



Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society

President's Report to the Annual Meeting of 2017

The first meeting of 2016 was held on January 21st and was also the Annual General Meeting. An executive was elected. Long-time executive member Pat Saunders retired from the executive and was warmly thanked for her service. She will continue as a member of the Society but will surely be missed at the executive meetings. Bob Henderson was the guest speaker with a presentation called "Every Trail Has a Story".

Bailey's Bulletin, the Society's newsletter, was published three times during the year, in January, May and September.

We were present at the Hamilton City Hall for the 2016 Heritage Day Event on February 20th with a booth to meet and greet visitors and tell them about the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society. Two of our members received HWA Heritage Volunteer Recognition Awards. They were Robert Bernhardt, our webmaster and Joe Mielko, editor of the Bailey's Bulletin. Congratulations and thank you to both.

In March Murray Aikman presented "Hamilton Mountain: A Retrospective" at the Turner Park branch of the HPL. At the March meeting David Lindeman presented on the "Photographs of Gerald Little". On a sad note, the announcement that long time member Doreen Babb had passed away was made. In May, Jon Soyka, president of the Golden Horseshoe Postcard Club, did a talk on "Hamilton Postcards".

The June outing was a bus trip to Port Dover, river cruise, lunch at the famous Erie Beach Hotel and a museum visit. A stop at Hewitt's for ice cream on the way home was the perfect end to the outing. Thanks to Tom Allan who made all the arrangements.

The Society was involved with Councillor Terry Whitehead's Buchannan Park picnic.

Concession Street Fest was back this year but, unfortunately, because of the timing the Society had no volunteers to staff an information table. Fingers crossed for this year!

In September HMHS Historian Murray Aikman spoke of the 20 years of the HMHS, from its humble beginnings to its present form, highlighting past executive members, June Outings, speakers, events and publications.

Our Remembrance Day program was a different one with entertainment by Mark McNeil and the stories from the Spectator's 170th anniversary.

HMHS Activities for 2016

Internal

- * Annual Meeting held in January to elect and install new officers
- * 5 general and 5 executive meetings
- * published 3 editions of Bailey's Bulletin
- * presented past-president Robert Bernhardt with a Life Membership

Topics of talks:

January: Every Trail has a Story

March: The Edge of the Mountain and Beyond: the photographs of Gerald Little

May: Postcards of Hamilton

September: 20 Years of Mountain Heritage

November: Old Stories in New Ways

Activities and Events

- * Heritage Day events at Hamilton City Hall (2 award winners)
- * presentation at Turner Park Branch of the HPL, Hamilton Mountain: a Retrospective
- * June Outing to Port Dover
- * 'Then and Now' published monthly in the Mountain News