

SWANSEA NEWS

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



Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 7:30 pm

Rousseau Room - Swansea Town Hall

SPEAKER: PAUL HUNTLEY on

***"City Dairy Toronto:
A Yellow Wagon on Every Street"***

Paul will cover the history of the City Dairy from its creation in 1900 to its years under Borden's Canada.

Visitors Welcome! Light Refreshments!

*The Swansea Historical Society thankfully acknowledges
funding grants from the following provincial bodies:*





President's Message: by Bob Roden, President

In May and June, SHS Board member **Lance Gleich** conducted two very successful walking tours of Swansea. Thank you, Lance.

Keeping the Society's operations running is a major challenge. Many have pitched in to help on a volunteer basis over the past year, and for that I am most grateful. I would particularly like to thank (in alphabetical order) **Marilyn Boustead, Wallace Boustead, Charles Cameron, (the late) Hugh Donnan, Lance Gleich, Marjorie Horeis, Andrea Jagla, Kathleen Krisciunas, Evelyn Milligan, Susan Roden, Linda Symsyk, Sybil Wilkinson, Eleanor Woods, Susan Zalepa**, and all of the ladies who have helped **Susan Roden** with the refreshments. We couldn't have done it without you!!

I would also like to thank **all the staff members at the Swansea Town Hall**. They have frequently gone above and beyond the call of duty in supporting our activities.

At the October 2 Annual General Meeting, SHS members will **elect an Executive** for the coming year. I am pleased to report that all those currently serving on the Board have agreed to stand for re-election. We have candidates for the key positions, but we can always use more help. If you aren't ready to take on an ongoing responsibility, but would like to help out from time to time, we would be pleased to welcome you on-board as a "member without portfolio". So, please think about allowing your name to be put forward. And please remember that, whereas we generally have an enjoyable time at our monthly Board meetings, attendance at these meetings is not mandatory.



Milestones:



Congratulations to long-time SHS members **Laurie and Muriel Morgan** who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on September 8 2013, together with their family, which includes five children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Their anniversary was the subject of an article in the August 29th issue of the Bloor West Villager. Laurie's medical practice on Coe Hill Drive was well known to many Swansea residents, and Laurie and Muriel served for many years on the SHS Board in various capacities. We thank them for their dedicated support of the Society and the Swansea community, and we wish them many more years of happiness together.

Congratulations to SHS Board members **Linda Symsyk, Susan Zalepa and Andrea Jagla** (pictured, L-R) on their five-year Volunteer Service Awards. The Awards were presented in a ceremony on June 26, hosted by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration. In a separate ceremony, SHS President **Bob Roden** received a ten-year Volunteer Service Award for his work with the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Congratulations to SHS members **Kay Apted and Merle Hudson** who were recognized at MPP Cheri DiNovo's June 12, 2013, Spring/Summer Levee "for their outstanding commitment and contributions to our community".



In Sympathy:

We were saddened to learn of the passing of SHS member **Anne Barcham** on May 14, 2013, in her 80th year. Anne was a long-time resident of Swansea. Most recently, she had been living at the Grenadier Retirement Residence as her health was failing. We extend our condolences to Anne's family and friends.

We also extend our condolences to the family of **Hugh Donnan**, who passed away on July 28, 2013 at the age of 96. For many years, and even up until this past January, Hugh served as volunteer Auditor for our Society, and he kept us on our toes with his keen eye for detail. Hugh's dedicated support of the Swansea Historical Society, Morningside-High Park Presbyterian Church, and various other community organizations will be truly missed.



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.



2013 SHS Calendars: We only have a limited number of **2013 Swansea Community Calendars** available for sale (\$8), bundles of past Swansea Historical Society calendars (\$5 for 13 calendars) and SHS mugs (\$2) ... all on sale at monthly meetings...



SOME AUTUMN HUMOUR...

Future Events:



Saturday, September 21st, 2013: Madeleine McDowell and Bob Roden will lead a historic walk (in costume), re-enacting a portion of Lieutenant-Governor Simcoe's 1793 expedition up the Toronto Carrying Place. The walk will start at 9:30 am at the parking lot on the south side of the Petro Canada station, located at #8 South Kingsway, and then head north, following as closely as possible the historic First Nations portage route. Guests are welcome to join us for all or part of the walk.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 2nd Meeting: Join us for our annual general meeting, where we will elect our executive for the upcoming year. Following the business portion of the meeting, speaker Paul Huntley will present "*City Dairy Toronto: A Yellow Wagon on Every Street*". Paul will cover the history of the City Dairy from its creation in 1900 to its early years under Borden's Canada.



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.



Wednesday, March 5th, 2014 Meeting: SPEAKER: Jean Miso, discussing Canada's military. More details to follow.



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

2013 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



SWANCESTRY

JOIN US FOR A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE!

In our 4th installment, we have selected another interesting photo from the archives.

Feedback continues to come in for these historical photos we feature! Even if you THINK you might know someone or something about the picture, please let us know!



CAN YOU IDENTIFY ANYONE IN THIS PICTURE?

DO YOU 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)