



Bailey's Bulletin

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Our Society's logo was designed by Jim Elliott, who was 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 T. Melville Bailey, who was a proud Mountain resident and founder of the HMHS.

Bailey's Bulletin is published three times per year.

The South Gate Presbyterian Church 65th Anniversary

Rev. Dr. T.M. Bailey was a well known historian and minister. My father came from a family that was very strong and passionate about faith. In 1949, with the vision of a church on Hamilton Mountain, he organized a congregation in Buchanan Hall on Upper James Street. From these humble beginnings The South Gate Presbyterian Church was built at 120 Clarendon Avenue in 1954, the year that Mel graduated with his Master of Divinity degree from Knox College in Toronto, and was ordained.

Mel loved history and, throughout the years, wrote many books. He was a big supporter of the preservation of Auchmar as he lived behind it. I have carried on his love of history and am the historian of The South Gate Church.

We are celebrating our 65th anniversary for the whole month of October. We want people to know that we are still here and to come out and participate in the celebration. We have many activities underway leading up to the Anniversary celebration. (See events listing on page 4).



The South Gate Church is very active in the community. In addition to looking after our faith community we also support the Neighbour-to-Neighbour food bank with regular food collections, the Eva Rothwell Centre with donations of clothes and appliances, we host regular meetings of the Hamilton Branch of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, the Y Day Care Camps which provide affordable child care for low income families and also weekly meetings of the 75th Hamilton Girl Guides and Brownies.

There have only been four ministers at South Gate, which is quite amazing for a church that has been around for 65 years. The other ministers since Mel Bailey's retirement have been Rev. Reid Thompson, Rev. Robert Geddes and our present minister Rev. Charmain Sebestyen. We are continuing to keep the church relevant in the community.

January Bailey Will

Hamilton Senior of the Year Awards

The Society would like to congratulate our Corresponding Secretary Pat Saunders who has been awarded the 2014 City of Hamilton Senior of the Year 2014 Award. The Gala and Awards Ceremony was held on June 24th at Michelangelo's. The Award is given annually by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration to one outstanding local Ontarian in each municipality who, at 65 years of age or beyond, has voluntarily contributed to their community.

Counselor Ann Bruce

In June, the Society received news that a member of the executive, Counselor Ann Bruce, had passed away at the age of 38. Ann had joined the Executive at the Annual Meeting in January.

Ann was a social justice advocate; Hamiltonian; radio show host of "Hamilton's Finest" at McMaster Student Radio CFMU 93.3; co-chair of Trade Justice Group with the Hamilton chapter of the Council of Canadians; and tenor singer (female tenor) with the St. Joseph's 11:30 a.m. choir and the community choir of Mohawk College. Ann loved choral, piano, classical and jazz music. Her fellow choristers beautiful music held a special place in her heart. Ann opened up her own legal practice which included Hamilton, Toronto and Cambridge. She worked as Duty Counsel at the John Sopinka Courthouse and the Unified Family Court. Ann will be missed by many friends and family.

Concession Streetfest 2014

The weather was good and the crowds large at Concession Streetfest on Saturday June 7. Sales of publications and DVDs for the day totaled \$340, leaving a profit of approximately \$175. The Society would like to thank Sandra Beveridge and all the volunteers who helped make the day a success!

George Hamilton Day

Nora Frances Henderson was celebrated as the Greatest Hamiltonian for 2014 at a ceremony organized by the Hamilton Historical Board held at the Juravinski Hospital on August 4th. The plaque to Henderson which the society funded was also unveiled and will be installed later this year.

Programme Dates for 2014

Meetings of the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society, 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 pm and visitors are most welcome.

SEPT 18, 2014 The Rise and Fall of Hamilton's Incline Railways

For several decades Hamilton, "The Ambitious City", boasted not one, but two incline railways which transported people, wagons and motorized vehicles up and down Hamilton Mountain.

Both functional and popular, these innovative methods of quickly ascending and descending the escarpment experienced many highs and lows. Learn more as Murray Aikman examines the ups and downs of this once popular transportation system.

NOV 20, 2014 Operation Maple Leaf and the 70th Anniversary of D-Day

Frank Fordham and his daughter Ruth Pearson will recall recent visits to WWI and WWII sites in France, Belgium and Holland with photographs and tributes to the contributions by Canadians.

MARK THESE FUTURE MEETING DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY 15, 2015 MARCH 19, 2015 MAY 21, 2015

HMHS Memberships

The annual membership fee for the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society is \$20 for an individual or family. The membership year is January to December. Visit Sandra at the next meeting to purchase or renew your membership - or submit your fee to our mailing address. Membership forms are available at: www.hamiltonheritage.ca.

Test your "Mountain Memories"

Welcome Back to School! S.S. No. 3 Barton was built on the north-east corner of Fennell Avenue East and Upper Wellington in 1882. It was replaced in 1922 and renamed Onteora. The school building was closed in 1978. In 1960 a third school had been erected behind the 1922 building. Both of the latter buildings were torn down in 1998. What does 'Onteora' mean?

The answer is on the last page of this newsletter.

Mountain Events

Concession Street BIA Fall Fest

Saturday, September 20th 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
The Concession Street BIA will be holding the 18th Fall Fest at Mountain Drive Park. Bring a non-perishable food item for the Neighbour-to-Neighbour food bank and receive a FREE cooked corn-on-the-cob!

St. Stephen-on-the-Mount Anglican Church 100th Anniversary

A cookbook is available for \$15 and a Dinner/Dance will be held Nov. 1st. Contact the church at (905) 383-8664 for more information.

The South Gate Presbyterian Church 65th Anniversary

Anniversary polo shirts are available
Oct 19: Soup Luncheon
Oct 25: Catered Reunion Dinner
Oct 26: Celebration Tea after 10:30 Service
For complete details please contact
January Bailey Will at (905) 389-0498

St. Martin's Manor 60th Anniversary

Open House Wednesday, September 10, 2014
500 Mohawk Road West

Contact Catholic Family Services at
(905) 575-7500 to RSVP or request more
information



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The HMHS display at the 2014 Concession Streetfest

Onteora means 'pure air'. Something there was in abundance on the Mountain!



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Membership Fee: \$20 per individual or family per calendar year (January to December)

Hand in OR mail to: Membership Secretary
Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society
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