

The Burlington Historical Society

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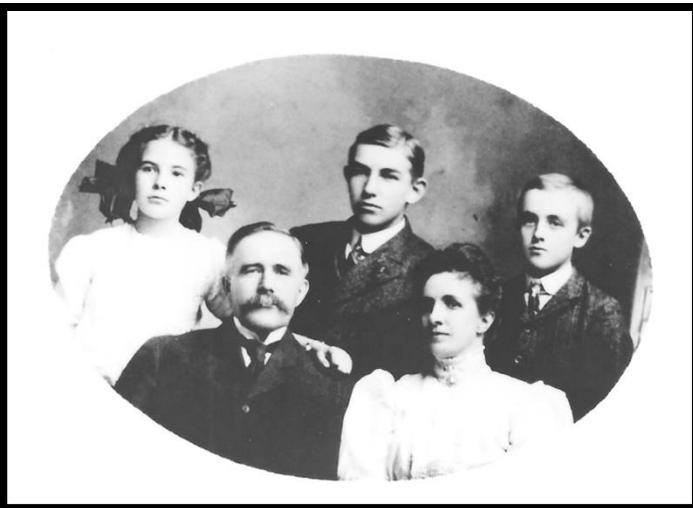


The following is from "Memoirs" by Murray W. Fisher, written in April 1977 when he was 80 years old.

Fun

(or recreation I suppose, although I doubt if the two words mean the same thing)

On the farm we had the proverbial old swimming hole but hardly the kind you see on calendars, all green grass, trees and clear running water. Ours was a deep hole in the creek in the cow pasture where the cows drank and wallowed. Always the colour of chocolate, but we kids would race the 200 yards from our barn to see who would be the last in and consequently called the stinker. As we ran, shirts would be peeled, buckles loosened, and I can truly say we seldom lost a step in the plunge off the bank. Mother would sometimes insist we have a bath afterwards.....



.....There were lots more games we played, some of them I never read about in books, just the result of 2 or 3 boys without a worry in the world, running free on a 200 acre farm.

The Fisher Family, 1903 Photo: BHS Archives
 Father William, Mother Sarah, Edith, Paul & Murray

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President's Message *Ed Keenleyside*

Preserving the past is not everyone's number one priority... In fact, it's probably not the number one priority of most people. But that doesn't mean it is not important. Nor does it mean that the past is not very interesting.

North Americans marvel at the Medieval villages of Europe and then come home to demolish another of their own creations before it has even celebrated its centennial. Why do we spend so much time and money in travelling to ancient municipalities while tearing down our own landmarks? This has always puzzled me, even as I dutifully followed the same historic *modus operandi* as my neighbours.

Many local changes have occurred since Burlington's early beginning as a small village. Each generation has left its mark on our municipal growth. Some changes have been more acceptable than others. Some changes, which were at first disliked, have grown to be appreciated. To me, it often appears that the changes we most agree with are changes we make ourselves. This format has itself changed in the last 15 years or so. Today outside developers are imposing their ideas on our neighbourhoods, spurred on by provincial encouragement to curb urban-sprawl.

Well established landmarks are being torn down and replaced by much larger buildings which somehow lack the character of the buildings being lost. Citizens seem helpless to stop or even influence these drastic changes. I suppose we all want Burlington to prosper and grow, but what about the lost legacy of our forbearers? In my humble opinion this makes organizations like the BHS all the more important. We are the repository of the archives of our urban heritage. Through the diligent and dedicated work of past and present BHS members, Burlington's memories live on. This is not only important work, it is essential. Without the BHS or another similar group, our past would soon be forgotten. The BHS enhances the quality of life of all Burlington's residents immeasurably, no matter if they are contributing members or not.

The high quality of our archival collection is due to the dedication of BHS members who have taken on the responsibility of being diligent custodians of the history of our community. Today Joan Downey carries on that great tradition. Another determining factor that has resulted in our valuable collection is the continuous donations of material which enumerates our past. We are indeed fortunate that so many people have chosen to bequeath their family histories as well as documents and photos which chronicle Burlington's storied history.



This brings me to the real reason for this message. In spite of the great work done in days gone by, each year enumerable objects, documents, photos, etc. are thrown out by families who may not see the value to others. Therefore, I encourage anyone who knows of material that relates to the social, business or religious life of our city, to seriously consider donating that material to the BHS as a legacy to leave to our children and our children's children. Ed

September General Meeting

Our September speaker is columnist **Don Crossley**. You've been enjoying his columns in the Burlington Post for years and now he has joined the staff of Silver and Gold Magazine.

Come and hear him reminisce in person.

Join us on Monday, **September 10th, 2018 at 7 pm**
Burlington Public Library, Central Branch

More information about Don's visit will be included in our September issue.

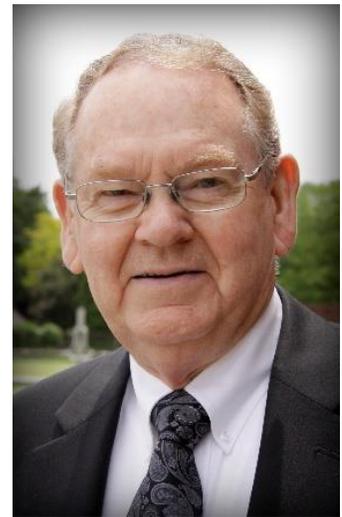


Photo by Tom Bochsler

Mystery Photo *Joan Downey*

Summer Mystery Photo

This beautiful carving is sitting in plain sight on a lawn in Downtown Burlington. Does anyone know where it is?

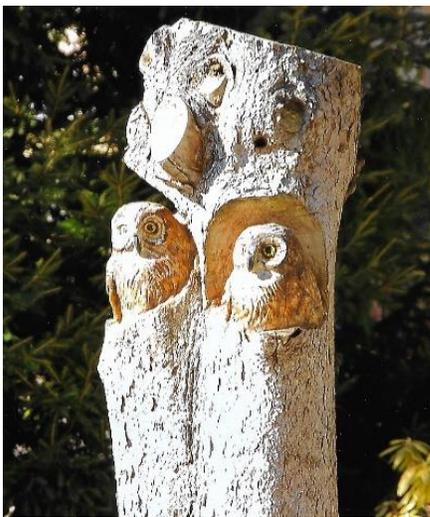


Photo by Pat Taylor

May Mystery Photo

Okay. I admit to some Photoshopping on this one. But, if I had included Alan's original photo would you have known what it was?



An original light standard in the East parking lot at Burlington Mall (between Hudson's Bay & Canadian Tire)

Photo by Alan Harrington



Recap – May Meeting

BHS always attempts a grand send-off before the summer season and May's meeting did not disappoint.

Our featured speaker for the evening was Ron Danielsen from Friends of Freeman Station. Ron spoke about the History of Rail, explaining the importance of moving people and goods in our area during the past century and a half. He also updated us of the progress of the Station and the future plans for the site including 1/24 scale model dioramas that will be displayed in the Station basement to represent Burlington in the 1920's.



Photo by Tom Bochsler

But before our main presenter started – Burlington's own Renata Fast - **Olympic Silver Medal Winner at the 2018 PyeongChang games Women's Hockey** kicked off the evening...



Photo by Tom Bochsler

Renata shared her dream to represent Canada in the Olympics. A long journey starting in Burlington in her early years combining soccer and hockey. She first wore the maple leaf as a member of the National Women's Development Team in 2014. She won gold with that team at the 2015 Nations Cup before joining the National Women's Team at the 2015 Four Nations Cup, winning the silver medal. Following a second straight silver at the Four Nations Cup in 2016, she made her IIHF Women's World Championship debut in 2017, helping Canada to the silver medal. Renata played defence wearing #14 in her Olympic debut, on the 2018 team winning Canada's silver medal. In honour of this achievement, a "Love My Hood Celebration" was set up with cupcakes arranged in the shape and colours of the Olympic Rings.

On 22 May 2018, Mayor Rick Goldring presented Renata with a plaque from the city and in her remarks she gave a "shout-out" to The Burlington Historical Society.



Photo by Alan Harrington

Freeman Station Update *Alan Harrington*



In the April issue we reported that work was being done on the restoration of Freeman Station by students from M.M. Robinson High School. Ron Danielsen, President of FOFS recently sent a letter of thanks to Principal, Ms. Claire Proteau. The following is taken from that letter:

On behalf of the Friends of Freeman Station heartfelt thanks to you, M M Robinson High School, the students of the Halton Home Building Class TCJ34CEJJ1, and their teacher Mr. Mike Sydor for the exceptional contribution of time and talent to the restoration of Burlington's historic Grand Trunk Railway Station.

The students started with a bare concrete basement and transformed it into a finished space with two washrooms, two utility rooms, a control room and a large exhibit space. They did all the framing, interior wall insulation, and drywall for this rather complex project.

The letter continues -

When the station is complete, we will install a plaque dedicating the contribution made by the students of M M Robinson High School to this vital project.



Photos by Alan Harrington

From the Archives *Joan Downey*

A recent donation of material to the Archives included some old copies of the Burlington Gazette. Nothing tells the story of a community and the times better than old advertising. Here is one which I thought you would enjoy.

Lynn's Red Indian Service Station 27 August 1930 issue of the Burlington Gazette

Let the Indian Head Be Your Guide



Enjoy that holiday trip out into the country. Let RED INDIAN GAS AND RED INDIAN OIL serve you well this Labor Day.

**LYNN'S
RED INDIAN
SERVICE
STATION
PHONE 777
BURLINGTON, ONT.**



—Mr. I. C. Lynn, of Toronto, has taken over the Red Indian gas and oil station at the corner of Water and Elizabeth streets. Mr. Lynn has operated several of the largest gasoline and oil stations in Toronto, and prior to coming here to take charge of the local station was manager of the Red Indian station at the corner of Bloor street and Indian road, Toronto. He has had considerable experience, with long service with the McColl company, and comes highly recommended by the firm. He will continue greasing and washing cars, and will redeem all coupons outstanding, which were purchased from his predecessor. Read his adv. in the Gazette, which will appear weekly.

Photo BHS Archives



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Heritage Happenings



**SATURDAY SEPT. 29, 2018
CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Do you have nothing planned for the above date? From 9:45 to 1:15 or 1:00 to 4:15? Or all day? Museums of Burlington, the lead organizer of Doors Open Burlington, is looking for volunteers to be greeters on this day. Site greeters will welcome visitors, distribute information or giveaways and track the numbers of visitors to the site. Training/orientation will take place 2-3 weeks prior. No previous experience is necessary. Some of the sites include Ireland House Museum, Skyway Water Treatment Plant, East Plains United Church, Art Gallery of Burlington, Archaeological Services, and Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

For more information or to volunteer contact Robin Hill at 905-332-9888 or robin.hill@burlington.ca



Joseph Brant Day Festival - Monday, August 6, 2018, 11am to 4pm

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The Burlington Historical Society

Preserving Burlington's History for Today and Tomorrow

Membership - 2018

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

Membership Dues (check all categories that apply)

New Member Family: \$40.00 Senior: \$25.00

Renewal Adult: \$30.00

Yes, as a **new** BHS member I wish to receive the Gazette newsletter and other e-communications and understand I can unsubscribe at any time.

Volunteer

Join our volunteer team – please circle your interest(s)

RESEARCH - 50/50 DRAW - COFFEE - BYTES OF BURLINGTON - ARCHIVES - NEWSLETTER – OUTREACH -
MEMBERSHIP - SPECIAL PROJECTS – GENERAL MEETING GREETERS – EXECUTIVE – DIRECTOR -
TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Donation

I wish to make a separate donation to the society in the sum of _____

A Tax Receipt will be issued for all donations totalling \$25.00 or more

The Burlington Historical Society is a registered charity # 119217693RR0001

Mail completed form and remittance(s) to:

The Burlington Historical Society
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PO Box 93164
1450 Headon Road
Burlington, Ontario L7M 4A3

OR

Leave it at the Membership table at any General Meeting

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