



STAYNER HERITAGE SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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150th Canada Day Celebrations July 1, 2017



For the first time, Canada Day celebrations were held at the Stayner Arena – it was a huge success! Our thanks to those who transformed the arena to a beautifully decorated stage, entryway and floor! Special thanks to Manfred Leimgardt for his early expectations and vision of the day's events!

The day began with the Road Race starting at Duntroon and ending at the arena where a very tasty pancake breakfast was being served by the Stayner Scout Troup. The best parade ever, started at Station Park and ended at the arena.

Opening ceremonies began with a welcome by our president, Jeff Parton, followed by introductions and announcements by Jim Kinnear, our M.C. Nick Elder, a local High School student led us in the singing of O Canada, followed by an opening prayer by Pastor Merv Brockwell.








STAYNER HERITAGE & CANADA DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 1ST STAYNER COMMUNITY CENTRE

CELEBRATING CANADA 150!

Time	Event
8:00 am	Annual Duntroon to Stayner Road Race Scouts Pancake Breakfast, Arena Hall
10:30 am	Parade: New Route! Starting at Station Park and Proceeding to Stayner Arena. Kids Prizes!
12:30 pm	Opening Ceremonies at Stayner Arena
1:00 pm	Birthday Cake, Beinn Gorm Highland, Naomi Bristow and Clearview Theatre "Uke" Group.
All Afternoon	Free Heritage Displays, Classic Cars Children's Activities including Illusionist - Sawyer Bullock, Miniature Golf Course, Stilt Walkers, Face Painter, Bouncy Castle and More! Sponsored by Stayner Chamber of Commerce Food Concessions Silent Auction & 50/50 Draw Free Swim at Centennial Pool

Sponsored by: Wheeler-Spriggs Insurance, Hanna Motors, Reinhart Foods, Stayner Lions Club, Royal Canadian Legion-Branch 457, Tim Weel Farms, Stayner Car Wash, Lefreniere Auto Sales, Earth Power and Huron Tractor.

We were pleased to have in attendance and recognize, several of our previous Mayors and Reeves of the Town of Stayner and the Township of Clearview: Mayor Allister MacDonald, Mayor Bill Maynard, Reeve Eldon Bell, Reeve Doug Walker, Mayor Carol Currie, Mayor Bob McKee, Mayor Fran Sainsbury, Mayor Ken Ferguson and Mayor Chris Vanderkruys.

Naomi Bristow, our featured performer did an outstanding job of keeping the crowd entertained.

Museum at the Market

The Chamber of Commerce are to be commended for their wonderful fun-filled afternoon of children's activities, which included illusionist, Sawyer Bullock and free swim at the local pool!

The many displays of heritage-related items, artifacts and memorabilia were viewed and appreciated by all!



Food venues offered hotdogs, hamburgers, corn on the cob, baked pies and goodies. Our "150th birthday cake" was served to over 500 people.

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Stayner Chamber of Commerce, Twp. Of Clearview, Government of Canada and the many Stayner businesses who made this day possible!

Again, our thanks to all who contributed to the celebration of Canada's "150th Birthday!" A commemorative DVD is available – thanks to Tom Scholte, our videographer!

The Stayner Museum is located in the Tourist Centre at the edge of Station Park. Stayner Heritage members were on site to greet folks and to chat about the history of people and places around our Town.

We have interesting photo albums and of course our back issues of the 'Stayner Sun' for browsing



Stayner Fall Festival - Sept. 17th

The Fall Festival is an annual event held at the Stayner Conference Grounds. We were invited to participate and display some of our heritage artifacts. Following a church service and bar-b-que, afternoon activities included: a bouncy castle, laser tag, axe throwing, pie and chili tasting contests, and scarecrow making. There were many booths to visit; our "Heritage" booth was especially busy. It was a beautiful day and a great success with 500+ people in attendance.

Upcoming SHS Events

The Eighth Annual Remembrance Event



The Stayner Heritage Society will host the 8th annual Remembrance Day Event on Saturday, November 4th, 2017 at Jubilee Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available from SHS members or at Barb's Clothes Closet, Main Street, Stayner. A continental breakfast will be served at 9:15am, followed by opening ceremonies and guest speaker, Simon Beekhuizen who will share his experiences. Other guests include Freda Linke, Don Doner, June Flynn, Ken Parton and SCI students.

Mike & Tom Scholte's "Stayner Heroes" DVD will be shown as well.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this inspirational morning to honour the men and women of our community who served and continue to serve our Country



PHOTO CONTEST

"Historical Reflections of The Community of Stayner"

To enhance the Stayner Heritage Society's existing historical picture portfolio and, eventually produce a DVD from these images, a photo contest will be held

November 1st, 2017 to April 30th, 2018



Brockwell Motors

Awards will be judged and awarded at the SHS Annual meeting next May (2018). The contest will be divided into three categories; namely,

- a. The oldest picture depicting our community.
- b. The best landscape or scene from our community.
- c. The best portrait depicting a citizen or family from our community's past.

Each category winner will be awarded a prize of \$100.00. Pictures can be forwarded to the Stayner Heritage Society at Box 290, Stayner, Ontario L0M 1S0 or emailed to tom-scholte@rogers.com. with contact information etc. If mailing, please forward a **copy** of your original picture. Email copies should be submitted using good quality resolution. When submitting your pictures, we ask that you provide your permission to utilize these photos for event presentation purposes and, provide a brief synopsis of your image. Have fun!

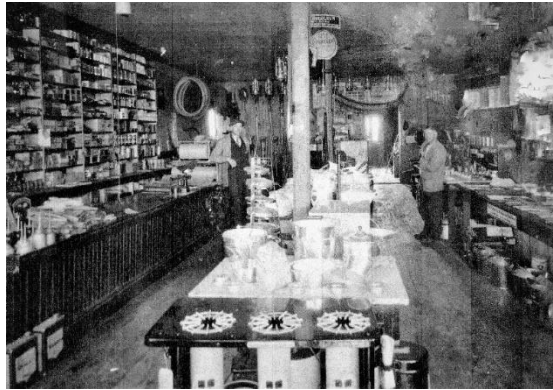
In a continuing series, describing families and businesses in Stayner and surrounding area, we are pleased to present the Doner Story. Respectfully submitted by Don Doner.

The Lorne Doner/Doner Hardware Story

Lorne Doner grew up on a farm south of Stayner on the 2nd Line of Nottawasaga (Airport Road). However, Lorne did not want to be a farmer. After graduating from High School, Lorne apprenticed with plumber and tinsmith, Joseph Akit from Creemore, where he completed his apprenticeship as a master plumber and tinsmith (school metal mechanic) in 1923.

In January 1923, Lorne married Flora Currie from Creemore and they moved to Stayner, where they opened a hardware store and sheet metal/plumbing shop on Main Street (7291 Highway 26), home to the Billy Hill Pine furniture store today. Around this time, Lorne's father, John Thomas Doner, who was also a carpenter and cabinetmaker, retired from farming and opened a cabinet making shop in the rear upper level of Doner Hardware.

After a few years, Lorne added a Cockshutt Farm Equipment dealership to the business. Doner Hardware supplied Stayner area



farmers with items such as rope, wire, tools, stoves and sheet metal products made by Lorne in the rear of the store including hundreds of sap buckets for maple syrup season.

Doner Hardware was a meeting place for the locals, mainly the men of the town, to gather and “solve all the world's problems.” It was the Tim Hortons of its day! One memorable regular attendee of these meetings was Pete McGovern, who was a source of many tall tales and words of wisdom. Pete's favourite saying was, “I love to talk to myself because I like to listen to an intelligent man speak.”

In the mid-1930s, Doner Hardware expanded into selling radios after Rex Holroyd (father of Sid), who specialized in radios, became Lorne's new business partner. Money was tight for many people during the depression, especially for farmers. On many occasions, Doner Hardware allowed cash-strapped farmers the ability to barter items like a steam engine or a horse in exchange for farm machinery and supplies. At the end of the depression in the late 1930s, metal goods became scarce due to the start of the Second World War.

In 1942, Lorne decided to sell the business and went to work in the sheet metal shop at the Collingwood Shipyards, making ventilation and heating fittings for the ships. Meanwhile, Lorne moved the remnants of his hardware business a few blocks west to 7317 Highway 26, located where the George Demery & Christie/Cummings Law Office is today. The building was originally a carriage shop owned by W.J. Mathers. Lorne continued to do plumbing and sheet metal work for local residents here until the property was sold to the Bell Telephone Company in the 1950s. Lorne then moved the shop to his home property across the street.

Lorne and Flora lived in a house right beside the Jubilee Presbyterian Church, where they were active members of the congregation. Flora was involved in the choir and various ladies groups, and Lorne served on the Kirk Session and taught Sunday School. Lorne was also the church caretaker in his later years.

Lorne and Flora were engaged in the larger Stayner community life too. Lorne was a long-time volunteer fireman (until the 1950's), a member of the Orange Lodge, the Masonic Order, and the Eastern Star along with Flora, where the pair remained active well into their retirement years.

For much of Lorne's life, he was a musician and a steam engine enthusiast, playing old time fiddle at many area dances and travelling across Ontario to various steam shows. He was an original member of the Georgian Bay Steam Engine Antique Association, formed in 1965 by a group of Collingwood area men.

Lorne and Flora had one son, Donald (1935), who married a Collingwood girl, Sheila Gould, in 1964, who blessed them with three grandsons, Brad, Barry and Geoff.

In 1978, Lorne and Flora sold their home of fifty plus years on Main Street, to the Jubilee Presbyterian Church, where it was soon demolished to become a parking lot. They were the first couple to move into the then brand new Huronia Guest Retirement home, owned by Brian and Jane Forster.

Lorne and Flora lived their final years in Collingwood, with Flora passing in 1981, and Lorne in 1983. They lived a full life of family, faith, and dedication to the Stayner community.

Merchandise for Sale

We have a selection of Notes, Postcards and Prints for framing. Our selections of DVD's include past Heritage events, Fireside Chats with Bill Ives and Dalt Lowe and our new commemorative copy of the 150th Heritage Day celebrations.

For more information on any merchandise, please call 705-428-2137

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Membership in SHS

If you wish to renew or become a member of the Stayner Heritage Society, please return the enclosed form as soon as possible. Your support helps make our projects possible as we strive to maintain the heritage of our community. We appreciate your continued support to the Stayner Heritage Society

Directors.....	Manfred Leimgardt (1) Richard Marsden (1) June Holroyd (2) Tom Scholte (2)
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