

THE EAST TORONTO AND BEACHES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Newsletter #2

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My second year as president is now over and I would like to present my second annual report to the members. It has been a successful term, and the Society has made solid gains. We notice and appreciate the fact that we have a solid core of faithful members who brave wind and storm to attend meetings and do what has to be done. I would like to tell you that we now have 81 members, an increase of 15 over last year. My thanks to all members for faithfulness and enthusiasm during the year. Perhaps next year we will have 100 members.

Monthly Meetings

The question of what day to hold the monthly meeting has been a tough one because there are so many "ifs" to consider. These are:

1. What day is the speaker available?
2. What day is the library available?
3. What day are the Society's officers available?

We try to please everyone and for that reason do not have a set time to meet. Since the Society started, meetings have been held on Mondays 13 times - Tuesdays 10 - Wednesdays 6 - Thursdays 13. Main St. Library is closed on Wednesdays and that is why Wednesday meetings are fewer. We shall continue to carry on in this way, but I welcome any suggestions for improved turnout at meetings. With the renovation of Beaches Library, arrangements for the meetings will be even more complicated.

Guest Speakers

1978-79 was a year of excellent speakers. I thank them very much for their time, and for their generosity in not asking for a fee. Our first meeting of the year (September) welcomed Clark Secor a 90 year resident of Scarborough who shared his memories of East Toronto and Scarborough. Next, was Capt. W. K. Bell of the Toronto Scottish Regiment. He gave us a history of the Regiment and recalled its connections with this area. November brought Roy Schaeffer, a local resident and Toronto Harbour Commission archives assistant. He gave a slide illustrated talk on the Toronto waterfront with emphasis on Ashbridge's Bay. In January Dr. Fred Stulberg paid a return visit and talked about the effect the death of public figures had on Philately and correspondence. George Rust D'Eye was the guest speaker in February. He showed us slides of buildings in this area and pointed out their architectural value. Miss Dorothy Campbell, author and art historian, gave us a slide illustrated talk on the architectural history of early Toronto. Our own book committee members have made our April and May meetings most interesting as they presented papers in their chosen field.

Without these guests our meetings would have been dreary indeed. We are grateful to them.

Greeters

If you find yourself being welcomed to the meeting and made to feel at home, you will have been in the tender hands of Bill and Helen Porter, our greeters. I am really happy they took this office and thank them for their hard work.

Phoners

Phyllis Davidson shouldered this task when Mary Porter moved to Vancouver. She has done a terrific job and I am grateful. All members are phoned and reminded of the monthly meetings by Phyllis or a member of her committee. If you have been missed, please let Phyllis know and she will check on things. I know she is going to need more volunteer phoners in September, so think about joining the phone committee.

Book Committee Report - Mary Campbell, Chairman

This year, our Book Committee, composed of Betty Bonner, Mary Campbell, Gene Domagala, Dorothy Gordon, Nancy Heighton (nee Craig), Dawson Lang, Barbara Myrvold and Susan Wickham, has been working towards the completion of a history of East Toronto and the Beach area, which we hope to publish in 1980. So far, research has been undertaken by the members of this group on local churches, schools, politicians, fire-halls, libraries, personalities and hotels; and several reports have been made to the Society's membership. Research, of course, is ongoing, in these and other fields.

Society Logo

The executive has been discussing and designing a logo for the Society. This will be an emblem which will represent the Society's locale and interests. So far things are in the planning stage but we should have something to present to you shortly.

Volunteers

Any successful group must have members who are willing to give some time and energy to the cause. Our Society is coming along nicely, but to achieve our goals we need many volunteers to help us along. This means that members should be thinking about becoming an officer of the Society, joining a committee or doing research. Next year don't be surprised if we hunt you out and ask you to help rather than wait for you to come forward. We need you - your help - your ideas.

Treasurer's Report

Balance at May 1978 meeting \$255.66

Receipts

Memberships \$121.00
Bank Interest 7.19

TOTAL \$128.19

Disbursements

(Annual report, Ontario Historical Society membership, name tags, logo deposit) \$ 49.70

BALANCE \$334.15

Helen Travers-Griffin,
Treasurer.

Have a good summer. See you in September in Main Street Library.

May 16, 1979

R. Travers-Griffin,
President.