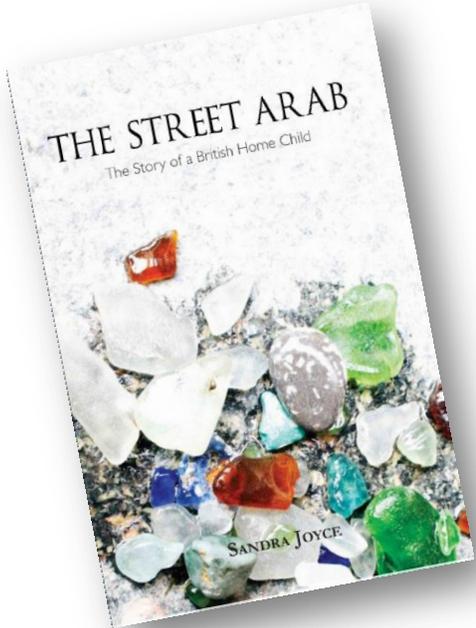


SWANSEAN NEWS

SWANSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 95 LAVINIA AVENUE, TORONTO, ON, M6S 3H9



Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 7:30 pm

Rousseau Room - Swansea Town Hall

SPEAKER: SANDRA JOYCE on
“The Street Arab: The Story of a British Home Child”

Visitors Welcome! Light Refreshments!

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President's Message: by Bob Roden, President

I am delighted to report that all of the Executive members who served on the Board of Directors during 2012-2013 have agreed to continue to work on your behalf for another year. As I look back on the past year, I see many noteworthy accomplishments, and I know I can look forward to even more successes with the support of our superb Executive team.

We are always on the lookout for interesting and entertaining speakers for the Society's monthly meetings. Thanks to your input, we currently have speakers lined up through to the end of 2014.

Over the past 12 months, we have received positive feedback from many of our members, and that is most gratifying. However, we do not intend to just sit back and rest on our laurels. Please let us know if you can think of anything the Society could be doing better in order to meet your needs and the needs of the community. We welcome your suggestions!



Meet Your Executive for 2013-2014:

At the October 2, 2013, Annual General Meeting, the following volunteers were elected to serve on the Society's Board of Directors for the coming year. Please give them your support.

<i>Robert Roden</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Linda Symsyk</i>	<i>Vice-President, Archives Director, & THA Representative</i>
<i>Andrea Jagla</i>	<i>Secretary & Archives Team</i>
<i>Wallace Boustead</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Marilyn Boustead</i>	<i>Membership Coordinator</i>
<i>Susan Roden</i>	<i>Refreshments Coordinator</i>
<i>Kathleen Krisciunas</i>	<i>Newsletter Editor & Publicity</i>
<i>Lance Gleich</i>	<i>Special Projects</i>
<i>Susan Zalepa</i>	<i>Archives Team & Representative to 93 and 95 Lavinia</i>
<i>Charles Cameron</i>	<i>Publications Coordinator</i>
<i>Eleanor Woods</i>	<i>Mailing Coordinator</i>
<i>Marjorie Horeis</i>	<i>Archives Team & Mailing Coordinator</i>
<i>Samantha D'Odorico</i>	<i>Archives Team</i>

Also at the AGM, Maureen Shortt and Evelyn Milligan were elected to serve as Auditors. (The Society's Constitution requires that the financial records be reviewed each year by two independent auditors).



Need a Ride to the Meeting?: If you are in need of a ride in order to attend our monthly meetings, give us a call at **647-859-3901** and let us know. Please leave your name and number **one week prior to the meeting you will be attending** so that we can coordinate accordingly.



2014 SHS Calendars: We are currently putting the finishing touches on the Swansea Community Calendar for 2014, and we expect to have the calendars available for you to purchase at the November 6 meeting. Some of our members regularly buy extra calendars for gifts, so here's an opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping. We also have a very limited number of 2013 calendars still available for sale, in addition to a variety of historical booklets, and the best bargain of all -- **bundles of past Swansea Historical Society calendars at the clearance price of \$5 for a baker's dozen of 13 issues**, covering the years 1999 through 2011 ... all on sale at monthly meetings or over the counter at the Swansea Town Hall.



Donations to the Swansea Historical Society:

Did you know that the Swansea Historical Society is a registered charitable organization? As such, the Society can issue tax receipts for any donations received. In addition to cash donations, tax receipts can also be issued for items donated to the Archives collection, once those items have been formally appraised. Also, as a way of ensuring the Society's viability in the longer term, we encourage our members to consider leaving a legacy to the Swansea Historical Society.

Future Events:



Wednesday, November 6th Meeting: SPEAKER: Sandra Joyce: *"The Street Arab – The Story of a British Home Child"*. The Street Arab is a powerful novel about a Scottish boy whose family is torn apart by World War I. Robbie returns home one day to find his family missing and suffers a horrific accident. With strength and determination, he forges ahead and is sent, along with countless other British Home Children, to Canada to begin a new life. The Street Arab, written almost a century later, pays homage to the children involved in one of Canada's largest immigration schemes. It is estimated that ten percent of Canadians are British Home Child descendants.



Wednesday, December 4th Meeting: SPEAKER: Alan Skeoch - broadcaster, author, and award-winning history teacher. Alan has deep roots in the west end of Toronto, having attended Runnymede Public School, Humberside Collegiate, and the University of Toronto, and then having gone on to teach at Parkdale Collegiate for 33 years. He will draw upon his personal experience to discuss the question, "Why Teach History?" -- "Transferring Wisdom, and Life's Lessons Obtained Through Learning and Teaching History".



Wednesday, February 5th, 2014 Meeting: SPEAKER: Eva Stachniak, discussing Catherine the Great of Russia. Behind every great ruler lies a betrayal. The author of *The Winter Palace*, Eva Stachniak, will immerse you in the other world of Catherine the Great (1729-96). Eva's novel brings to light Catherine during her earliest days in court, all from the point of view from Barbara, a cunning royal spy. Copies of our guest's book will be available for purchase at the end of the discussion.



Wednesday, March 5th, 2014 Meeting: A speaker from Colborne Lodge will relate the intriguing story of John and Jemima Howard, who lived in Colborne Lodge and bequeathed to the City of Toronto the spectacular property we now know as High Park. We will also hear about plans for the March 23, 2014, event, which will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the opening of the High Park gates on Parkside Drive in 1914 ... Save the date, as the March 23 celebration promises to be a memorable occasion!!



Wednesday, April 2nd, 2014, Meeting: SPEAKER: Jean Miso, presenting a potpourri of interesting stories related to Canada's military. Jean's presentations usually include a performance of a selection of the songs she has personally composed.



Wednesday, May 7th, 2014, Meeting: SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Karen Dimock is the pastor at Morningside-High Park Presbyterian Church. Rev. Dimock will talk about Morningside-High Park's long-time role in the Swansea community, and recent developments bringing the Church into the 21st century, including the installation of solar panels, and all the behind-the-scenes activities that were required to bring that initiative to fruition.



MEMBERSHIP REMINDER!!

If you haven't renewed yet for 2013, please do so. We are now accepting membership fees for **2014**, and encourage members to renew early. The membership year is the calendar year – January to December. The annual fees are still \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. Please complete the form below. Dues can be paid at any of our meetings, or you can send payment to 95 Lavinia Avenue, Box 102, Toronto, M6S 3H9. **Your fees help to offset many costs incurred by the society.**



SWANSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(The Membership Year is the Calendar Year)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Individual..... \$15.00 _____
Family \$20.00 _____
Corporate \$25.00 _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Individual..... \$250.00 _____
Family \$500.00 _____

Family Name: _____ Given Name(s): _____ Membership Number: _____

Street Address: _____ Apartment Number: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal code: _____

Home Telephone: (_____) _____ Business Telephone: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____ Please use e-mail for my newsletters: Yes No, thanks

Please send to: Swansea Historical Society Membership Secretary, 95 Lavinia Avenue, Box 102, Toronto, Ontario M6S 3H9



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JOIN US FOR A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE!

We have selected another (more “recent”) photo from the archives. We have continued to receive feedback via email and phone with these pictures that we are uncovering and presenting to you.

Even if you THINK you might know someone or something about the picture, please let us know!

(We apologize for the picture quality in the printed newsletters.)



CAN YOU IDENTIFY ANYONE IN THIS PICTURE OR KNOW WHEN OR WHERE IT WAS TAKEN? DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT THE PICTURE?

**FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE SWANSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
IF YOU HAVE ANY INSIGHT! (647-859-3901 or swancnews@gmail.com)**