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My North End



I'm new to the North End but I've always known it was there. Originally from a small town up North, I wasn't quite used to the hustle and bustle of a city. The first time I visited the Bayfront, I noticed this sign. I thought - wow - I've never seen anything like that before. Maybe the city life isn't so bad.

When I started working with my home community, people from the North End Community were the first to step up and help. Volunteers came out in droves to make sure we were able to succeed. One thing that I have learned over the years is how the North End stays in your blood. As people do, some move on and create homes in other areas, but what I've noticed is that the North End stays in their heart.

My first mentor in community was **Gerry Polmanter**. Gerry's story starts with his first visit to Hamilton's Bay Street North on Christmas of 1963. When he moved to Hamilton, his home was at 18 Niagara Street just behind Robert Land School on Wentworth Street North. From there, they landed at 76 Keith Street in April of 1977. They moved after 33 years. "My favourite memories are around the community events that we held in North Central Park, half the size it is today, but filled with friends and neighbours summer and winter. After moving in 2010, I never stopped being involved with the North Central Community Association which is still active in the Keith Community. The people I have worked with over the past forty years in my volunteer activities have made it worth while. They are my family, my friends and my community no matter where I actually live. As long as I enjoy what we are doing I will stay involved. I'll look forward to seeing you at our next get together".

I had the pleasure of speaking with **Linda Robinson** who leads our folding team. She raised her family in the North End, moved about a bit and still stays attached to the area. Linda has been part of the Breezes for over thirteen years. Even after moving to the Mount Albion area she continues to take the bus to the North End each month to lead our folding team and make sure our publication gets out. To her, it is an opportunity to meet and socialize with old friends, meet new ones and be part of the process that highlights her North End. They meet monthly at 500 James Street and she would welcome your company. Email Linda at lindamr55@hotmail.com to be part of team or contact office@northendbreezes.com and we'll hook you up.

These are only two of the many stories I have heard and they warm my heart and make me aware of the community that is The North End. Share your story at office@northendbreezes.com or leave a message at 905-523-6611 ext 3004. We hope to highlight the people as well as the history of the North End so all contributions are welcomed.

NORTH END BREEZES MISSION: The North End Breezes is a not-for-profit team of enthusiastic volunteers who produce a monthly newsletter in order to promote community connectivity and mutual support by engaging our North End Neighbours.

NORTH END BREEZES VISION: The North End Breezes will be a vital resource that promotes harmony, pride and collective community action in a diverse and dynamic neighbourhood.

FAMILY & FUN ZONE

This is our new section to help you discover fun things to do, share your stories and let us know what's happening in the North End for family fun.

THE WATERFRONT OUTDOOR RINK IS OPEN. The Hamilton Waterfront Trust is pleased to announce that we will once again be offering the Learn-to-Skate Program for the Community starting in January 2017. We are now accepting applications for the Learn-to-Skate Program for Children and Youth Ages 3 – 18. Please note that space is limited and registration is on a first come first serve basis. Get the registration form at <http://www.hamiltonwaterfront.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Learn-to-Skate-Brochure-CHILDREN-and-YOUTH.pdf> Should you have any questions, please email usatinformation@hamiltonwaterfront.com or call 905-523-4498 ext. 21

WHAT'S BETTER ON A COLD WINTER DAY THAN CURLING UP WITH A BOOK?

And doing it with family is even better! *Sam Knight* has been sharing her book reviews for a long time and this one fits the bill for days like this!

One Little Penguin and His Friends: This is a really cute little book. It's a counting book, numbers one to ten. Each page has a different arctic animal (or animals) on it that pop up when you play with it so you can count them. The drawings are really cute. Sam says: "I think it's a great book for little kids to help them learn to count and easy enough to read so that you can have bigger kids like me read it to them."

AND WHO DOESN'T LIKE CRAFTS ON WINTER DAYS? A great way to get everyone having fun! Try this one from *Shannon McCulloch*! Easy snow globes from paper plates. The kids used cotton balls to make snow men on the plates and added detail with markers and construction paper. Then we added a handful of vase glass beads, and glitter. Then I had them use glue sticks and glue around the edge of the plate as I ripped a piece of cling wrap big enough to cover the plate, stretched out tight. The kids pressed it down on the edges to get it to stick to the glue, and wrapped it around the back. Give it a few minutes to dry and then shake and look at the little snow globe. What you'll need: Small paper or plastic plates/Glue sticks/Cotton balls/Markers/Sparkles/Vase glass beads/Cling wrap/Construction paper. You can easily change the pictures in the center and make it any theme you would like. A great craft for family gifts too!

ARE YOU A STUDENT OR A YOUTH WITH STORIES TO SHARE? Do you want to tell your community about the great things you love about your neighbourhood? Or, are there things you want to see happen? Let us know so we can spread the word and make things happen. Remember, volunteer hours are available toward your credits.

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THE HISTORY OF NEW YEARS CELEBRATIONS

Submitted by Brian Roulston

New Year's is one of the world's greatest celebrations we observe aside from Christmas and Easter. But do we know why? This festivity was started some 4000 years ago in ancient Babylon located in what is now known as Hillah, roughly 85 km south of Baghdad, Iraq. For the Babylonians, the first new moon following the vernal equinox, the day in mid-March when there are equal amounts of sunlight and darkness, would be the start of a new year. It was celebrated with a massive religious festival called Akitu that involved different rituals on each of its 11 days celebrating the mythical victory of the Babylonian sky god Marduk over the evil sea goddess Tiamat.

The first time New Year's was held was on January 1st was in ancient Rome 153 BC. However, this date was not always strictly nor widely observed and would sometimes be celebrated on March 1. When Europe and the American colonies adopted a reformed Gregorian Calendar in 1752 January 1st became the official New Year's Day.

Different cultures may celebrate New Years on days other than January 1st. The Chinese New Year's first day of the new year falls on the new moon between January 21st and February 20th. In 2017 the first day of the Chinese New Year will be on Saturday January 28th. Many Orthodox Christians will celebrate Orthodox New Year (also widely known as the Old New Year) on January 14th under the Gregorian calendar.

Every year as the clock approaches 11:59 EST December 31st in New York City's Times Square the world will watch the dropping of a giant 5400 kg ball covered in 2700 Waterford crystals lit by 32,250 LED bulbs. This dropping is timed to the second, once it reaches bottom of its 13.1 meter drop 60 seconds will have passed making it officially New Year's in North America.

On New Year's day in Pasadena California the Tournament of Roses Parade, a 9 km long parade winding down Colorado Boulevard is attended by well over one million people and watched by tens of millions more worldwide on TV or streamed live on the internet.

Each country, culture and ethnic group may celebrate based on their traditions. In Spain and many other Spanish speaking countries people will eat a dozen grapes just before midnight, symbolizing their hopes for the upcoming new year. In Sweden and Norway rice pudding is served with an almond hidden inside. It is believed whoever finds the nut can expect 12 months of good fortune.

Not only did the Babylonians invent the concept of New Years, they were the first to make New Year's resolutions vowing to pay off debts and return borrowed farm equipment to favor the Gods and start the new year off on the right foot.

The Polar Bear Dip is yet another New Year's tradition throughout Canada and the U.S. and the U.K where people swim in icy cold lakes and other bodies of water on New Year's day.

From all of us at the North End Breezes enjoy a safe, happy and prosperous New Year no matter how or when you celebrate it.

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WALKABOUT by Ken Hirter

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

For the second year in a row my Walkabout finds me coming full circle to that of Christ's Church Cathedral located at 252 James Street North in beautiful Hamilton, Ontario. A place of Community, Compassion and Hope.

I've been to a few events held at Christ Church Cathedral during 2016. The first event I attended was held between May 1st to 7th 2016. The beautiful Church ceilings was awash with green for Mental Health Awareness Week as I reflected to myself that "Everyone Struggles" and the stigma that some labels may evoke. Sadly, I was remembering those whom never made it but I smiled for those whom survived and thrived the battles and struggles of mental illness.

On Tuesday November 15th, 2016 I entered the doors of Christ's Church which was giving out free meal tickets, coffee & cookies along with fellowship to those whom struggle or those just simply getting out of the cold (doors open every Tuesday morning). I ventured in to light a candle in honor of my father whom past away the night before as in any loss from family to friends I always light candles in their honor and in remembrance. This year the losses for myself tallied at over 8+ friends, family, extended family and old neighbors. Rest in Paradise everyone until we meet again.

Last month on December 1st, 2016 I attended the World Aids Day evening service. The memory and memories evoked the good times. ending with the lighting of the candles in memory

of those whom lost the fight but their spirits live on. I also attended a similar service which was held in June in honor of those lives lost in the Orlando Night Club shooting Stateside.

Christ Cathedral is the only Church in Ontario that has an AIDS Memorial and lighting of the in memory candle and the signing of the remembrance book. Even though the memories may fade over our lifetime, we will always have the remembrance of our loved ones that we carry & cherish until where united once more. For peace and solitude or for reflecting I found solace behind the magnificent old wooden doors of Christ Church Cathedral. And once again, I come full circle with this month's Walkabout at the steps of Christ's Church Cathedral.

In the spring the Art Crawl Makers Market is held in front of the Church on the second Friday of each month. Artists, Artisans and Craft makers come together to sell their wares. This years' Holiday Makers Market took place on December 02nd & 03rd 2016.

For more information and for upcoming events & services visit <http://cathedralhamilton.ca> Until next month's Walkabout, take care of yourself and those around you. Happy New Year to everyone and hoping all the best that 2017 has forthcoming. Cheers & Thank you!

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BOOK CLUB CORNER

Submitted by Kit Darling



The December meeting was held after the deadline for Breezes submission. Our book was "Lies across America: What Our Historic Sites Get Wrong" by James W. Loewen. Check the February issue to what we thought of it.

And here are some recommended reads from our members, all of which are available from the Hamilton Public Library. Visit the Bookmobile at Bennetto Recreation Centre on Tuesday (2:30 to 4:30) and Thursday (6:00 to 8:00).

One Thing or the Other by John McFetridge A 'police procedural' set in Montreal during the lead up to the 1976 Montreal Olympics. Navigating through the tensions from the threat of terrorism (remember the Baader-Meinhof gang), Quebec sovereignty movement, a police department stretched to manage security, chasing a gang of bank robbers and solving the deaths of teenagers possibly related to drug dealers Eddie Dougherty navigates the maze to solve the mystery. An interesting snap shot of Montreal at that time and of the French and English reality of that city. A fast read.

The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman Their Warsaw zoo was bombed. Zookeepers Jan & Antonina Zabinski used the empty animal cages to save over 300 lives from Nazi persecution. This non-fiction narrative links the animal & human worlds with compassion during a horrific war. At times funny, at times terrifying. Wonderfully told.

Problems by Jade Sharma This first novel follows a young woman, addicted to heroin, as she sinks into the depths of despair and self hatred. There is a happy(ish) ending but this book will not be for everyone.

A Spy Among Friends by Ben MacIntyre The story of Kim Philby, the notorious double agent within the British security service, from 1934 at Cambridge University where he becomes an avowed Communist and begins spying for the Soviet Union over the next 3 decades including World War II and the cold war. He advances quickly and provides valuable information to the Russians that leads to the death and imprisonment of dozens of people working for the British in Russia. Eventually he is discovered in the early 1950's and defects to the USSR for the remaining years of his life.

Have you read any of our recommendations? Liked any of the same books we talked about or disagreed totally? Let us know at bayareabookclub@bell.net.

NEW BOAT STORAGE FACILITY FOR HARBOUR WEST MARINA

Submitted by Larissa Fenn/Hamilton Port Authority
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Harbour West Marina (HWM), operated by Hamilton Port Authority (HPA) is celebrating the opening of a new boat storage facility on Pier 15. Marina customers and special guests gathered on December 8 for a first look inside the new 60,000 sq.ft / \$10 million facility.

As part of an agreement with the City of Hamilton in 2014, HWM/HPA agreed to move its winter boat storage from the West Harbour, to make way for the City's extensive new West Harbour redevelopment.

In turn, to meet the needs of an expanding customer base, Harbour West Marina has built a brand new facility for winter boat storage on Pier 15.

The new building provides 40,000 sq.ft of premium indoor heated storage for recreational boats, which represents a unique offering among marinas in the region. *"This new facility allows us to offer more value and service to our customers," said Marina Manager Kelly Flood.* "The market is responding very positively. We are already sold out of indoor storage for this winter season." Harbour West Marina strives to be an active partner with the City of Hamilton in promoting tourism at Hamilton's waterfront. Better services for the boating community in Hamilton and beyond means more people choosing to visit Hamilton by water, using the marina as the jump-off point to visit local restaurants and attractions. The new building on Pier 15 is also the new home for the port's maintenance shop, where HPA's in-house maintenance team of 13 works to keep the 'little city' on Hamilton's waterfront operating efficiently.





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THE LEGAL CORNER

Bob Wood is a Community Worker at the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic

BASIC INCOME GOOD IDEA OR BAD?

The province is running consultations on a proposed Basic Income Pilot Project. One was held in Hamilton in November.

What is a basic income? Ontario defines it as “a payment from the government to eligible people and families to ensure they meet a minimum income level.”

The pilot project will impact a few citizens in the short term and maybe others some years down the line. Meanwhile, experts disagree on whether basic income is a good thing.

Below we have gathered six comments from policy experts. These experts contributed to the publication *Basic Income: Rethinking Social Policy* by Trish Hennessy and Alex Himelfarb of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA).

•Basic income and social assistance are opposites and based on a different value system. We have forms of basic income, the Canada Child Benefit is one example, that have been working well. “The issue for Canada is not whether a good basic income is possible but who is left out. And how can we fix that?” - Sheila Regehr

•The basic income trial in Dauphin Manitoba in the 70’s showed a reduction in hospitalizations of 8.5%. Such a reduction Canada wide could result in savings of \$5.4 billion annually. - Ryan Meili and Danielle Martin

•“What many other criticisms of guaranteed income have in common is concern about the intentions of government”.....government may use the existence of the basic income program “as a reason to diminish other social benefits....” - Dan Wilson

•Spending more to eliminate poverty and provide services rather than providing a basic income has proponents.

“We should use this moment to experiment with the designs that can tell us if we’re better off when we have more income, or need less of it....We should not neglect other labour policies, that focus

on things like employment standards.”- Margot Young

•A basic income should not act as a subsidy for employers who pay low wages, nor should it be an excuse for reducing employment.” Anita Khanna

•“Basic income as a concept sounds great. But as always, the devil is in the details.” - Jennefer Laidley

The above is a quick sampling, really only a snapshot, of opinion. We encourage you to take a look at the full report from the CCPA.

Also, the Income Security and Advocacy Centre (ISAC) has resource material on its website at http://yourlegalrights.on.ca/resource/basic-income-what-it-and-what-could-it-mean-social-assistance?tid_ref=16

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Snow Angels volunteer during the winter months to help clear snow for community members who do not have the ability to do so. As a former Snow Angel myself I got the chance to meet a new neighbour, take away their stress, and make my community more safe. Volunteer hours towards graduation can be given as well. If you are interested in becoming a Snow Angel or learning more info, please contact the Snow Angels Hotline at 905-523-1910 or email: NAS@hamilton.ca.

A simple "Hello" could lead to a million things. Feeling alone? Wish you had someone to talk to?

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We've listed a few of them below so please check out their website or call to find out what's happening.

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ELDERBERRIES

Happy New Year to all you wonderful loyal readers! We hope you received your wishes and dreams, enjoyed wonderful meals, and shared family memories.

Now as we sit back and relax in front of the fire we can look back and reflect on those memories. While shopping for some last-minute cards, I came across a beautiful one that I believe says is all and I would love to share it with you.

I BELIEVE (Author unknown)" I still believe that generosity is its own reward. That kindness will prevail. That might does not make right. That a soft answer turns away wrath. I still believe that there is power in gentleness. That there is more to us than flesh and bone. That life will bring more happiness if lived for peace and not possessions. I still believe people of gentleness and faith can change the world, one unseen, unsung, unrewarded kindness at a time. I still believe in love and nothing in this world can make me stop."

I ended up purchasing a half dozen cards to send to people in my life and hope they will share it too. This message can make someone's day and enrich your own.

Our wish for you and those you love is that you sail on smooth seas. Stay warm, stay healthy, and remember all those that you touch and those who touch your life. Till next time, smiles! Pam & Megs

Editors note: *This article was part of our archives but wisdom never fades or changes. Please send your good thoughts to Pam and join us in wishing her a speedy recovery.*

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Please accept my apologies as the new kid in the neighbourhood if I missed anyone. Help me get it right by emailing office@northendbreezes.com Thanks ~ Brenda

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We are glad she was moved into dry-dock at Heddle Marine Service Inc for rehabilitation on September 16th, which is part of the effort to protect our historical sites, and assist us in remembering those who served and those who were lost at sea. As she undergoes repairs to her hull, the plan is to stop moisture seepage and rusting with the idea of preserving the HMCS Haida for future generations. Preserving the HMCS Haida gives us and our children a chance to learn and to understand the rich heritage of our country, when we joined with our countries around the world, fighting to preserve freedom.

Being on board her, one can get a feeling for what it might have been like for our young men to face the dangers of war and serve shoulder to shoulder with one another in some of the most dramatic water battles Canada has ever faced.

The HMCS Haida, Canada's most famous warship, weighs 2,745 tons and is 115 metres long. Before being decommissioned in 1963 it had 230 men and 18 officers serving on it. During the WWII Canada's Navy was the third largest in the world!

She participated in the Korean War, a NATO tour and served Canada during the Cold War as well. She was retired in 1963 when businessmen formed Haida Inc. and bought her as a memorial for Canada. In 1984 she was designated a National Historic Site of Canada.

The plan is for her to be refitted and returned for service back at Pier Nine in time for Victoria Day weekend in 2017. This is a great explore for the whole family right here on our own Hamilton waterfront. Don't miss this museum ship when it is shipshape and open for visitors this summer!

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