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Editor



### ARMAND GERARD BOUCHER

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of our beloved President Joe Boucher on 21 October. Joe was one of the most hard-working, dedicated and modest members of this Society, serving as Editor of our newsletter 1989 to 1992, then Membership Chair, finally as our President from 1996 until ill health forced his retirement last August. His cheerful manner will be sorely missed.

The Society extends our deepest sympathy to his wife Doreen and their children.

### JOIN OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

For our last regular meeting of the year, we warmly welcome Sarah Gibson, whose talk will be about Fort Haldimand's Community on Carleton Island, the experience of a British fort during the American revolutionary war 1778-1783. She dedicates her paper to the memory of Dr. G.K.Rutherford.

Sarah is already known to us as the costumed Chief Interpreter of Murney Tower Museum, whose success, this year and last, owes much to her creative enterprise and energy.

The meeting is on Wednesday 19 November at 7.30 in the Wilson Room, Kingston Public Library, 130 Johnson Street. Visitors are always welcome at meetings and for coffee and cookies afterward, so please bring a friend.

The Executive Meeting is one week earlier, 12 November at 7.30 in Fort Frontenac, in the Bradstreet Block, second floor.

### PRESIDENT'S POINTS

Time and circumstances have taken their toll on members of the Executive and Council over the past two years. Consequently, it is urgent that we renew the organizational structure of the Society, a matter that has received much attention at Executive Meetings.

You will find enclosed with this issue a nomination form in two parts: Part 1 is a survey of your particular areas of interest; Part 2 indicates your nominations for the 1998 executive officers and council. Do not hesitate to nominate yourself if you are willing. We include a revised membership list



for your convenience. If you are unable to nominate, please complete part 1, so we may know your interests.

Please return this material to Bill Fittsell, Chair of the Nominating Committee, or to any officer of the Society before 31 December 1997 to permit elections to be carried out at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 28 January 1998.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday 28 January 1998 in the Wilson Room, upstairs in the Main Branch of the Kingston Public Library at 1930 hours ( 7.30 pm for those of us with only half a clock ). Apart from the usual business, reports and elections, we will share a Show and Tell program. You are invited to bring an interesting historical artifact and present a brief 5 minute description. Call Doug Petty at 546-0422 to co-ordinate your talk with others.

### **OUR CHRISTMAS MEETING**

This year, our Christmas Party will be held in the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes at 55 Ontario Street, on Wednesday 10 December at 7.30 pm.

Since the museum's capacity is 75, and 15 friends have been invited from the Pittsburgh Historical Society, we urge the first 60 loyal members, including spouses, to reserve a place by calling Bill Fittsell at 549-8354. There is a modest \$5 collection per person at the door.

In addition to annual Awards, enjoy a talk by Col. Britton Smith, author of the beautifully illustrated book; 'Legend of the Lake, the 22-gun brig-sloop Ontario 1780'. There may be music as well. The event will include wine, cheese and goodies.

### **1998 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Another billet doux enclosed with this issue is an Invoice for Dues covering your membership in 1998. For your convenience, we include an addressed envelope.

We should also note that charitable donations over and above your membership dues are greatly appreciated and will receive a receipt for income tax purposes. This year, so far, donors have contributed \$600 to our treasury. We are most grateful.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We are delighted to welcome four new members. They are Rev. Bruce and Audrie Cossar, Sister Gayle Desarmia and A.Russell Patterson. We hope to learn more about them in the next newsletter, which will be in January 1998.

### **VOTE FOR THE NEW KINGSTON**

Remember to vote for the New Kingston's Mayor, Board of Control and Councillors on Monday 10 November. After 1 January 1988, a historic day for all of us, Pittsburgh and Kingston Townships, and Kingston City will march together into the new millenium.

### **GANG OF THREE**

In recent executive meetings, Acting President Lou Grimshaw has empowered Marjorie Simmons, Bill Fittsell and Desmond O'Meara as a Gang of Three to devise new ways to encourage increased and younger membership. Marjorie has been doing this for years with little response from either the executive or the general membership. I dare you to consider the following ideas, or better ones:



Interperse monthly history lectures with controversial panel discussions or debates, such as whether Kingston's several historical groups should amalgamate.

Enliven our history with entertaining dramatic skits, written and presented by our members.

Bring in non-members to advise and assist the Society in carrying out its business.

Pay someone with a computer to act as our Executive Secretary and prepare Minutes, since there are no volunteers.

Bring music to our meetings. Sing the national anthem. Invite soloists, choral groups, instrumental groups. Sing! Enjoy!

Houseclean and organize our attic in Queen's Archives to make our own history more accessible. Items in past minute books may make curious reading.

Review and, if necessary, alter our 35 year old statement of incorporation. Even with more recent minor revisions, we tend not to follow the original directions of our Society.

Attempt to form a stronger and more effective liaison with the history departments in Queen's University, public and private schools. Make a strong case to the Department of Education that history be taught with more substance in the primary and secondary schools of Ontario. While we are at it, suggest that the ability to read, write, spell and use grammar properly be considered a fundamental requirement for graduation from *primary* school. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development states that 10% of Canadian *university* graduates are functionally illiterate in a general population where 47% are similarly handicapped. Without reading, one cannot study history or anything else.

## **SAVE KINGSTON POLICE DEPT.**

Member Ted Storey has fought an ongoing battle during the amalgamation process to ensure that our Kingston Police Department is not replaced by the Ontario Provincial Police in the new city of Kingston. It is the old story of balancing local control and financial autonomy against what some argue is a cheaper system based in Orillia. Fortunately, the present City Council supported Ted's fine presentation unanimously. However their mandate ends in December.

The close association our city has had with our local police is also a historical issue with which we should all be concerned.

## **HIGH RISE BESIDE CITY HALL?**

Ted Storey and Jim Warren have also been busy for more than two years working with the city's planning department persuading Quay Developments to scale down their proposal to erect a high-rise tower beside City Hall at Ontario and Brock Street. So far, they have come down from 14 storeys to six. Again, this may be undermined by a new Board of Control. Think about that when you vote.

## **RECORD OF OUR ART SHOW**

You will recall the successful exhibition of historical art that our Society carried out in its centennial year: ART 100. Before the originals were returned to their owners, each of the works was photographed, the artist and subjects identified where possible and, thanks to Marjorie Simmons, placed in a binder for future reference. We are happy to report that the downtown public library will be its resting place.



## **INDEX FOR VOLUMES 34 TO 44**

Margaret Burdsall reminds us that there are still copies of the latest Index to Historic Kingston for Volumes 34 to 44 for sale at only \$10 plus \$3 for mailing to your home. Call her at 531-8948. If a man answers, that is Bernard Burdsall, the other half of the team which does so much to distribute our publications.

## **FOURTEEN RIFLES IN THE TOWER**

Doug Petty is the hard-working Curator of Murney Tower Museum and its collection of historical artifacts. Each winter before freeze-up, one of his jobs is to preserve fourteen rifles from the ravages of rust. This year, he hopes to draw on the expertise of Major Tex Joyner, Curator of the Military Museum in the Armories on Montreal Street, who is also known to take on the costumed persona of a Musketeer in the late Royal Regiment of New York. We are always ready to defend Kingston against attack from those rebels to the south.

## **PHONING OUR SOCIETY**

During the summer, the phone number of the Society, 544-9925, is answered in the Murney Tower Museum. When winter comes, calls are taken by ever-faithful Bill Fittell, same number.

## **GENEALOGISTS MEETING**

The Kingston Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will meet on Saturday 15 November at 9.45 am in the Wilson Room of the downtown Public Library. In addition to its being their Annual General Meeting, Nancy Cutway will present 'A Beginner's Guide to Genealogy on the Internet'.

## **MUCH NEWS ABOUT BOOKS**

Kingston Public Library is also amalgamating with those in the townships, including the new one beside Cataract Mall. To help them deal with budget cuts, why not become a Friend of the Public Library? Only \$5 for seniors, \$10 for ordinary mortals and you will enjoy a 15% discount at Novel Idea and The Book Shop. Call Mary Cavanagh at 549-8888, push-button 2, for details.

Printed Passage Books has closed its store and is moving uphill into the new Indigo Books which has rejuvenated the old Abramsky Furniture building, opposite Scandesign. An immense structure, it is slated to open Thursday 13 November with coffee and reading chairs. We wish them well.

Gus Quattrocci, Phil's brother, has written an interesting history of The Merchants, Professionals and Tradespeople of Perth. He has traced every commercial building on every street in Perth from 1816 to the present. So often, this kind of history, which is so close to our everyday lives, is neglected in the historical literature. The book is available from Quattrocci's Specialty Foods at 662 Montreal Street. It costs \$25.

Guide Book to the Historic Sites of the War of 1812 is another promising title. The author, Gilbert Collins, is an Ottawa area historian; Dundurn Press is the publisher. It is priced at \$20. Collins has included a chronology of the war, 385 historic sites and markers, 27 maps and 47 illustrations including many from the last century.

## **FINALLY . . . . .**

Please help us nominate an effective executive and council for 1998 !



## PART 2 - NOMINATIONS FOR 1998 EXECUTIVE & COUNCIL

Nominations are solicited for the following elected positions of the Executive and Council for a one year term beginning with the election at the 1998 AGM 28 Jan 98:

President

Vice-Presidents (3 to be elected, of which one is Programme Chair, and another Museum Chair)

Treasurer

Executive/General Secretary

Membership Secretary

Members of Council (5 to be elected)

Any member of the Society in good standing may nominate any other member of the Society in good standing for any office. Incumbents may be nominated for an additional term, and nominations may be submitted for any or all of the positions to be filled. Volunteers may nominate themselves for any office. Submission of a nomination carries the assumption that the nominee is willing to stand for election and serve, so nominators should verify that before submission. Nominations must be seconded either on this form or at the AGM itself.

I nominate the following member(s) for the office(s) indicated:

(name)\_\_\_\_\_ for the office of President

(name)\_\_\_\_\_ for the office of Vice-President (Programme)

(name)\_\_\_\_\_ for the office of Vice-President (Preservation/Museum)

(name)\_\_\_\_\_ for the office of Vice-President

(name)\_\_\_\_\_ for the office of Treasurer

(name)\_\_\_\_\_ for the office of Executive/General Secretary

(name)\_\_\_\_\_ for the office of Membership Secretary

(name)\_\_\_\_\_ for Council

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(name)\_\_\_\_\_ for Council

(name)\_\_\_\_\_ for Council

Nominator: (name) \_\_\_\_\_

(signature)\_\_\_\_\_

Secunder: (name) \_\_\_\_\_

(signature)\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to The Kingston Historical Society, PO Box 54, Kingston, Ont, K7L 4V6, for Attention: Nomination Chairman, or hand to any member of the present Executive and Council before 31 December 1997.



# KINGSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## 1998 NOMINATIONS & ACTIVITY LISTS

### PART 1 - SURVEY OF INTERESTS

The Kingston Historical Society conducts a number of programmes, activities and events that further the Society's objectives in protecting, preserving and studying local history. The Society as a collective is interested in every aspect of historical preservation and scholarship. Individual members may have interests as eclectic as the Society as a whole or more specifically focussed.

To help the Executive administer the Society, both to achieve the Society's objectives and to better serve the needs and aspirations of individual members, all members are asked to complete the following questionnaire and return to Past-President Bill Fittell at the Society's address by 31 December 1997.

The following is a list of the Society's activities and broad areas of interest. Please indicate any or all which are a specific interest to you or in which you would be willing to help:

- Museum (We operate Murney Tower Museum) \_\_\_\_\_
- Publications (We publish and distribute:
  - Historic Kingston \_\_\_\_\_
  - Newsletter, "Then" \_\_\_\_\_
  - Series of historical vignettes \_\_\_\_\_
  - Special publications) \_\_\_\_\_
- Programme (Includes :
  - Speakers/presentations of papers \_\_\_\_\_
  - Special events \_\_\_\_\_
- Sir John A. Macdonald memorial service \_\_\_\_\_
- Membership (We need to recruit and keep track.) \_\_\_\_\_
- Advertising & promotion (for our activities) \_\_\_\_\_
- Financial & investment (help for the Treasurer) \_\_\_\_\_
- Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_
- History - general
  - archeological \_\_\_\_\_
  - architectural, including conservation \_\_\_\_\_
  - economic \_\_\_\_\_
  - genealogy \_\_\_\_\_
  - industrial \_\_\_\_\_
  - maritime & naval \_\_\_\_\_
  - military \_\_\_\_\_
  - political \_\_\_\_\_
  - social \_\_\_\_\_
  - other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Any other interests (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: (name) \_\_\_\_\_



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 DAVIES, Mr Michael  
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 FELL, Dr. A.P.  
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### COMPLIMENTARY

BURDSALL, Mr. B. H.  
 GRAY, Mr. Peter

### HONORARY

GAINSFORD, Mr. Hugh Macdonald



## PROGRAMS FOR 1997

Wed. 22 January	Annual General Meeting: Elections and Members' Show and Tell
Wed. 19 February	Early Black Community in Kingston Mr. Rick Neilson
Wed. 19 March	Infant Feeding Practices 1944 to 1989 Ms. Elizabeth Bardon
Wed. 16 April	The Brother Islands Mr. Stewart Renfrew
Wed. 21 May	KGH as a National Treasure Dr. James Low
Fri. 6 June	Sir John A. Macdonald Memorial Service at Cataraqui
Summer Break	
Wed. 17 September	19th Century Kingston Bottlers Mr. David Dobing
Wed. 15 October	Place Names of Lennox & Addington Mr. Michael Dawber
Wed. 19 November	Irish Potato Famine and Immigration Mr. Tony O'Loughlin
TBA December	Annual Winter Party Time and place not yet known
Wed. 23 January 1998	Annual General Meeting once again.



## 1997 NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE

Bill Fittsell, Chair of our Nominating Committee, makes the following recommendations for office in 1997. These are to be ratified at our Annual General Meeting 22 January 1997.

Past President	Bill Fittsell	549-8354
President	Joe Boucher	548-8181
Vice President Programs	Lou Grimshaw	549-2500
Vice President Preservation (Museum)	Ed Grenda	544-3715
Vice President Publications	Jim Warren	544-7410
Recording Secretary	Ed Grenda	544-3715
Treasurer	Desmond O'Meara	546-5439
Membership Chair	Open for a volunteer	
Publicity Chair	Open for another volunteer	
Editor Historic Kingston	Donald Redmond	546-7728
Editor THEN Newsletter	Jim Warren	544-7410
Members of Council	Marjorie Simmons	542-9847
	Bea Corbett	544-7165
	Wallace Breck	544-4876
	Doug Petty	546-0422
	Jack Pike	546-9187
Murney Tower Museum Chair	Ed Grenda	544-3715
Curator	Doug Petty	546-0422
Treasurer	Beverley Lazier	542-7012
Chief Interpreter (Staff position)	Sarah Gibson	