



# STAYNER HERITAGE SOCIETY

# NEWSLETTER

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Incorporated, 1998.

Spring, 2013.

## THE 16TH ANNUAL HERITAGE DAY

The 16th Annual Heritage Day on July 6th, will be bigger and better as we will telescope two years into one!

There will be a Parade, as usual, but with many special features. It will course along Main Street at 11:00am.

In the Park, the Beinn Gorm Highlanders will lead off the entertainment; a heritage event in itself as they have led the parade and played for the crowd for many years.

In addition we are privileged to have the Base Borden Military Band this year. This is a sure crowd pleaser.

Other participants in the concert will be announced closer to the date.

A new feature this year will be a "Heritage Walk" led by Dr. Bill Ives.

You can expect all the usual attractions - "pie in the park", food fun, and children's activities. The library and other organizations in and around town are planning to participate.

The Second Annual Heritage Antique Car Show will add another great dimension to the day. You will see many vintage cars, tractors and other vehicles in the parade and on show later.

Mark your calendar!

## STAYNER HERITAGE SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Weds. May 29th. 7:30 at Centennial United Church, SHS will hold the AGM. There will be special guests, music and refreshments. All are welcome, member or not!

## THE SHINGLE PROJECT CONTINUES

(galvanized tin shingles from Stayner Bell Tower)

We now have a number of one of a kind items created by local artisans using the 'bell tower shingles'.

They might find a place in your garden or in your home, as a gift or just for you. They range in price from \$11.00 - \$75.00

The pieces will be available at:

- Stayner Garden Club's Spring Plant Sale May 25th
- SHS Annual Meeting May 29th
- SHS Heritage Day, July 6th.

If you would like to have a piece before then, call Ferne Allen 705-428-2137.

## STAYNER HERITAGE SOCIETY WEBSITE

This website is a valuable tool for up-to-date information, historical facts and coming events. Check it out! Plans are in place to create a virtual museum where you can view some of the treasures we have been given waiting for a museum site in the future!

## STAYNER HERITAGE SOCIETY REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION

At 9:30am on Nov. 3rd, 2012, Catherine Walker, Program Chair, welcomed close to 100 people to the 3rd Annual SHS Remembrance Day Event in Jubilee Presbyterian Church auditorium with tables decorated

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in red and white and Canadian flags. The Last Post was played by Don Doner followed by Red Skeleton's version of our National Anthem. Pastor Merv Brockwell said the blessing before everyone was treated to a buffet breakfast.

Jeff Parton (SHS chairperson) said a few words of thanks to all the guests and the organizers of the event after which door prizes were given out.

Susan Brockwell then introduced Scott Johnson who sang a wartime song he had written.

Dorothy-Anne Millsap welcomed Kay Broadhurst (MacDonald) who read a letter her mom Vi had written about her experience as a War Bride. She was one of those Scottish city girls that married a Canadian country boy and moved to Canada. She remembered the day war was declared and knew that her life was about to change.

Next, Joan Wood spoke about her 3 brothers, (Bob, Jim & Tommy) who served in the military and her father served in WW1 Scott sang another great song he had written

Our guest speaker (Sgt. Ret.) Tony Beresford who lives in Camp Borden was born in Windsor and grew up in a Military family. His father was in the Navy and his mom the Airforce. He served in the Canadian Forces for 30years including Cambodia in '92 & Bosnia in '99. June Holroyd handed out pins & carnations to all our guests. We closed with everyone singing "We'll Meet Again." Another great event.

"WE MUST NEVER FORGET."

*by Catherine Walker*

### HERITAGE SOCIETY 2013 RAFFLE

We have a very exciting raffle progressing right now.



There are 3 one-of-a-kind prizes and the tickets are \$2.00 each or 3/\$5.00

The items being offered are:

- 1. End table, made by Billy Hill Pine** with a shingle from Stayner Bell Tower encased in the top.
- 2. A free-standing replica of the Bell Tower** (approx 18 in tall) uniquely and expertly made with the shingles.

A wonderful garden ornament.

**3. Coat hanger-shelf** with a hand-painted scene of Stayner Railroad Station and train. This item was donated by a loyal SHS member, Shirley Fisher!

The draw will be held at Heritage Day, July 6th at approximately 3:45.

Tickets are available from Heritage Society members or at Nifty's Store in Stayner.

### BLACK HISTORY EVENT IN FEBRUARY

Janie Cooper-Wilson, our local expert and representative of the Ontario Black History Association, gave a superb presentation on her latest book Echoes In the Hills, My Eighteen Month Search for the John Brown Legacy. It is the story of the famous American abolitionist, John Brown, who had roots also in Canada. Janie gave a vivid description of the gruesome massacre which met John Brown and his group as they attempted to free some slaves at Harper's Ferry in Maryland.

Janie travelled to Maryland and learned much about this exceptional man (who incidentally had 20 children!) Several of his sons were also involved.



*Janie Cooper-Wilson*

### NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Dorothy-Anne Millsap

Myrna Johnson

Peter Millsap

## **Luena Daley (née Bellamy)**

by Gwen Cation



*Luena as a young girl*

Luena Marion Bellamy was born on January 30, 1913 in Sunnidale Township to parents Albert and Florence Bellamy (née Culham) shortly before World War I started.

Albert and Florence who were farmers, had four children, Luena, who was the eldest child followed by Lloyd, Edna and Ray. Luena spent her childhood years on the family farm ship. She attended the

Clearview Side Road Public School which was a one room school and attended the Stayner Continuation School for her high school years.

Luena loved music and took piano lessons during her childhood years. She even tried Conservatory exams in Toronto. Her musical talent was obvious as she stood 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Ontario which led to beginning her education towards a degree in music.

One of Luena's first careers was looking after chickens. She saved money from her chicken business and bought her first ring at the age of 14, which she still wears to this day. Luena was a studious lass and did well in school, helping other students. Luena was also a mothers' helper on the farm.

Some of the best memories of her childhood include summer holidays when she spent time with her cousins; Les, Howard, Harold, and Merton Culham.

At the tender age of 16, Luena met a young man named Ivan Daley on a lively Saturday night in downtown Stayner. It was common practice in those days, to walk and meet with friends and neighbours on the main street in Stayner.

This was the time of the Great Depression when many people were struggling to feed their families. Even during this challenging time, love blossomed and after a few years of courting the couple married on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, 1933 at her parents' farm. A couple of evenings later, a surprise chivaree was held

for the newlyweds.

Friends and family came into the house with food and gifts for the evening party.

The year after they were married, Luena contracted polio. A series of sauna treatments helped her gain some mobility, but left her with some muscular paralysis. This presented Luena with many challenges among them dealing with several broken legs.

In 1936, Ivan found employment in Sudbury with International Nickel Co. Marlene was 3 yrs old and Joyce only 5 weeks old, when Luena and Ivan moved to Sudbury where they lived for ten years. While in Sudbury, their other two daughters, Gwendolyn and Sharyn were born. Those years were fun as there were many young families there for the work in those depression years.

In 1946, the couple and their four daughters returned to Stayner where Ivan and his brother started their own successful excavating business.

Luena and Ivan settled into their new life, raising a family, taking care of the house and the business and visiting with friends. Luena's love for music returned her to teaching piano lessons which she did for many years. She was extremely active in the Stayner Centennial United Church where she sang in the choir, was often the soloist at weddings, the pianist for the junior choir and the assistant organist. Luena was a charter member of the Eastern Star.

Luena has four daughters, 14 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 5 great great-grandchildren. In addition to spending time with her family and her love of music, Luena has enjoyed other activities including gardening vegetables and flowers, quilting, tatting, crocheting (making afghans for all her grandchildren) and sewing. Luena is good at handwork!



*Luena and Ivan Circa 1920*

Today, Luena enjoys a wide variety of books on CD, and watching baseball and curling on television.

Ivan and Luena spent many winters in Florida near St. Petersburg. They travelled extensively throughout North America, North, South, East and West in their mini motor home. Luena also enjoys good food! She says, "If I can't eat, I am sick!"

The most important lesson in life that Luena has learned is that a positive attitude goes a long way. Life is about experiences, take advantage and learn from each one.

Luena's experience with polio has helped her keep a positive attitude about life. Dealing with the aftermath of polio and its deficit helped shape this outlook, making her a capable and independent woman. Luena's husband, Ivan, made the greatest impact on her because he was so supportive with his positive attitude.

The hard times in life have taught Luena to live day by day. To carry on and do the best you can.

Her favorite memories are when her family gets together for special occasions and holidays. "My "Big" 100<sup>th</sup> birthday was super - a chance for family members from here and afar to reconnect." Luena celebrated her birthday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, at Stayner Centennial United Church.

We are so fortunate to know this beautiful woman with a lovely smile and even happier outlook on life. Luena still volunteers her time playing piano at Bayhaven, where she is a resident.



*Luena at her 100th birthday party*

## **CLEARVIEW HEALTH AND LEISURE SHOW**

A few of our members, along with some of our special pieces, attended this show at the Stayner Community Centre on March 23, 2013.

The large map of Stayner and Wasaga Beach dating from the 1920's & 1930's was of interest to young and old alike. Scrapbooks with clippings from The Stayner Sun, put together over many years by Doris McColl, was another attraction. Special postcards, china and memorabilia from different Stayner groups were displayed in the glass showcase.

This was an opportunity for our Stayner Heritage Society to present some of what we're about.

*by Barb Stransky*

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 2012-2013**

Chairperson - Jeff Parton

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Clearview Council Rep - Robert Walker

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Kinsmen Club Rep

Legion Rep

Stayner Garden Club Rep - Pam Townsend

Masonic Order Rep - John Hindle

Eastern Star Rep - Richard Marsden

Clearview Theatre Rep - Pam Townsend

Stayner Collegiate Rep - Emily Walker

History Rep. - Jim Paul

Nominations - Barb Stransky, Pam Townsend

Community Reps - Shirley Parton, Shirlie Millsap,  
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Lorne Stewart (2yrs),

Pete Jerry (1yr),

Manfred Leimgardt (1 yr)