



Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society

President's Report to the Annual Meeting of 2016

On January 15th, 2015 the Society held its Annual Meeting and elected a new executive. New members were welcomed while retiring members were thanked for their contributions. This was followed by the first general meeting of the year, a presentation by Gary Evans entitled, "Prints Across the Mountain".

Four other general meetings were held during the year, in March, May September and November. In March the topic was "The Railways of Hamilton", always a crowd pleaser. Other presentations were on "Auchmar and Buchanan", "The History of Olivet Church", and "Canada's Forgotten Naval Hero".

The Society's newsletter, Bailey's Bulletin, was published three times. Copies were distributed in hard copy at meetings and e-mailed to other interested parties. Each edition was also posted to the website of the Society.

The Society had a presence at the Heritage Day festivities, held at the Hamilton City Hall. Two members of the Society were presented with Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Volunteer Recognition Awards.

Unfortunately Concession Streetfest, an event the Society has participated in annually for over 10 years, was cancelled this year because of the major construction underway. We hope the festival returns next year.

The Society had a display set up at Chris Charlton's Canada Day Picnic.

On a sad note, we learned of the death of a long-time member of the Society, and descendent of the Rymals, Joe Rymal Woolley.

A letter was sent to the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board regarding the renaming of schools and the Society's concern about Mountain heritage being lost.

The Bruce Plaque facsimile was unveiled at École Norwood Park on April 2nd by Robin McKee.

The June outing was well received. It included a bus trip to the Tottenham train ride, a visit to a maple syrup farm, lunch at a local church, and a stop at Easterbrook's for ice cream.

HMHS Activities for 2015

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 Patricia Saunders with a Life Membership

Topics of talks:

January: Prints Across the Mountain

March: The Railways of Hamilton

May: Buchanan & Auchmar: A Man and his Manor

September: The History of Olivet United Church

November: Canada's Forgotten Naval Hero

Activities and Events

- * Heritage Day events at Hamilton City Hall (2 award winners)
- * display set up at Chris Charlton's Canada Day celebrations at Mountain Drive Park
- * June Outing to Tottenham
- * 'Then and Now' remains a popular feature in the Mountain News
- * Unveiling of the facsimile Bruce plaque