



STAYNER HERITAGE SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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A Quote To Think About

“A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.”

Marcus Garvey

Events To Be Remembered



The **Remembrance Day** service at the Stayner Cenotaph was well attended on November 11th, 2023. Our congratulations to the Stayner Legion Branch 457 for making this important event memorable to our community. The reception that followed at the Legion

facility was very much appreciated by all. Pictures of the service were taken by Michael Scholte and can be found on our Web site.

The annual **Santa Claus parade** put on by the local Kinsmen Club on Saturday, December 2nd, 2023, was one of the most successful parades in recent history. It was enjoyed by both young and old at heart. Our thanks go to the Kinsmen volunteers who made this event possible. To relive the joy of this parade please visit our web site to enjoy the parade in its entirety.

The parade was preceded by the **Christmas Tree Lighting** hosted by the Township of Clearview on November 30th, 2023. The music, dance and of course a visit by Santa all contributed to a wonderful evening. Thanks to the Clearview Township staff who made this event possible. To relive this event please

visit our web site to enjoy the evening in its entirety.

On Tuesday, February 27th, 2024, the Stayner Heritage Society was invited to participate in a Zoom Conference event entitled "Ice Escapades -Then & Now". This event was hosted by the Simcoe County Historical Association. President, Jeff Parton and Director, Tom Scholte who represented the SHS presented a history of community hockey and curling. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session. Our thanks to the SCHA for asking our Society to participate. The event can be viewed on the SCHA Web channel.

Stayner Teen Town **Part Two**



On with the story of Stayner Teen Town Part 2, continued from our Fall 2023 Newsletter.

The parental chaperones changed to "bouncers". Eric Norman was often with us and sometimes Chester Spence. At one point there were two off duty OPP officers who were quite happy to be around to see that all was well. Russ Baker ran "the booth" and no doubt kept an eye on things too. Floyd Bannerman complained

that the Arena Board wasn't impressed with the gum that had to be cleaned up off the dance floor.



Hockey games at the Arena on Saturday night continued to be the thing to do before heading for the dance floor. Two couples who loved to dance were Robert Hunter & Mary Davidson and Sid Holroyd & June Newman alias Snake Hips and his Pussy Cat. Word got around and we had young people coming from Barrie, Camp Borden and Elmvale.

There were occasions when we moved away from records for a DJ or a band to play. Some of our guests were Jack Ruttel from CKBB as well as Chuck Webb at the Dardanella and a Rock group from Toronto. One special was a formal dance held at CDCI with the big band of Ronn Metcalfe from St. Catherines.



The "Specials" were an additional cost on top of the rent for the hall and paying the bouncers but there were still funds left. This group of kids made a sizable donation to the Artificial Ice Fund for the new arena which had opened in 1948.

The Stayner Sun of March 1958 quoted that the teens said, "they would give \$500.00 and as much more as they could raise." They were also recognized in the Sun as having done a great redecorating of the Arena Hall in December of 58. At another time the Stayner Sun printed "Two More" There are two more Rs that are now included in building better citizens. They are Teen Town's Rock'n roll. Teen Town, the best thing that has ever happened for Stayner's teen-age crowd, starts again for another season. Under the exceptionally fine leadership of their officers, Stayner Teen Town has developed into a civic-minded organization that, while designed for pleasure, is actively doing an education job. Despite the music (remember the Charleston and the black bottom Dad?) Teen Town when run as it is here, is teaching the hardest lesson of all – how to live, work and play with others. The year 1958 was a significant period for the Teen Town group according to several pieces in the Stayner Sun. There was a Christmas dance reported in the January '58 Sun as well as the crowning of the Stayner Teen Town Queen (Kelly Ronald) by recording star Vanda King at the Dardenella.

Some of the organizing group attended conferences for teens that were available at the time. One group went to Goderich and another to Elmira.

In the Sun of September 1960, the Teen Town executive was listed. President Edward Barns; Vice President Mervin Brockwell; Secretary Jacqueline Martin;

Treasurer Mary Davidson; Executive Members: Brian Bannerman, Bill Beam, Jim Barnes, Betty Hood, Jim Bellamy, June Finn, Bill Gilbert, Susan Baker and David Armstong.

In 1962, Stayner got to have their own High School with the students coming from Stayner, Creemore and Wasaga Beach and area. By this time the kids that had put the late 50's version of Teen Town together were moving on to their future. In January of 1965, the Stayner Sun printed the following:

"Low attendance worries Teens. Teen Town under the guidance of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion has been trying to operate a dance for teenagers. Dances planned for February 5th- The Mystics, February 12th – The Marcados. Unless the attendance increases considerably before the end of February, these events will have to be cancelled."

The Times of the 50's had passed and the youth of Stayner were moving into a new era. Those wonderful years were now a memory and now a part of history growing up in Stayner.

Upcoming Events **Clearview Tulip Festival**



The Stayner Garden Club has taken on the task of organizing this years Tulip Festival. The festival is scheduled to take place on

Thursday, May 16th with a rain date of Friday, May 17th, 2024. The event will be held from 11:30 to 1:30pm at the fountain park in Stayner.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the RCAF and the tulips planted this past fall are reflective of this special anniversary. All are invited to attend this event and participate in the reflective activities and refreshments that have been planned by the Garden Club.

The Stayner Heritage Society is proud to be a part of this anniversary event.

Stayner Heritage Society Annual Meeting

The SHS annual meeting will be held on May 29th, 2024 at the Stayner Community Centre, 209 Regina Street, commencing at 7pm. More details, including our Guest Speaker will be available on our website and local newspapers.

Stayner Music Market & Park It

Last summer was a huge success for our communities Thursday night Music event at Station Park. The SHS welcomes everyone to visit our museum located at the south end of the park where our hosts will greet you (**June 6-August 29 from 4 to 8pm**). We would like to hear a story or tell a story. Check out our current displays or have a look at our binders: Stayner Sun archival clippings on births, marriages & deaths, sports & news. Stayner census from 1891-1931. Birth registrations for Stayner & Collingwood

1869-1904; Creemore 1890-1904 and Nottawasaga and Sunnidale from 1891-1904. Looking forward to your visit.

Stayner Heritage Society Annual Membership

Your membership is very important to our ongoing success. Your financial support is a vital part of our ongoing project initiatives. These projects include:

1. Remembrance Day Banners.
2. Thomas Stayner Award Administration.
3. SHS Museum /Artifact administration.
4. Historical House Research/Walking Tour programme.
5. Historical Video/Image preservation.
6. Web Site/Face Book administration.

We thank you for your past support and look forward to your continued commitment to our Society. Also, we invite you to be part of our monthly organizational get-togethers. New ideas & suggestions are most welcomed. For more information about our programmes or joining our group, we can be contacted via the contact button on our website Home page.

Please complete and return the attached Membership form for the upcoming year. June 1st, 2024, to May 31st, 2025. Please note our new mailing address is:

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