40.00
Fundraising (Anniv. Dinner)	\$ -	\$ -
Newsletter Printing & Expenses	\$ 523.74	\$ 1,195.88
Photo Material	\$ -	\$ -
Outreach	\$ -	\$ -
Refreshments	\$ 31.80	\$ 76.11
Speakers	\$ 300.00	\$ 540.00
Public Events	\$ 86.75	\$ 30.00
Other Costs	\$ 20.00	\$ 72.32
Total Program Expenses	<u>\$ 1,027.29</u>	<u>\$ 1,954.31</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$ 1,291.97</u>	<u>\$ 2,071.75</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 1,311.28</u>	<u>\$ 642.75</u>
Net worth (end of previous Fiscal Year)	<u>\$ 9,354.76</u>	<u>\$ 8,712.01</u>
Net change in finances	<u>\$ 1,311.28</u>	<u>\$ 642.75</u>
Net worth (end of this FY)	<u>\$ 10,666.04</u>	<u>\$ 9,354.76</u>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES (2018)

Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting of the East York Historical Society held on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018 at the S. Walter Stewart Library.

Number in attendance 102

Chris Salmond moved and Alan Redway seconded that the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting as published in the Jan. 2018 East York Inklings be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Alan Redway seconded by Mike Dolby that the annual report distributed in the November 2018 newsletter be accepted. Vote carried.

Moved by Ron Chamberlain seconded by Paula Davies that the Treasurer's Annual Report as published in the November newsletter be accepted. Vote carried.

Moved by Lorna Krawchuk, seconded by Alan Redway that the Financial Reviewer's report be accepted. Vote carried.

Lorna Krawchuk has agreed to be our financial reviewer for the fiscal year 2018 – 2019. Moved by Chris Salmond seconded by Paul Robert that Lorna Krawchuk be appointed as Financial Reviewer for the fiscal year 2018 to 2019. Vote carried.

Diane Dyson took the chair to conduct the election of the board of directors.

She announced that the positions of Treasurer and Secretary are appointed by the Board. Val Dodge will continue as Treasurer and we plan to appoint a secretary. Margaret McRae will continue as Past President. She announced that the following slate is recommended by the Board of Directors.

President – Pat Barnett
Vice President – Ron Brown
Directors at Large
Ron Chamberlain
Christopher Salmond
Justin Van Dette
Chris Theofilogiannakos

She asked if there were any other nominations.

Alan Redway moved and Mike Dolby seconded that nominations be closed and the proposed executive be elected. Vote carried.

Pat announced that Shannon Timms-Ugochukwu will be appointed as secretary.

The AGM was adjourned and we returned to the regular meeting.

Minutes taken by Margaret McRae



East York Civic Centre, November 11, 2019 – Remembrance Day Ceremony – a packed service to pay tribute to our fallen heroes. Photo Credit: Tim McDonald, Member EYHS

EDNA BEANGE LANEWAY UPDATE

UPDATE on the late Mrs. J. Edna Beange former member of East York Historical Society Honourific Ceremonial Lane-Naming and Reception held June 25, 2019 at 4 pm. Reception in Mrs. Beange's honour well attended was held at 1377 Bayview Avenue(SAHIL) Credit to all volunteers for their support, team work, donation and time along side me to help make the day an incredible success. Great weather too!!! P. Barnett



Photographer for J. Robinson June 25, 2019 some attendees



Edna Beange overlooking Laneway.
Credit Gettyimages

Edna Beange Lane on sign post credit Jim Rosenthal.



Photographer for J. Robinson June 25, 2019 some attendees
L to R...A.Redway; R.Oliphant; L.Krawchuk; C.Beange;J.Beange;
D. Beange; J. Robinson & P. Barnett

J. Edna Beange – Community Service Activist and Woman of Distinction

Born in Saskatoon in 1920, Jessie Edna Beange, commonly known as Edna, moved to Vancouver at the age of six with her father, shortly after her mother died of cancer. She moved to Leaside, in the former East York, with her husband, George in 1948. They raised two children, Donald Beange and Jean Paradis. As well as being a homemaker, she assisted with the cartage business in 1973, when her husband died of a brain tumour. In 1969 she co-founded the East York Meals on Wheels Program through the Leaside United Church, which she attends. Sunnybrook Hospital provided food in bulk which was then packaged and delivered by volunteers. The program expanded to other local churches and a second Meals on Wheels program in East York. Two years after George passed, she entered local politics. Edna was the second woman to serve as alderman in East York (1975-88), following in the tradition of True Davidson. As an early role model for women in municipal politics, she demonstrated that women with broad community roots and extensive volunteer experience could influence the political agenda. Her work with the Childrens Aid Society, The Canadian Mental Health Association, East Metro Youth Services and the Day Nursery Review Board between 1975-1985 demonstrates her concern for providing services for children and youth.

For over 50 years Edna was a seniors activist serving on committees and boards of over 20 agencies. Many of these in East York, which has the second highest proportion of seniors to the general population in Canada. She made a difference on the East York Board of Health and the Metro Toronto District Health Council by examining the health care needs of aging seniors and establishing services to meet their needs. She worked tirelessly so that seniors, who were mainly women, could remain independent in their own or shared homes with first-rate community health care. Meals on Wheels, Sharing, East York Community Care, Call-A-Service, and Hospital Special Needs are all organizations that Edna founded, chaired or supported with committee work. In 1986, Edna encouraged interest in gardening in the community, as an original founder of the Leaside Garden Society and in 1988 she became Board chair and fundraiser of the East York Symphony Orchestra, showing awareness for the social and cultural needs of the community.

In the 1990s, Edna chaired Stay At Home In Leaside (SAHIL), a life-lease program that helps seniors maintain residency in their community. The building at 1387 Bayview Ave was completed in 1998 and she led the way by becoming one of the first residents. But the thing, she is most proud of is advocating for new street signs since 1999, with larger type so they are easier for seniors to read. In 1994, Edna won the Agnes Macphail award in its inaugural year. (Macphail, the first Canadian woman elected to the House of Commons in 1921, also represented the riding of East York in the Ontario Legislature in 1943. The annual award is presented to outstanding residents of East York who continue Macphails interest in areas such as womens rights, fairness to seniors, penal reform, and access to housing, health care and education. Edna Beange was the first woman on the Board of Governors of the former Toronto East General Hospital. She served 5 years between 1976-1994, and a further 4 years on the Board of Directors. She brought her experience as a consumer and her political skills to her role, providing a voice for the citizens of East York. In 1999, she was appointed Honorary Director in recognition of outstanding service to the Hospital and its community, at the Foundation Dinner. She also received the Governor Generals Caring Canadian award in 2001 from the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. Edna Beange, an active senior with a commitment to service has a history of leadership in her community. She has made a describable difference in influencing programs that can best assist children and youth, and a record for developing services which foster community-based living for the elderly. **BEANGE FAMILY**

Published by LORNA KRAWCHUK Leaside Life July 2019 with permission to Pat Barnett LANEWAY NAMED TO HONOUR EDNA BEANGE

The City of Toronto has officially named the lane mostly parallel to Bayview between McRae and Airdrie, to honour Leasider Edna Beange, who died in January, 2019, at the age of 98. The location is particularly relevant, as the lane ends at SAHIL (Stay at Home in Leaside), the building where Edna had lived since its establishment. The inspiration to name this lane after Edna, and the necessary permissions required by the City of Toronto, were done by another Leasider,

Pancheta Barnett. Pancheta has some background in lane naming – as she sits on the Toronto and East York Community Preservation Panel, a volunteer committee appointed by the City of Toronto as the Vice-Chair, East, and Chair, Committee for Honoric and Ceremonial Street and Lane-Naming. Pancheta was pleased to be able to let Edna know before she died that this honour was coming her way. There will be a longer profile of Edna in our August issue.

East York Seniors Christmas Dinner at East York Community Centre

December 25, 2019 12:00

The Annual East York Seniors Christmas Dinner will be on December 25, at the East York Community Centre (1081 1/2 Pape Ave.) starting at noon.

Tickets can be picked up at the East York Civic Centre (850 Coxwell Ave.) on December 6 and 8 from 11 AM - 2 PM. You will need to show ID and bring a proof of address (hydro bill, driver's license, etc).

East York Community Centre

1081 Pape Ave.

Toronto, Ontario

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Submitted by: Teresa Hall (EYHS>October 16, 2019 Afternoon 2 pm Discussion Show & Tell Presenter)

"My dad **Adam Garson**, 1913 to 2009. Escaped Poland on his motorcycle as enemy forces moved in and eventually, after making his way to Turkey and the French Lebanese air force, made his way to England and joined the RAF in 1940. Originally Gardzinski, my parents decide to anglicize when they immigrated to Canada. Photo taken c.1941/2 in uniform (RAF) squadron". Edited: P. B.



UPDATE ON THE S. WALTER STEWART LIBRARY

(East York Historical Society Co-Sponsor)

By Pat Barnett, President, East York Historical Society

Re: JENN MOFFAT...is currently the Adult & Youth Librarian at S. Walter Stewart. She has worked for the Toronto Public Library for 17 years, the last 11 of which she has been at S. Walter Stewart Library as Youth Librarian. Jenn is an artist, writer and live in East York. She went to both York University and the University of Toronto.

On behalf of East York Historical Society, thank you Jenn for being our new contact at S. Walter Stewart Library and for setting up the John S. Ridout Auditorium for our ongoing evening general meetings.


To Mrs. Melanie McKinnon our past contact at SWS Thank you for all the help you have given the Society during the past few months.



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-, Media, Membership Advocate...); **Vice-President** Ron Brown (Outreach For Special Events); Ron & Wanda Chamberlain Facebook. **Director** Ron Chamberlain (Outreach Events, Hospitality and Meet & Greet...); **Director** Chris Theo (Name Tags, Refreshments, Web Design, Meeting Program Editor) **Director** Justin Van Dette (Editor, Newsletter) **Director** Christopher Salmond (Tend events); Past President Margaret McRae (Web Person, Outreach Events...); **Treasurer** Val Dodge (EYHS Canada Day organizer - Parking); Lorna Krawchuk (Financial Reviewer)... **Secretary:** Shannon Timms-Ugochukwu, (Secretary.); **Toronto Public Library Co Sponsor** of the East York Historical Society, Library Head Paul Robinson... Janet Nanos and Melanie McKinnon & including the rest of Staff of TPL for hosting and promoting the EYHS Meetings... **Assistant Volunteers:** Kay Horiszny (EYHS Archives and Hospitality); Rhonda Barnett McKenzie (Co-Events Flyers and Ads.) And to All East York Historical Society Members Supporters, Donors and Visitors; Our Presenters & Speakers of 2018-2019; The East York Observer; East York Chronicle Magazine, Leaside Life Magazine and other outlets. All positions are on a voluntary basis in service to the East York Historical Society and members are not paid for outreach presentations.

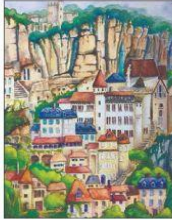



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EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY - ANNUAL REPORT

Numbers of Members - 2019	160+
Numbers of Members - 2018	150
Numbers of Members - 2017	129

GENERAL MEETINGS:

#197 - November 28, 2018 (102 in attendance)
Annual General Meeting
Speaker: Hon. Alan Redway (his new book)
Topic: "East York 1924 -1997: Toronto Garden of Eden"

#198 - JANUARY 29, 2019 (98 In attendance)
Presenter: Mrs. Sheila White
Topic: "Portia White - 50 Years On"
Sheila White on Piano as Lead Director with Choir Performance
OPENER: The Canadian Opera Company Ensemble

#199 - March 26, 2019 (60 in attendance)
Speaker: Dr. John Cooper, MA; EdD.
Topic: Dr. John Cooper Family of East York
OPENER: Mr. Don Beange (son of the late and former member of EYHS
Mrs. J. Edna Beange)
Topic: Give Thanks to the Society...

#200 - May 28, 2019 (56 in attendance)
Speaker Ms. Muriel Lennox with featute India Kane
Topic: Horses, Racecourses, and the Story behind the Story.

#201 - September 24. 2019 (56 in attendance)
Speaker: Trevor Parkins-Sciberras & Dave Reigate
Topic: Transit Tales
OPENER: Councillor Jaye Robinson Ward 15 and Chair TTC
Topic: Jaye Robinson as Chair of TTC

Total in attendance for 5 evening meetings
2019: 371; 2018: 257; 2017: 222

AFTERNOON DISCUSSION SHOW AND TELL MEETINGS:

October 24, 2018
Speaker: Ms. Sandra McNamara (20 in attendance)

February 20, 2019
Speaker Ed. Freeman (15 in attendance)
Topic: Toronto Watery History

April 17, 2019
Speaker: Mr. Glenn Fenton (30 in attendance)
Topic: Glenn's Cold War

Total in attendance for 3 Afternoon Meetings 65

Prior Years: 2018 - 83 (3 Afternoon Meetings)

2016 - 83 (3 Afternoon Meetings)

2017 - 84 (3 Afternoon Meetings)

2015 - 96 (4 Afternoon Meetings)

OUTREACH FOR SPECIAL EVENTS 2018 - 2019

October 24, 2018: Afternoon Discussion Show and Tell Meeting. P. Barnett Chaired

November 11, 2018: REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY hosted by East York Civic Centre East York Historical Society President P. Barnett & Vice President Ron Brown laid EYHS Wreath at East York Cenotaph. Bob Bratwaithe attended. Attended Todmorden Legion 10 Vets Celebration until 3:30 pm.

November 27, 2018: AGM & second EYHS Anniversary Certificate of Appreciation Awarded to Mr. John Michailidis...Presenter President P. Barnett (Certificate framed by VP. R. Brown Designed & Printed Coordinated P. Barnett & R. Barnett McKenzie.

November 27, 2018: AGM evening Presenter: Hon Alan Redway (his new book 200 at discounted sold out price @ \$20 each) Purchased books were autographed by Hon. A. Redway Topic: "East York 1924-1997: Toronto's Garden of Eden"

January 19, 2019: @ 1 pm - 3 pm MPP., Kathleen Wynne & MP., Rob Oliphant; 16th Annual New Year's Levee held at Toronto Botanical Garden Floral Hall. P. Barnett, Geoff Kettel attended.

January 29, 2019: EYHS evening general meeting Celebrates Black History in Canada: President P. Barnett Chaired.

February 20, 2019: EYHS Afternoon Discussion Show & Tell 2 pm Meeting Spkr. Ed Freeman. Margaret McRae Chaired.

February 2019: Annual Agnes Macphail Speaking Contest Cancelled for this year.

March 24, 2019: Agnes Macphail Award Ceremony Karen Fraser Winner. P. Barnett & Ron Chamberlain attended Ceremony and set up EYHS Archive Display (Large East York Flag went missing from EYHS display) C. Salmond attended.

April 2019: President Pat requested unlimited free ad spaces on Leaside Memorial 46' Electronic Billboard located at the corners of Laird and Millwood Drive. First ad was that of EYHS Afternoon Discussion Show & Tell Presenter GLENN FENTON to date...

April 17, 2019: EYHS Afternoon Discussion Show & Tell 2 pm meeting: Presenter Glenn Fenton P. Barnett Chaired.

May 8, 2019: Town of York Historical Society AGM and Reception. Held at Campbell House, 1300 Gerrard St. East, 6:30pm. Speaker: Adam Bunch – topic: The Toronto Book of the Dead. P Barnett attended

May 25 & 26, 2019: Doors Open Toronto at Todmorden from 10 am - 5 pm Annual East York Historical Society Display Archives which was prepared by EYHS member Kay Horiszny Ron Brown picked up fr. Kay's home and delivered at Todmorden Tent, tables and chairs provided and erected by Todmorden team. Ron Chamberlain set up tables with display. P. Barnett helped at tables...200+ visitors to our tables. PB. returned Archives to Kay's after 5 pm.

June 16, 2019: Successful Walking Tour of Todmorden Village from 1 pm - lead by Margaret McRae.

June 24, 2018: Celebration: Correction.

Leaside first Air Mail Delivery on June 24, 1918. Celebration included Air Show performed over area above Leaside Pub to a large & special invited crowd of onlookers who cheered and awed at the flying maneuvers. Invited were President Pancheta (Pat) Barnett and her guest EYHS member Paula Davies (Ron Brown & Chris Theo. were not in attendance as previously stated in November 2018 Outreach Report).

July 1, 2019: 8:30 am President Pat & daughter arrived at Stan Wadlow Park. Arranged for permit etc from Canada Day Committee to OK parking & display of EYHS Archives in the Park. *VP. Ron Brown arrived shortly with Archives (prepared by Kay Horiszny) & Tent on loan from Todmorden which *he stored overnight & brought in today. 2 Tables and 4 Chairs EYHS rented through Canada Day Committee available and set up by Rhonda Barnett and Ron Brown... President Pat arrived at Dieppe Park 09:30 am. 10:00 The following members EYHS members walked in parade: Margaret McRae; Ron Chamberlain; Pat Barnett; Richard...& C. Salmond with donated Flag & its holster donated by Hon. Alan Redway; Diane Dyson.

July 1, 2019: After parade ended in Stan Wadlow Park: President Pat; Ron Chamberlain; Margaret McRae joined Rhonda Barnett & Ron Brown at our EYHS Display table. Hundreds of visitors including new memberships sought info/literature about EYHS R.C. & MMcR left early. R. B. returned at 4 p with June B. and helped PB & RB fold up Todmorden Tent. RB returned TTent next business Day to Todmorden. Pat & Rhonda cleaned up East York Historical Society Tent area and stayed as always for 9 pm annual Spectacular Fire Works.

August 1, 2019: Annual Emancipation Day (Aug. 1, 1834) Celebration & Reception Hosted by Ontario Black History Society 6 pm held at Artscape Sandbox, 301 Adelaide Street West. East York Historical Society President Pancheta Pat Barnett attended.

September 22, 2019: Harvest Festival Todmorden 12 pm - 5 pm.

Tent, 2 tables and 3 Chairs provided by Todmorden Ulana Baluk and her Team. VP. Ron Brown picked up prepared stored Archives from Kay Horiszny and delivered to Ron Chamberlain > set up Archives. President Pat arrived for a little while at EYHS tables and left for OBHS talk at ROM Great Lecture Hall returned at 3:30 pm to Todmorden volunteered with Director Ron Chamberlain and return EYHS Archives to Kay's residence after 5 pm.

September 22, 2019: After 5 pm visited new Ethiopian Large Congregation Heavenly Light (aka) Berhan Semay Church at the former Cosburn United Church. The language is in Ethiopian but English is spoken clearly. The Church has over 100 Sunday School children in attendance. The pews are packed to the hilt. I was warmly greeted. PS: I was involved in a committee to save Cosburn for the Community as a hub. I may inquire space to hold and display EYHS Archives.

October 20, 2019: Toronto Historical Association Camera House. 1pm – Pat Barnett and Paula Davis attended

October 23, 2019: “Myseum Documentary Diverse histories” – 255 Spadina Avenue – (Toronto Archives) – 7pm to 9pm. Pat Barnett and Kat Akerfeldt attended

October 30, 2019: EYHS Executive Board of Directors Meeting in the EYCC True Davidson's Council Chambers we were introduced to a computer view of our New and working East York Historical Society website by our Director Chris Theofilogiannakos, (Web Design). The Board made some corrections and additions. The new website: eastyorkhistory.ca will continue to be updated to keep us and the public well informed about EYHS and its Mission. The former EYHS website (Margaret McRae >Designed) will be up for a short while yet.

NB: President Pancheta Barnett Chaired all Five Evening General Meetings and All Board Meetings Prepared and submitted October 2019 by East York Historical Society President Pancheta (Pat) Barnett & Treasurer Val Dodge.

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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