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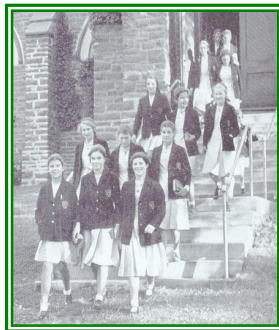
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Remembering ... Christmas In Erindale

By Mary Barker Wilkinson



In 1941 war was again raging in Europe. Many British children were evacuated to faraway countries such as Canada.

Here in Erindale an entire girls' school from Whitby in Yorkshire England, 75 students and their teachers who were Anglican nuns, were our wartime guests. Thanks to the generosity of the Evans family, their spacious and gracious summer estate "Glen Erin Hall" on Mississauga Road became an ideal haven, a place where our visitors could relax and enjoy a safe and happy childhood far away from the dangers back home.

Erindale folk were welcoming, kind and generous hosts. Friendships were quickly formed which have stood the test of time, and our guests were frequently entertained. At Christmas, anticipating that the girls would be missing their families greatly, the Erindale Branch of the Canadian Red Cross hosted a Christmas Party at which our visitors were given many small but useful gifts. The Port Credit Girl Guides, under the direction of their leader Mrs. Rodney Adamson, dressed 20 dolls which they presented to the younger girls. In return, the entire St. Hilda's School staged a Christmas Nativity Play followed by refreshments, donating all proceeds to the British War Victims'

Fund. This event took place in our own Erindale Community Hall and was very well attended, enjoyed and appreciated.

On Christmas Day, St. Peter's Anglican Church was chosen by the CBC to broadcast its annual Christmas Day Message to a weary and despairing world. This service was carried coast-to-coast in Canada and relayed across the British Empire by the BBC. One can well imagine the great joy this broadcast gave to the families and friends of St. Hilda's School in faraway Yorkshire, and the pride felt in Erindale for being chosen as the location for this important and significant event. It brought a measure of fame to our little village, as it was the first time that a small rural church had been chosen for this honour. The Service was not altered in any way. The Church Organist, Miss Bessie Adamson played the organ, and the rector, Reverend George Banks, gave the sermon. The girls and teachers of St. Hilda's sang their regular Sunday hymn.

This special Christmas is still very much alive in the memories of our 'Oldtimers', and the 'Girls of St. Hilda's', who still occasionally visit their wartime church, sharing happy memories of this of their sojourn in our tranquil community. May the true spirit of the Christmas season, Peace and Goodwill, which was so much in evidence in Erindale in 1941, continue to be present in our community this year and in the years to come! Merry Christmas!



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A Message from the President

As a recent six-year resident of Erindale Village, it is with mixed emotions that I see some long time residents and friends moving into another phase of life and, at times, away from the Village. Yet I am delighted to see the enthusiasm with which our new residents embrace their community. It is with this enthusiasm that the rejuvenation of the Village keeps going and at the same time our unique community and way of life remains as it always was. We should feel privileged to live in a Village so rich in heritage, wildlife and spirit; it is rare that one comes upon a community that is so dedicated to preserving what it has.

On an official note, the mandate of your Board of Directors is to not only protect your vested interests but to also foster community spirit. With this spirit in mind, I

am pleased to welcome back all of last years Board as well as announce two new Directors, Andrea Bourgeois and Martha Josephian. As always, we strive to keep you informed of issues relating to our village and to promote community spirit via our many social functions. We also welcome any comments or suggestions any of you may have.

The Board of Directors would also like to congratulate the Erindale Community Hall on its 75th anniversary and offer them our thanks for their generous donation of their facilities for some of our numerous events.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to extend Season's Greetings to all and best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.

Linda Black



Report from the Annual General Meeting & Reception

By Michele D'Angelo



The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday, October 3rd, 2003. Although our meeting clashed with the provincial elections, we still had an attendance of 30 village members. Our own elections took place for Directors of the Village Association for 2004. We are pleased to say that we now have a full compliment of Directors, nine of which have returned from 2003. Our new directors are Andrea

Bourgeois and Martha Josephian. Welcome Andy and Martha! After our meeting, all attendees enjoyed a post-election Cocktail Reception. Specialty cocktails and select wines from Diageo Canada were enjoyed by all. Thank you to all those who kindly donated the wonderful cheese trays and appetizer plates. Here's to another great year in our wonderful community! Cheers!



The Hallowe'en Party Report

By Linda Amos

Erindale youngsters enjoyed a fun-filled evening of games and treats on October 24th. About 35 costumed friends and their families gathered at the Hall to share baked goods, play carnival-style games, and have

their fortunes told. Even spider webs were available for snacking on! Thanks to all the volunteers for helping out during the party and for the clean up.



From the Councillor's Office



Dear Friends in the Erindale Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate my support, as outlined in my letter to you dated October 29th on the water main and road reconstruction in the Erindale Village. As acknowledged in my letter, the water mains require replacement in the very near future. The accompanying road refurbishing in the area would not be the modern-day sixty-six foot curb and gutter standard, with a sidewalk along one side. To maintain the ambiance and integrity of the Erindale Village, it is my hope that a rural standard will be adopted, whereby no sidewalks are installed, all open ditches will be filled in with the new water mains and drainage occurring underground.

In consultation with our engineering staff, we are in agreement that in historic communities such as the Erindale Village, we want to maintain the rural cross section, thereby modifying the City's municipal standard in keeping with the wishes of the community and the character of these rare and special areas. Our staff indicate overwhelming support for this initiative.

The next step is to deal with the matter during the ten year operating budget deliberations commencing this month. Though I can give you no guarantees, I feel confident that it will be dealt with sooner

rather than later simply because the modified proposal put forward will cost considerably less than the modern-day standard we endeavour to avoid. As mentioned to you in my letter, I offer the prudent completion of this project as a model for other communities in the City. Once funding is secured for the project, I will hold a public meeting whereby, all the residents in the Erindale Village will be invited to review the detailed working drawings and provide their comments.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Erindale Village Association for their ongoing efforts on your behalf. They are diligent in their communications with my office. I look forward to the day when this project becomes a reality and we will have upgraded the level of service in your community while still demonstrating the utmost respect for its cherished historical character. I would like also to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, and to wish you and your families a joyous holiday season, and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. Best personal regards,

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Editorial

By Matthew Wilkinson

I would like to thank everyone for their encouragement and input into the newsletter, and I hope everyone enjoys reading the Christmas issue. It is our

intention to produce the Erindale Herald three times a year. We will have our regular editions in the early Spring and Fall, and a smaller edition before Christmas. As always,

I would like to encourage everyone from the village to become involved and submit articles or concerns to be published in the Herald. "Searching for Old Erindale" and "Grandma's Stories" will continue in the spring, as will an update on the Springbank property. I would also like to

thank Kendall Printing. The EVA decided we would publish this additional newsletter on our own. We hope to continue working with Kendall Printing with the Spring and Fall issues as their service and expertise are invaluable and gratefully appreciated. I would also like to thank the Heritage Mississauga for allowing us to borrow their display board. I wish everyone a very Happy Holidays!

The Community Hall 75th Anniversary

An enjoyable evening was had by all on November 4, as the Erindale Community Hall celebrated its 75th Anniversary. This special milestone was marked by a dinner, hosted by the Board of Directors for the Erindale Community Hall. Many memories and stories were shared, and a table of memorabilia and pictures was set up for all to peruse and enjoy. An Autumn Purple White Ash, courtesy of Sheridan Nurseries, was

planted to commemorate the occasion. Local Historian Alan Skeoch cajoled everyone with an entertaining tale called "What's Under The Rock". Special gifts were presented to attendees upon leaving - hand-carved from the wood of the old chestnut tree which once stood on the property. Congratulations to all who had a part in the past 75 years of the Erindale Community Hall, and continued success and best wishes for another 75 years!



Corn Roast Contest Winners!

The Corn Roast contest to guess when 5 Erindale buildings were built was a great success, with a total of 29 entries. While no one managed to get all 5 right, we had a 4-way tie for first with 4 out of 5 correct answers. The winner was determined by a random draw. The runners up were:

Renee Kellhammer & Paul Stafford

The Grand Prize Winner was **Lynn Fox**. Congratulations Lynn! She received the *Mississauga Monopoly Game*.

The answers were:

- St. Peter's Church** 1887
- Old Rectory** 1871
- Springbank** 1922
- Hammond House** 1866
- The Grange** 1828



Looking Back ... The Corn Roast

By Linda Black

Wow! Another thoroughly exciting event hosted by the Erindale Village Association! Although the day started under cloudy and threatening skies, September 14, 2003 was the date of the annual community Corn Roast and thankfully the rain managed to hold off until the end of the day. Judging by the feedback a wonderful time was had by the 150+ people in attendance. There was plenty of great food, refreshments as well as some delightful baked goods. The crowd was entertained by the sounds of the Darius Nargolwalla Jazz band and the many games organized by Deryck Fox (courtesy of Father John Redmond High School—FJRHS). Thanks to the City of Mississauga there were plenty of Community Passes for all as well as a myriad of gifts that were raffled off—for free—near the end of the day. Also, a huge thank you to Matthew Wilkinson who put together the historical contest, which was enjoyed by many (See Corn Roast contest winners in this issue!).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who helped me in the preparations for the day as well as those who helped out during the festivities: Greg Black, Cathy & Frank Prosia, Michele Hallis, Matthew Wilkinson, Peter Ward,

Elizabeth & Jack MacDonald, Linda & John Amos, John Johnston, Colleen Hall, Jim & Renee Kellhammer, Brad Schneller, Greg Owttrim, Michele & Joe D'Angelo, Larry & Lisa Kendall, Raymond Josephian, Marc Ferguson, Paul Stafford, Katina Paleologos, Mark Leinweber, Mark & Barb Tomlinson, Deryck Fox, Alexandra Maraldo, Laura McKenzie, Jessica & Jonathan Hallis, Brendan Fox and Andrea Matos (FJRHS) & Kristen Sousa (FJRHS).

Extended thanks goes to this years sponsors: Councillor Nando Iannicca, City of Mississauga, Credit Valley Fruit Market, Longo's, Sobey's and the following Dominion Stores; Lakeshore, Westdale Mall, Sheridan Mall and Woodchester Mall. Additional thanks also goes to the Erindale Community Hall for letting us borrow their tables, Heritage Mississauga for the use of their display board and canopy, and the many residents who donated baked goods and delicious appetizers. As you can see it takes many hands to help pull off such a successful day and that includes all members of the E.V.A., for without your membership—and some funding from sponsors—this event would not take place. See you next year!

Christmas Eve

By Elizabeth Amos, Age 9

Shining, gleaming in the night,
Candles glowing very bright,
Near sits family, all in smiles,
Trees glow brightly, for miles and miles.

Stockings hang and presents wait,
Someone special is coming late,
Children sleep and adults snore,
Santa's giving presents they'll all adore.

Some kids hear bells, some hear the hoofs,
That let them know, he's on the roof,
Down the chimney and to the fire,
Wide awake, he'll never tire.



The gifts are set down, the stockings are full,
He slides up the chimney, away he will pull,
Not waiting for "thank you", but into the night,
It's the smiles, not "thank you", that give him delight!

Merry Christmas Erindale Village!

