



# Bailey's Bulletin

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Our Society's logo was designed by Jim Elliott, a retired graphic artist and charter member of the HMHS. We are proud to display this logo on the masthead of our newsletters and stationery.

*Bailey's Bulletin* is named in honour of the Reverend Melville T. Bailey, who was a proud Mountain resident and founder of the HMHS.

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HMHS Executive for 2010

*Photo taken by Jacquie Reid*

## Executive Elected at Annual Meeting

As part of their annual meeting the members of the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society approved the nominated slate of officers for the upcoming year. Pictured above, from left to right, are Membership Secretary Anne Hermann, Treasurer January Will, Counselor Sandra Beveridge, Archivist Mary Pomfret, Counselor Murray Aikman, Corresponding Secretary Ellen Aikman, Vice-President Lee Gowers, Recording Secretary Evelyn Haslehurst, President Robert Bernhardt,

Counselor Robin McKee, Counselor Bob Williamson, Past-President Pat Saunders and Counselor Tom Allan.

The executive meets on the Thursday evenings preceding the general meetings of the Society. They are responsible for the finances of the Society, planning the June outing and organizing meetings and special events.

New executive members are always welcome! Interested persons should contact any current member of the executive.

## Memberships

The membership fee for the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society is \$20 for an individual or family. Memberships are annual (January to December). Visit Anne at the next meeting to purchase or renew your membership - or submit your fee to our mailing address (see back of newsletter).

## A Message from the President

Friends:

In the grand scheme of things the success of heritage societies like the HMHS is not to be measured in how many meetings were held, or even how many publications were produced. Instead, our success is to be measured in how effective we have been in deepening our community's appreciation of its heritage.

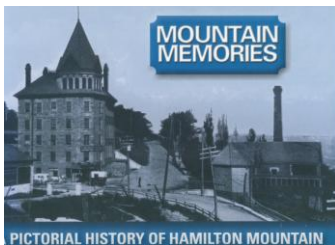
Because our membership meetings are part of this strategy we are rightly concerned about what is presented and how many people attend. And, we do want to continue our efforts with plaques and publications. However, the issues and initiatives that take us out into the wider community are also crucial.

During 2009 several community issues have occupied much of our energy and attention. The renaming of the Henderson Hospital, for example, involves not just the Henderson but ultimately our community's appreciation of its heritage. So it is with any of our concerns about heritage sites on the Mountain. The narrow focus may be on a particular building but the even greater objective is to sensitize the public so that the community at large is better equipped and more willing to be responsive when such issues arise.

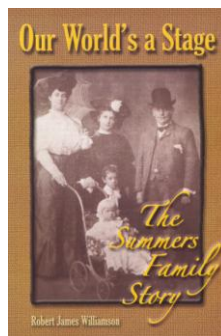
As we venture into 2010 may I say to the HMHS membership, "Thanks for what you have been doing and, win or lose in a specific situation, please stay involved because this larger objective is still a long way from being achieved."

***Bob Bernhardt, Your President.***

## HMHS Publications



In its 4<sup>th</sup> and final printing this lovely hardcover coffee table book sells for \$35 per copy. With over 150 pages and 290 photos this book is a 'must have'. Makes a great gift. Get yours while the limited supplies last!



Authored by Robert Williamson, a past president of the HMHS, this fascinating book reveals the history of the Summers Family. Hamilton's first family of entertainment is commemorated by Summers Lane, beside Hamilton Place. The book includes many never-before-seen photographs and sells for \$10 per copy.

Also Available:

Barton on the Mountain - by Mabel Burkholder - \$10 each  
Reproduction maps of Wentworth County (1875) - \$10 each

*Contact the HMHS to purchase any or all of these wonderful publications.*

## Programme for 2010

Meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at Olivet United Church, 40 Empress Avenue on the third Thursday of January, March, May, September and November. Occasionally special meetings are arranged in buildings of historical interest. All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and visitors are most welcome.

**MARCH 18, 2010:     *IRISH IMMIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT IN HAMILTON***

Michael Quigley of the Irish Canadian Club of Hamilton will share facts about early Irish immigration to Hamilton and Hamilton Mountain.

**MAY 20, 2010             *HAMILTON: THE WATERFALL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD***

Joe Hollick presents his popular look at the many waterfalls found within the Hamilton Region.

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2010             *CONCESSION STREET***

For over 100 years Concession Street has been a vital part of life on our Mountain. Jerry Johansen will guide us down the street through the years.

**\*\*NOVEMBER 11, 2010\*\*     *A SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE DAY MEETING***

Please note that this general meeting will take place on the second Thursday of the month so we may observe Remembrance Day together.

### June Outing 2010

On Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> the HMHS will be hosting a bus trip to Port Stanley for a ride on the steam train, lunch at a local church and a guided tour of historic Elgin County.

Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased from Counselor Tom Allan. Call Tom at 905.575.9326 or email him at [tomallan@mountaincable.net](mailto:tomallan@mountaincable.net) to reserve your seat or place your name on a wait list. Tickets are going fast so please order/pay early - you won't want to miss out on this trip!

Meet at the corner of Upper Wentworth and Kingfisher Drive at 8:45 am. Park in the Staples parking lot along the Kingfisher Drive side well down close to the corner. Bus leaves at 9:00 am sharp. Don't be late: bus will not wait. Return approx 5:00 pm

## A Blast from Our Past

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### *Celebrating 50 years of Excellence at Hill Park - from January 2006*

Dorothy Joliffe, who retired from teaching as head of the Geography department at Hill Park was the guest speaker.

Hill Park was built on land donated by Sackville Hill in 1950 to the city park board. In May of 1953 Ernie Hutton was named as the principal of the first secondary school on the mountain. He chose the VPs for the school, along with department heads and staff and invited them to join him at "Heaven on the Hill". Many innovations in education were introduced at Hill Park including packaged options - an idea of Dr Gordon Price. Students would take 5 compulsory subjects and choose 3 options. This system would allow them to delay choosing their stream until the end of grade 10. Within three years the student population had reached 2000 and shifts were introduced. Mr. Hutton was principal from 1955-1960: his word was law; students walked in lines; Wednesday was assembly day. He and Glenn Mallory wrote the school song and HP excelled at sports. HP boasted the fist sea cadet corps at a high school: the first to include girls and the largest in Canada. He also introduced student trips to Stratford.

Mr. Moles followed and started the annual toy drive while Bob Croft led the basketball team to victory. Luke Leroy followed in 1966 and had a mural painted in the cafeteria for Centennial year. The annual musicals continued and students began to return to HP as staff members. Steve Oneschuck was next, followed by Bill Mastin.

In 1973 the recreation centre opened. The 80's saw the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school, the formation of a girls soccer team and the beginning of the girls field hockey dynasty. In 1984 grade 13 returned to the school as enrolment dropped and adults began taking day classes.

The 90's principals included Beth Jazvac, Joan Morse, Gail Rappolt, John Smees and Jon Sims. Dorothy finished her talk saying that the history and changes, which Hill Park had seen, were reflections of the changes on the Mountain. The evening concluded with a rousing rendition of the school song.

This year Hill Park Secondary School is celebrating 55 years of Excellence - congratulations!

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