

March 26, 2012 Meeting Highlights

Announcements

☛ **Debbie Hardy** thanked Bev Best and Jim Paradine for helping with the March Blood Donor Clinic.

☛ **Bo Fleischman** asked, on behalf of **Frank Sgarlata** for members to consider volunteering for an executive position for our upcoming AGM on May 28, 2012.

\$ HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS \$

• Bo Fleischman attended Ernie DuVernet's funeral. It was a real military send off and Ernie's son did a spectacular job giving the eulogy .

MEMBERS NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Irene Wynne, April 26
Helen Brown, May 1

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Elizabeth & Bruce Sinclair, April 19
Gail & Bob Chapman, April 22

UPDATE

Katherine Irwin MacDonald has a new pastorate near Prince Edward County, and near her ancestral home.

Special Guest

Katherine Irwin MacDonald introduced **Edith George**, who is an advisor to the Ontario Urban Forestry Council. Edith began her mission when a neighbour asked her to help protect a great red oak tree in her backyard. Edith now speaks all over the province about Heritage Trees and their link to our natural roots.

This great red oak is an indigenous species to the Humber River Watershed and was once part of the historic Carrying Place Trail, a former native portage route. It now stands as one of Canada's oldest and largest red oak trees at 25 meters tall and over 250 years old.

The term heritage tree is used to describe a tree, like this one, which is not only grand in size and form but is also associated with a rich historical and cultural history. The Ontario Tree Alliance has developed a tool kit and evaluation form to help identify and protect these heritage trees.

Edith wove for us a very interesting tapestry of the people and events that are linked with this tree's owners and their associates. She presented a historical sketch of this part of Southern Ontario, using the red oak as the focal point, from Etienne Brule through the MacKenzie Rebellion to the architects of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The finale - an intriguing letter about an imaginary party at the base of the tree, featured all the people who came in contact with it.

Debbie Hardy thanked Edith for helping us to look at ancient trees in a new way.

Community Service

One Can Make a Difference

Interclub News

RIVERDALE KIWANIS CLUB 90TH ANNIVERSARY

May 12, 2012

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Meet & Greet: 6- 7 p.m. • Dinner: 7-8 p.m.
Speeches, entertainment 8 – 9 p.m.)

Chester Village, 3555 Danforth Avenue at Warden, Toronto, Ontario

\$45.00 per person
(includes dinner with wine)

Contact: Rita Graham - 905-426-5768

GEORGETOWN KIWANIS CLUB LOBSTERFEST

June 1, 2012

Dinner: 7 p.m. Dancing: 9 - 11 p.m.
Georgetown High School,
70 Gueph Steet, Georgetown

\$75 per person
Contact: 905-873-1877

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday April 16 • 12:15 p.m.

Easter Meeting

“Through Transition with Grace”

Rev. Sheila Murray,
Royal York United Church

Monday April 23 • 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Kingsway-Lambton United Church,
85 The Kingsway

Monday April 30 • 12:15 p.m

Mill Room - Topic TBA

(St. Joseph's Health Centre Tour
CANCELLED)

Monday May 7 • 12:15 p.m.

**Father Redmond Key Club
& New Martingrove Club Report**

Arthur Scauzillo

Monday May 28 • 12:15 p.m.

AGM

SPECIAL EVENTS

District Convention

May 17, 18 and 19
Barbados

International Convention

June 28 - July 1
New Orleans