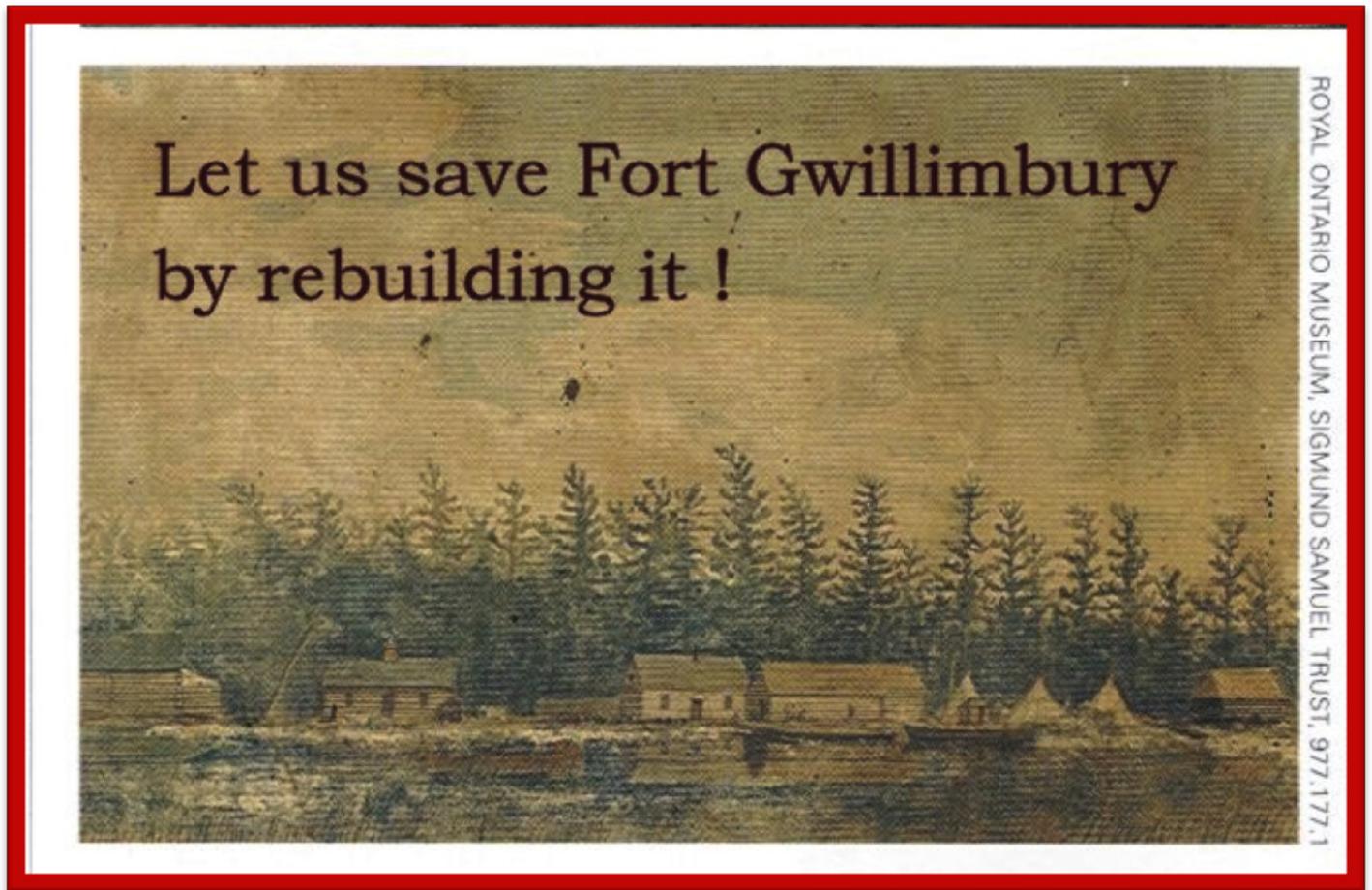

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MANFRED NETZEL RECOUNTS WHY MARCH IS A MAD MONTH, with votes everywhere seeming to go in our favour. But he sounds the alarm for what is now proving to cause some real damage to the people of Ontario, the Drummond Report.

IAN CAMERON, FRIEND, ARM PRESIDENT, BOOK REVIEWER, proud father and husband, voice of good sense and kindness died recently. Much of this issue of *After School* is dedicated to his memory. A poem by his wife, Maryaleen Trafford, reveals the closeness each felt for the other. Articles by Paul Rook, Eileen Jensen and Karma Naike as well as a poem by Jim Loftus give some idea of the importance in which his friends and colleagues held him. *After School* does not ordinarily run obituaries for deceased members but Ian is the exception: his hard work and skill as president and past-president lie at the heart of everything that ARM Chapter 12 is.

STEVE FULLER ANNOUNCES HIS CHOICE OF RESTAURANT for the first ARM Chapter 12 dining experience. He also extends an invitation to all Jews and non-Jews to make and enjoy a simple Passover dish, matzo brie. Try it out; Steve knows his recipes and people's responses to them very well.

STEVE O'BRIEN, THE NEW CHAPTER 12 WEBMASTER, spent the morning of April 18 with ARM members explaining the basics of Facebook and also showing how to use the ARM Chapter 12 website, armchapter12.org.

WILLARD PETERSEN EDUCATED US at a luncheon focused on the history of Yonge Street and the native inhabitants and European settlers who were affected by its development. Read his remarkable outline of just how many of our current beliefs about our city are erroneous.

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Calendar

Wednesday, May 16, 2012, 11:00 am ARM 12 celebrates our Ian Cameron in a Walk & Talk and Luncheon Event Without doubt our members feel the loss of Ian Cameron, our leader for many years. Ian loved getting together with members as often as occasion arose to talk, have a coffee, and also to organize and lead a walk and talk, and he always had a related story to tell. ARM 12 invites all its members to get together to celebrate his life at a luncheon on Wednesday, May 16th, preceded by a Walk and Talk at High Park for those who wish to do so. Program:

- Walk and Talk (optional) 10:45 am – Meet at High Park entrance on Bloor Street West, directly south of the High Park Subway Station. Eileen Jensen will meet members to lead the group in a short walk and talk that will conclude at the restaurant.
- Lunch 12:00 Noon at the The Swan and Firkin pub, 2205 Bloor Street West, one block east of Runnymede, southside. Eat and drink together and toast our friend Ian. P.S. Lunch specials range from \$7.95 - \$8.95 for regular pub fare. Other meals including fish, curry, etc. under \$15.00. Parking is available on Bloor Street and in nearby Municipal lots.

RSVP – Karma Naïke – 416-783-6591 Hope to see you there!

Wednesday, May 23, 2012. Swing For Kids Annual Spring Golf Tournament

09:30 Registration

10:00 Shotgun tee-off

If playing the Championship Course, arrive earlier as you will have to tee-off around 9 am so we finish together.

Shotgun start means we tee off at the same time and finish together for lunch which will be ready at about

1:00 to 1:30 pm

Place

Rolling Hills Golf Club

Cost

\$65 for 18 holes in Classic Course and lunch; \$75

if you choose to play the Championship Course; \$20 for lunch only.

Includes 18 holes of golf, power cart for two (compulsory).

BBQ lunch menu includes choice of 3 salads, vegetable platter, assorted cookies and dessert squares, coffee or tea, taxes, gratuities and prizes.

Send your cheque for \$65 (Classic Course) or \$75

(Championship Course) or \$25 (Lunch only, to Jim Loftus, 7 Roanoke Rd., Apt. 301 Toronto M3A 1E3. Make the cheque out to ARM C12 Fall Golf Tournament c/o Jim Loftus. Cheques must be in by May 16, 2012. Since places are limited, please act soon.

Registration Please notify us at armchapter12@gmail.com so that we'll have a good idea of how many will be registering. Include your team members' names and phone numbers and e-mails if possible. Please indicate skill level, 1 being a novice and 5 being a good golfer. For this Annual Spring Golf Tournament, at the "Nineteenth Hole" and Luncheon, we will celebrate the lives of Ian Cameron, George Welch, Barry Breedon, Tom Enright, Brian Nunn and other past ARM "Golf Masters." Also, we would be privileged and delighted to be joined, in this celebration of life, by the families and friends of our dearly departed colleagues.

Wednesday, May 30, 2012. Annual General Meeting.

Registration 2:30 pm. 3:00 pm meeting starts. Dinner following. OSSTF Provincial Office, 60 Mobile Drive. Call Jim Loftus 416 447-0811 to confirm attendance.

Wednesday June 20, 2012, ARM 12 Goes to Stratford

2 pm matinee for ARM C-12 members and friends. Two selections are offered:

42nd Street – a jubilant backstage musical. The director, Julian Marsh, has doubts about Dorothy Brock, the star of his promising new show "Pretty Lady." A tricky situation develops. Dorothy's admirer is the show's backer. However, events take an unexpected turn when a newcomer, Peggy Sawyer, wins a place in the chorus and in Julian's heart. Tickets: A+ seats: \$100.00. A seats: \$90.00

Wanderlust – A musical based on poems by Robert Service with additional lyrics Morris Panych. While toiling away in his job as bank clerk, aspiring poet, Robert Service, dreams of a new life of romance and adventure in the gold rush of the north. Problem! The object of his affection, Louise, a pretty co-worker is already engaged and her fiancé can be quite a dangerous man. Tickets: A seats: \$90.00 Please reserve your seat ASAP. Call Karma Naïke at 416 783-6591. You can write a cheque payable to ARM C-12, post-dated to May 20, 2012, and mail to K. Naïke, 980 Briar Hill Ave. Toronto, ON M6B 1M3. Also indicate your choice of presentation. Special access seats will be reserved as needed. Itinerary details will follow.

October 11 – Quinte's Isle Fall Colours Travel to the Prince Edward County to view the glorious fall colours. Lunch at the beautiful Waring House. Total cost of the trip and lunch is \$75. Visits to Lake on the Mountain and the Black River Cheese Co are included. Stop at Campbell's Orchards for a chance to purchase cider and apples. Contact Rosemarie Mohring, 416 425-6677.

Directions to golf course

Rolling Hills Golf Club
12808 Warden Avenue
Gormley, Ontario L4A 7X5
Golf Shop: 905 888-1955

From Toronto
Take Hwy 404 north to Stouffville Road
Turn right (east) on Stouffville Road and drive to Warden Avenue
Turn left and go north 2 kms on Warden Avenue
Entrance is on the left side (west) of Warden Avenue

Presidential perspective

March madness

The *other* kind who needs it?

By Manfred Netzel, President, ARM Chapter 12

AS I PEN THESE REMARKS in the first week of April, it seems that the past month has been as erratic, unpredictable and frustrating as the weather and the fortunes of the Toronto Maple Leafs! In fact, to use another sports analogy, the “March Madness” many of us experienced in national, provincial and local politics, OSSTF and ARM Chapter 12 I truly believe far out did the exploits of American college basketballers involved in the more famous month-long tournament south of the border.

Of course, the month of March started out with relative satisfaction after one of the two TDSB Trustee candidates endorsed by both local District 12 and ARM Chapter 12, Sam Sotiropoulos, had been successfully elected in a Scarborough by-election on February 27th. Despite a voter participation rate of only about 15%, the victory was still important to keep the current progressive balance of power at the Toronto Board intact. That quite positive sentiment for me then continued at the OSSTF Annual Assembly (AMPA) during March Break, when those of us who were delegates and also ARM members had a major breakthrough when the vast majority of delegates supported a motion that would give our provincial ARM Council official representation at future Provincial Council meetings. This had been attempted at last year’s AMPA, but the idea was not approved.

Outside of Federation affairs, many of us were also delighted to see Toronto City Council both defeat Mayor Ford’s ill-conceived transit plan in mid-March, as well as eventually come to terms with all the CUPE union locals representing thousands of civic workers and librarians in our city. Although the union had to make some major contract concessions along the way, strike actions that would have cost both the employees and the general public were avoided and the collective bargaining process again proved to be the preferred way to settle conflicts in the public sector.

Sadly, I think our active teacher colleagues and other educational workers in Toronto and across Ontario will not be treated the same way by the McGuinty Government in the months ahead. It then seemed in the last 10 days of March, all hell was destined to break loose, both on the larger Provincial scene and within our own

ranks in ARM Chapter 12. The formal release of the Liberal Government-commissioned Drummond Report in mid-February became the bugle cry for a draconian Ontario Budget filled with real, or implied, threats to the financial and professional well-being of almost one million people employed in the public sector. The threats of pending punitive legislation related to salaries, sick days, pension payments and gratuities by this Liberal Government make the tough “escapades” of the former Bob Rae Government we faced two decades ago seem pastoral by comparison.

The potential closure of a hundred elementary and high schools in the TDSB due to the elimination of capacity top-up grants alone after 2013 could bring about the demise of some neighbourhoods, small business areas and the public education system as we know it. As a result of these tactics and strategies by the current regime at Queen’s Park, the initial intention to invite the Education Minister to our Chapter 12 Annual General Meeting in late May as a keynote speaker has changed.

However, by far, the most shocking and heart-breaking news during this turbulent March was the sudden passing of our dear friend, colleague, activist and Chapter 12 member Ian Cameron on March 19th. This news was particularly hard to comprehend for those of us who had just seen and been with Ian at AMPA, where he was a fixture over the past decade, promoting and educating everyone about the benefits of ARM membership and organizing new Chapters across Ontario. The best possible tribute to him and his family was the large turnout of friends and admirers to his memorial service held in late March.

You can read several tributes elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter written by some of his closest friends and colleagues. A smaller planned tribute to Ian will also be part of our Annual General Meeting on May 30th, so please plan to attend. I’m sure that you join me in conveying our deep and most sincere condolences to the Cameron Family, particularly his partner Maryaleen, and his children Leah and Russell. After that kind of month, let’s hope that this spring will bring us new energy and some relative tranquility.



15,000 rally to protest budget

APRIL 21 SHOWED the Ontario government that their idea of prosperity through cutbacks was not receiving a lot of support from workers. With representation from labour and community groups, following the rally the 15,000 protesters set out to march through Toronto's golden mile, Bay Street, Bloor Street and University Avenue. We should feel pride in the number of OSSTF members in the crowd -- we were the largest contingent there. Nothing like a rally on Saturday afternoon to make a good weekend great.

Representing ARM Chapter 12 at the April 21 Rally against the Ontario budget, are (left to right), Julia Harney, Manfred Netzel and Neil Walker

Out-of-town ARM events

For ARM Chapter 12 members with interests outside Toronto, other ARM chapters offer lots of variety

Chapter 11 (London)

May 3 AGM with guest speakers presenting information about elder care (CCAC) and importance of estate planning (wills and Powers of Attorney). The AGM will be followed by a spring luncheon. For further info, contact the local President, Mary Lou Cunningham (armpresident@osstf11.com)

Chapters 18 & 21 (Wellington / Hamilton-Wentworth)

April 17 Monthly Breakfast Meeting @ 9:30 Village Restaurant 35 King St. E. Stoney Creek

May 22 War of 1812 Celebration Luncheon @ The Coach & Lantern Restaurant, followed by a tour of the historic Fielcote Museum in Ancaster.

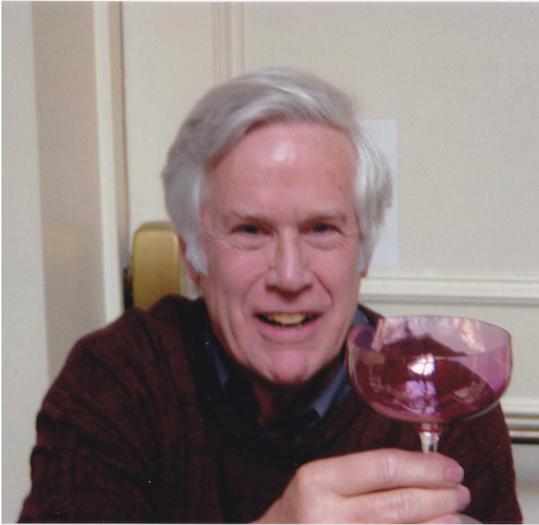
June 19 A guided bus tour of Hamilton's most beautiful waterfalls

For further info about any of these events, contact local President, Chester Faulknor (chesterf.faulknor4@gmail.com)

Chapter 22 (Niagara)

May 16 AGM TBA The members of Chapter 22 are also invited to participate in the May 22 event organized and hosted by Chapters 18 and 21. For further info about the AGM contact the local President, Ray Marshall (RayMars23@cogeco.ca)

June 20 A Celebration of the War of 1812 begins with breakfast @ Little Red Rooster Restaurant in Niagara-on-the-Lake starting @ 9:30. This will be followed with a guided tour of several historic sites in the area led by a local ARM member. The sites will include Butler's Burial Grounds, Fort Mississauga, St. Marks Cemetery and the 200-year old McFarland House with garden tour. Contact: Ray Marshall, Chapter 22 President (RayMars23@cogeco.ca) for further details.



Ian Cameron

Tribute to a friend, confidant, and leader

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Where are you?

Soft words
whispered
Love, where are you?

Hiding in crevices of memory
in darkness, under bedclothes
pyjamas crumpled on the floor
tumbling uncorked out of ecstasy

The smell of coffee, fresh roasted
singing the morning with promise, your special brew

In a chair, pages turning, waiting
to tell me, your voice with ideas
sparkling, like stars.

Love, where are you?
You ran away so fast.
Was it for lack?
For unhappiness?
Or for splendour
Your heart cup full
Your life lived to completion.

I wanted to know more of you
Tell you about recent discoveries:
me, the introvert, loving you in quiet ways
fiercely
you, the extrovert
shining your brilliance everywhere
spilling stardust with your words.

And now you're out there
at the rhinestoned edge of darkness

And we are barely connected
our conversation spacey
formless drifting beyond

Love, do you hear me?
Do you hear my soft words whispered?

Love, are you there?

– Maryaleen Trafford (For Ian)
April 16, 2012

Memories of Ian Cameron

By Paul Rook

“A GREAT GUY whose life and work carried over to so many people.” This is typical of the comments I have heard about Ian Cameron since his death. Ian’s life impacted upon mine in so many ways – as a member of ARM Chapter 12 and the Clio Non-Fiction Book Club and most importantly as a wonderful friend.

All members of ARM Chapter 12 (Toronto), benefited from Ian’s leadership of our group. In fact, Ian was the founder of our retired secondary teacher’s chapter. I can remember him coming into the District 16 (Scarborough) office to search for the names of retired OSSTF members, so an ARM group could be formed. He was determined and this and other efforts lead to the creation of the Toronto chapter. Ian became the first President, serving with distinction, for 10 years.

It was my pleasure to work with him as vice-president for six of those years. We divided the tasks of the president and vice-president, each doing those things he preferred. I have been in a number of president and vice-president working relationships, but this was the easiest and most enjoyable. I was amazed by Ian’s approach. Nothing ever fazed him. If something had to be done we would work out the details and get on with the task. The fact that a glass of Scotch was often involved made the process so much more enjoyable and productive. Ian loved a good Scotch!

Ian worked tirelessly to promote the Chapter and ARM. To encourage people to join, he spoke at all the Toronto event’s OSSTF planned for members planning to retire. He strengthened our ties with District 12 OSSTF and our provincial organization. Each year he organized the ARM booth at OSSTF’s Annual Provincial Assembly. But he also did the tedious behind the scenes things that the members never saw but were so important in making the chapter successful. One of these was updating the mailing list before each *After School* newsletter was mailed.

He, of course, used his ever-present Blackberry to record and update all this information. Once, when a person planning an ARM luncheon became ill, we got together and he searched the Blackberry for names of possible speakers. Within 45 minutes we had the luncheon reorganized. Ian convinced me of the value of a good cell phone. No small accomplishment considering, as many of you may have perceived, that

I am not comfortable around new technology. When chairing meetings I insist the attendees put away their cell phones. I made an exception for Ian. We will always associate Ian with that Blackberry.

I was impressed by Ian’s amazing ability to engage people in conversation. This was evident as people arrived for our ARM luncheons. When we went for walks in his neighbourhood, we always visited various local establishments, such as the Elegant Garage Sale and then ended up in a local eatery. Every shop owner knew Ian as did many of the people we passed on the street. This reminded me of what would happen on the main street of the small, friendly city (Galt) that I grew up in. People talked with Ian because he showed a genuine interest in them.

This was evidence that Ian cared about people and his community. That is why he ran for public office at both the provincial and municipal levels. He even became a municipal councilor in his cottage area, making the long treks back and forth every month for the meetings. This all had to be done in one evening, as Ian was teaching. Ian also became very active in promoting housing for seniors in East York so that seniors could remain in their community, after they sold their houses. He tried to persuade me to move into one of the apartment units, even before I was old enough to qualify.

Ian had a passion for many things. One of these was reading books, a passion that led him to become an active member of the Friends of the Public Library. It is the reason I asked him to become a member of the Clio Non-Fiction Book Club. We were impressed by his amazing memory of the books we had read. He could quote the content years later, when many of us had trouble even remembering if the club had read the book. Ian also had a unique ability to relate any book to economic theories he had learned, even if the book had nothing to do with economics.

Ian had two other passions – retraining for his pilot’s license and building the largest cottage deck. I immediately saw a connection between the two. If the deck was large enough a small plane could probably land on it. Never having flown in a small plane, I was worried that Ian might ask me to fly with him. I therefore stressed that we should follow the policy of many large organizations – that it would be unwise for the President

and the Vice-President of the ARM chapter to fly in the same plane, in case of an accident.

My fondest memories of Ian are as a friend. I enjoyed our chats, walks and attending events from political rallies to book readings. Ian was always there if you needed advice or help. When I had some serious medical problems in 2006, Ian drove me to the hospital

emergency on three different occasions. He then waited to make sure I was admitted and taken care of. He played a major role in getting me through the year.

We all have our own special memories of Ian. He had a positive impact on the members of ARM Chapter 12 and so many others. He will be missed but fondly remembered.

My friend Ian

By Eileen Jensen

I FIRST MET IAN IN THE DISTRICT 12 DAVISVILLE OFFICE. As many of you will recall, amalgamation of the District Offices in Metro was an extremely stressful time for teachers, district executives, and staff. We were in the throes of making the newly amalgamated office of District 12 work. Amidst all the daily difficulties we had to overcome, from time to time I noticed a group of men sitting at a table just outside my office chatting and having a great time. I wondered who they were and why they were so happy.

Because I was the office manager, I strolled over and asked them what they were doing there.

They said that they were members of ARM. Curious, I asked, "What is ARM?" Ian introduced himself and the other men with him, and said that ARM is a group of retired teachers, organized by OSSTF to provide health and dental insurance, and for former colleagues to stay in touch.

As I watched these men laughing, joking, and seemingly having a great time outside my office, and at the same time being very productive by collating their newsletter, I thought how is it possible that they can be so happy while we in the office are so stressed? Right there and then I decided I wanted to be part of that group.

As fate would have it, when I retired from my position as Office Manager of District 12, Ian and Sally Pengelly invited me to join ARM. At that time it was necessary for ARM to amend its constitution to include me, a non-teacher, into their group, as Treasurer of ARM.

I held that position for four years.

As the first president of ARM, and with a background in accounting, Ian gave me invaluable advice and assistance. I could always count on his support. He was extremely helpful in advising me and assisting me in my duties, always with a smile, always with a joke.

We became close friends and I was introduced to his lovely family. His adoration of his wife Maryaleen and his love for Leah and Russell knew no bounds.

Ian was very caring. I recall one very cold Christmas Eve Leah, Ian and I went out carolling to raise money for the Out of the Cold Program. People who greeted us at the door were very generous and hospitable. Some even invited us in for a drink – or two.

He was curious about the world and his fellow human beings. He never failed to attend any of my social functions. Whenever I felt I needed a pep talk Ian was always there to listen. He was never judgmental. He always accepted people for who they are.

To me he was a true friend.

The Face of Love

By Karma Naike

ON FEBRUARY 8, 2012, IAN CAMERON presented to ARM C12 a booklet of love poems, courtesy of a friend, Bruce Archer, at a luncheon celebrating the spirit of Valentine's Day. Unknowingly, Ian's gift symbolized in its title the legacy which he has bequeathed to ARM C12. Ian's effort to initiate and produce this session was a labour of love.

Commitment was paramount. Having organized and started ARM C12 in 1998, Ian's leadership, was cool, visionary, supportive and respectful. He was a man of stature and inspiration. While leading the Chapter for ten years, he encouraged and supported initiatives, got

sponsors' support for the *After School* newsletter and established a custom of mitigating member expenses for fuller participation in group activities. Without exception, he was engaged in every event bringing a cheerful disposition and a listening ear to all. He got to know every member. It could never be said that Ian was apolitical. A strong crusader for the underdog, he promoted advocacy for Fair Trade products, aboriginal rights, public education through political advocacy with D.12 PAC, and in his own constituency. Whether it was a literary event, theatre, sports, writing and working to produce our newsletter, representing

our chapter at the provincial level, being at a lunch together or in conducting meetings, Ian was always involved in the occasions. He was a Pilgrim Soldier at his post! His final gift to ARM was his setting up the provincial ARM booth and being its host for three days before taking it down, a responsibility he had undertaken since the inception of ARM 12. His influence was province-wide.

But the provenance of such a man with such energy was rooted in his strong family groundedness. His family was at the heart of his thoughts. In conversations he always related what his wife, Maryaleen, was doing, and how his children's (Leah and Russell) adventures and interests were progressing. The strength of family reflected in his easy composure and generosity of spirit. I am sure that many ARM members have enjoyed his family's hospitality – for a drink, to work on a project, or engaging in a friendly discourse event. He achieved a balanced life.

His great depth of character did not make him insensitive to frivolity and fashion and contemporary trends. I remember being with Maryaleen and him, and the subject arose about the colour red in fashion. Ian was proud of his wife's fashion sense and talked about her preferences, which I found rather refreshing in a man. This encounter made me recall Ian's leaving the design for the redecoration of their home entirely up to his wife, and ensured that he provided all the resources she needed. They shared a beautiful home. This mutual care was at the root of his family life. He credited Maryaleen for helping him to compile the booklet, *The Face of Love*, and for her research in recovering the work of a 13th Century Persian poet, Jellahudin Rumi, which she brilliantly presented. The luncheon was a pleasurable informative occasion, but keen-eyed Maryaleen insisted that

they leave soon after lunch because "it was too much for Ian." He and she had worked hard but she was watching out for him. Such care! That caring family spirit was evidenced in all Ian's endeavours and in his view of the world.

It is no surprise that Ian will be genuinely missed. He was a man who strode the world with brave, long steps, winsome appearance and personality. Strongly athletic, literary, politically active and visionary, he was a great example to all members and friends. It was amazing how he was tireless in his canvassing, his politicking and whenever he felt impelled to action for a cause, yet always polite with a twinkle in his eye.

He used to say, 'Something for the mind and something for the body', but those were not the measure of the man. He was a whole person, and in his love for the world, its people, its music, its beauty, its conflicts, and in his desire to improve circumstances of those in need, his continued pursuit of knowledge and in accessing information he was unique. He had a spiritual connection to the world. His wholeness of person was rare and we were lucky to have known him.

Ian soared beyond the demands of the routine and touched the hearts of those he met. There was no equivocation in his moral compass. A stanza of the poem, 'Evolutionary Intelligence' by the poet, Jellahudin Rumi, introduced to us by Maryaleen, captured the person and aura of Ian Cameron:

I am all orders of being, the circling galaxy
the evolutionary intelligence, the lift,
and the falling away,
What is, and what isn't?

Ian isn't, but is with us indelibly so!

Ode Tae Ian Cameron

O'lo the mourning after
as sobering thoughts abide
and shed we yet grieved tears
for our dear laddie,
grasped sudden frae our side.

Aye, pray we Lord
you'd greet him as he 'rives
and laud the service he'd provide
selfless, unceasing, reaching forth,
to a' laddies, lasses an' bairn.
Ah yes! As that Scot, Robbie'd 'test

there was a laddie, nae, total man
for a' this and a' that.
Yes, yes, we cry, here truly lived
'a man for a' that, and a' that, and a' that.

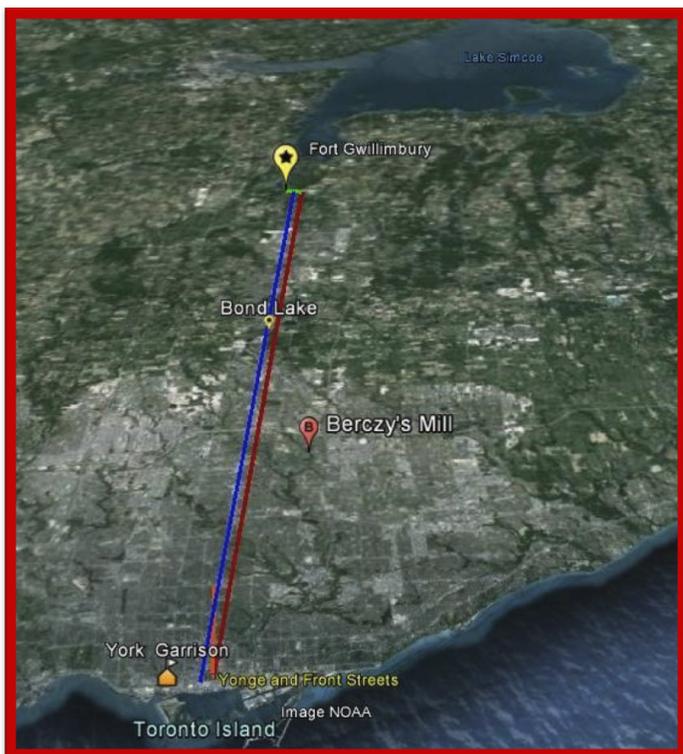
Yet pray we further Lord,
hold dearly him in thy glorious abode.
And then, please,
have him greet a' we
at the end to each our road.

– James Loftus

Secrets of the GTA's past

How Yonge Street, Gwillimbury and Holland Landing came to be

By Willard Petersen, Director, Canadian Heritage Landscapes (CHL). (An association of citizens and academics dedicated to the preservation of historic sites of local, provincial, and national significance since 1996.)



Survey lines for Yonge Street 1794

On March 18, Willard H Petersen presented his findings to ARM Chapter 12 on the history of Yonge Street, Fort Gwillimbury, Holland Landing and fur trading in the area. – Ed.

ONE AIM OF THIS PRESENTATION was to accurately show, for the first time in 218 years, how Augustus Jones surveyed Yonge Street in 1794.

Starting at the intersection of Yonge and Front Street, Jones laid out a baseline (red line) northward as straight as he could. He was then expected to stop when the Landing selected by John Graves Simcoe on the Holland River was exactly due west of the baseline. He was then to connect these two points by a traverse. He went a couple of hundred feet too far past the Landing and corrected this with a minor adjustment (green line).

The Landing was the terminus of Yonge Street, about 36 miles from York, and could be accessed at that time by an Indian path known as the Don Trail. Simcoe had

named the area Gwillimbury in honour of his wife's family.

On the way north, Jones measured the distance between the baseline and what we know today as the intersection of St Clair Avenue and Yonge (2100 ft). To cross this point on the return survey, the Yonge Street survey line (blue) had to be at least 2100 ft west of and parallel to the baseline. Jones assured this would happen by measuring the distance at intervals as he worked his way from (Fort) Gwillimbury Landing to York Harbour.

The baseline (red) and traverse (green) (Next page top) terminated at Pine Fort Gwillimbury. Jones described it in his field notes as, "the Landing on the bank, the place that his Excellency the Lieut. Governor had prepared for a Landing". It was situated on the northern end of the 'Old Indian Landing Place' which extended south three quarters of a mile (red area). Note that the Don and Humber-Holland trails terminated here. The survey of Yonge Street began at the intersection of the green traverse line and the blue southbound survey line on March 13, 1794.

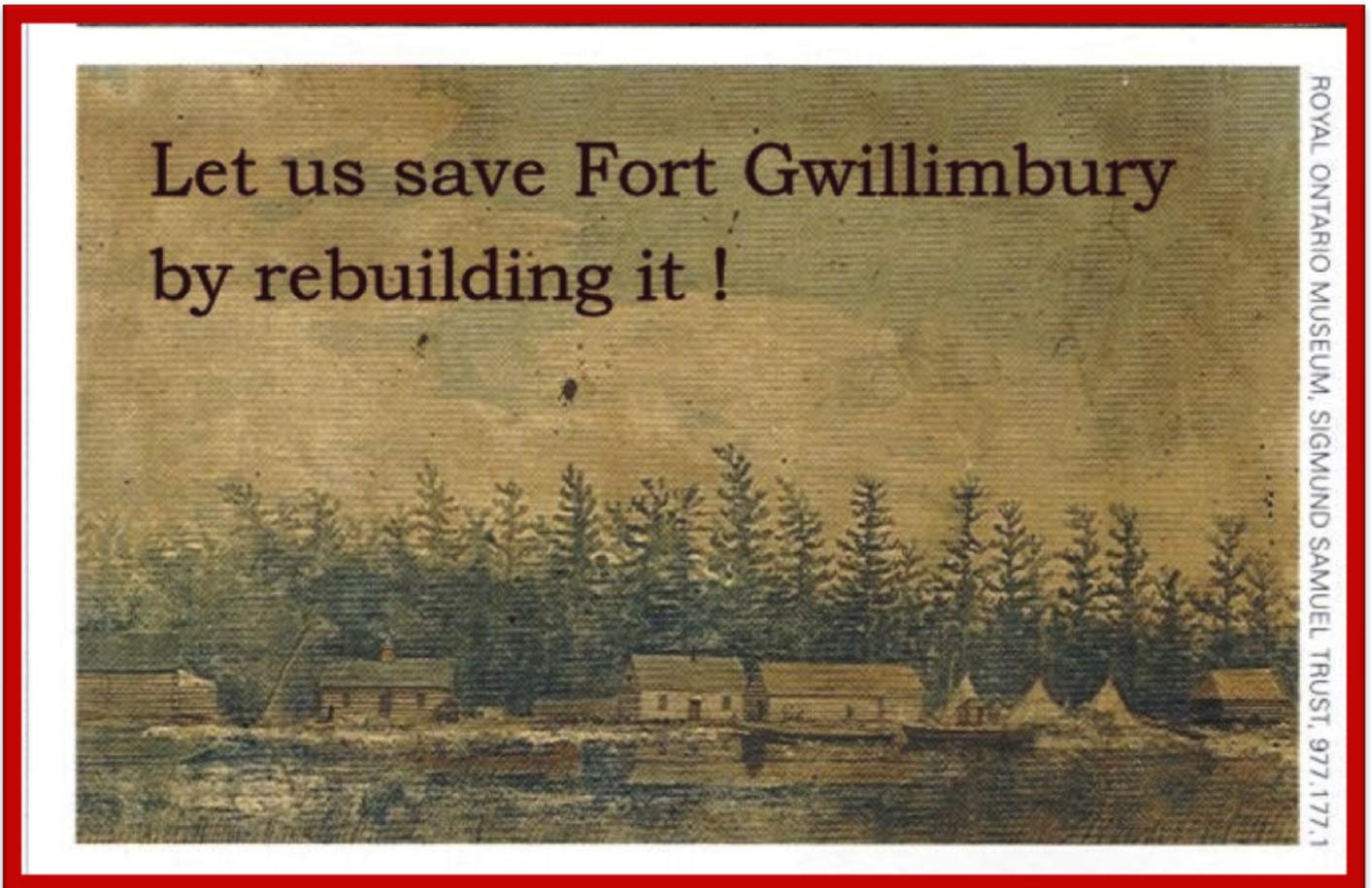
This cluster of buildings (Next page, bottom)) is the naval-military depot referred to by Henry Scadding as Fort Gwillimbury. It was drawn by Robert Irvine who was in charge of the depot in 1815. Unlike Fort York it did not fall to the Americans during the 1812 war. By supplying posts on Lake Huron, it assured Canada's western provinces were not lost to the expansionist Americans.

To complicate matters, Ontario Heritage Trust has wrongly placed the location of Fort Gwillimbury away from the river next to the pond (south end of old Indian Landing) shown on yhr mage below (page 11). This grave blunder by OHT renders the real Fort Gwillimbury site vulnerable to destruction by the Ministry of Transportation who want to build a Highway over it linking Highways 400 and 404.

Fur trading activity is shown near the wharf next to a warehouse. A Durham boat used to transport military-naval supplies to Kempenfelt Bay is docked. Tents serve



Pine Fort Gwillimbury and "Old Indian Landing Place"





Fur trading at Fort Gwillimbury

as barracks for the sailors/soldiers. On the far side of the tents, a military person on horseback leads a column of men and horses along the Yonge street trail to the Depot. Military-Naval personnel dined in the log shed on the right with the canvas top. A soldier stands guard over a cannon (on side of shed), a 16foot anchor (between tent and shed) and cannon balls piled along the shed wall next to him.

Go to fortgwillimbury.ca, the recently opened Canadian Heritage Landscape website to learn more and how you can help save this site.

A pre-historic note

In a presentation by Dr. Glenn Penoyer (He acquired an amateur license from the Ministry of Culture to fulfill his undergraduate love of archaeology), he showed, in the illustration to the right, the migratory path of caribou about 11,000 years ago. The shorelines of both ancient lakes (Algonquin and Iroquois) extended inland due to melt water from the retreating glacier ice sheet. After this water drained via the St Lawrence River, Caribou would winter on the lush growth next to a much dryer Lake Ontario which extended 25 miles farther out than today.

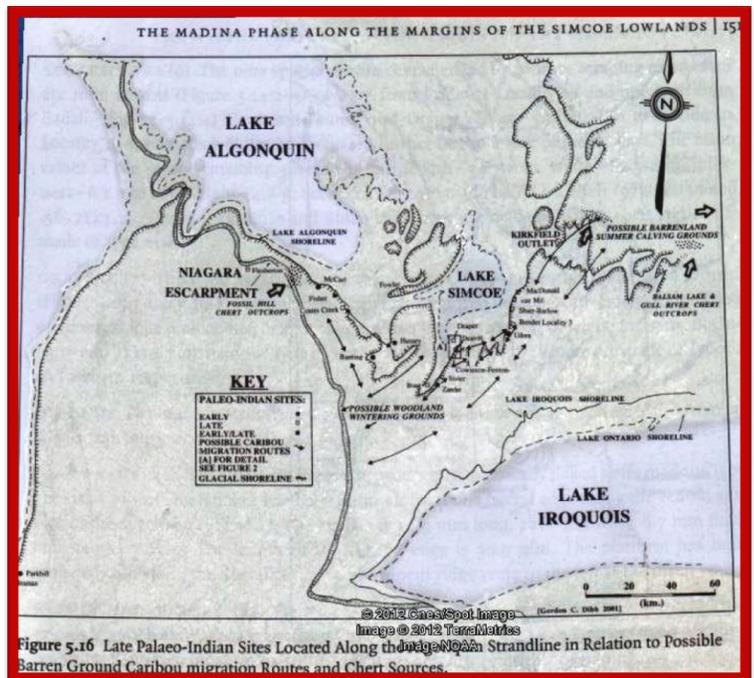


Figure 5.16 Late Palaeo-Indian Sites Located Along the Madina Strandline in Relation to Possible Barren Ground Caribou migration Routes and Chert Sources.

Dr. Penoyer outlined his work in search of early and late Paleo-Indian artifacts in the Udora and East Gwillimbury areas. His reports to the Ministry of Culture will soon be featured on the [fortgwillimbury](http://fortgwillimbury.ca) website.

An electoral system to emulate

Rational discussion and debate mark the presidential contest in French elections

By Charles Hawkes

I RETURNED RECENTLY from spending the month of March in southern France during the first round of the French presidential elections. I found that French politics, personalities, and the electoral system fascinating to watch, and compare with Canada's.

Nicholas Sarkozy, the flamboyant French President is running a tight race against his main contender, Francois Hollande, a milder sort who has nevertheless made waves in France with his call for a raising income tax to 75% for the top income earners. French Presidents hold office for five years, and face two rounds of voting. In the first round, any French citizen able to obtain 500 signatures of mayors and other elected officials is free to run for the office. Ten individuals are running, ranging from three old-line Communists, to a radical anti-capitalist, an environmentalist, and of course, the controversial Marine Le Pen, now leader of the anti-immigrant National Front party.

The electoral system is a run-off system used in many countries, and generally works quite well. After the first round of voting, the two party leaders winning the most votes face off again in a second round of voting to decide who will become President. The system does require citizens to vote twice, and although there is usually some drop off in voting in the second round, French voting participation as a whole is still quite high.

The run-off system usually forces favorites such as Sarkozy and Hollande to appeal to as broad a cross section of voters as possible. To achieve a majority in the second round, they must attract the votes of the lesser parties and their leaders who lost in the first round. No system is perfect; in 2002, the left wing vote in the first round split allowing the demagogue

Jean-Marie Le Pen, the National Front leader, father of Marine, to become one of the two finalists. France recovered from this national embarrassment and gave Jacques Chirac a landslide victory of over 82% of the final vote for the Presidency.

France does not allow political advertising on television or the radio, which means that the system is blessedly free from what many Canadians and Americans consider to be one of the worst features of our elections: negative political advertising. Presidential candidates must make their case orally, and do so, in speeches, discussions, and debates on TV, radio, and civic halls. To assure equality among all candidates, all are guaranteed equal time on television and radio, and a government agency counts the precise number of minutes each candidate has been given, and is entitled. The agency even stipulates equal time after the presidential election for the parliamentary majority, opposition, and government members to present their views.

Watching French television, a viewer is struck by how much talking and discussion occurs between politicians and their audiences. Policies are explained, dissected, and debated in detail. The French love to talk, and it appears that their attention span for listening to others talk is very high. Sarkozy, Hollande, and others (yes, even Marine Le Pen) gave lengthy, detailed answers to questions from both panels of experts, and ordinary citizens in town hall meetings.

French citizens insist that its politicians engage in rational discussion and debate with voters, and regulations ensure equality among candidates. It is indeed a vigorous democracy.



Steve Fuller's Toronto

What to eat when bread is not an option

Making Passover palatable

ONE OF THE LARGEST ETHNIC GROUPS IN THE GTA, at over 250,000, is the Jewish population. This is divided among mainly three groups, Orthodox, Reform and Conservative (in order of origin – “Genesis, you might say”).

There are many differences of opinion about religious matters, but, at this time of year, most agree that they hate the unleavened bread (Matzo) they have to eat because leavening of any kind is not permitted, nor are the grains and rice (except for the wheat raised especially to make Matzo.) This is to commemorate the flight of the Jews, led by Moses, from Egypt through the desert, as described in the Exodus book of the Torah. By the way, Jews do not accept the New Testament. We have what you call the Old Testament plus the prophets, Psalms, etc. The one Matzo dish which many Jews eat is called “Matzo Brie” (pronounced Brye).

Here's my method:

1. Break the large sheets of matzo into small pieces, about the size of a quarter. There will be some smaller and some bigger fragments, but they can all be used.
2. Pour boiling water over the pieces and soak them until they are soft but not soggy. This takes only a short time.
3. Mix in scrambled eggs in the ratio of two eggs for every three sheets of matzo.
4. Season with the Kosher salt and freshly-ground black pepper. Fry in oil until done. (no slimy egg material).
5. The topping I like best is corn syrup, but,

since corn is a grain, we use maple syrup or a sprinkling of sugar or one of a myriad of possibilities. Since you will read this after Passover is done, corn syrup is appropriate.

You now have a dish that's full of carbohydrate, fats and little protein. This fits into our dietary melange of bad foods, but it tastes wonderful. Some of the best things in life are carbs and fats (just jokin').

Having eaten this dish, you are now Jewish to some extent, so reduce the magnitude of your dietary excess and go to a synagogue. Then go to at least one church denomination and notice that the “Last Supper” is a Passover Seder.

In fact, I think it can be a wonderful experience to visit other religious institutions, but inform the clergy first, for purposes of courtesy and consideration; they might want to make their service special in some way, because you're a guest.

WE HAVE THE FIRST RESTAURANT OUTING coming up later this month. It will be a Caribbean experience in one of the top-rated restaurants of this type in Toronto. It's not too late, so if you're interested, contact me by sending an email to Neil Walker and the ARM office. He'll forward it to me.

I believe that food experiences are very often an integral part of the attraction of discovering other parts of the world. In any case, they're a heck of a lot cheaper than air fare, so join us, won't you?



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Polly Higgins, Earth’s Lawyer

By Julia Harney

WHAT CAN EACH ONE OF US DO to eradicate Ecocide? On Saturday February 18, 2012 at the Friends House (Quakers), I attended a meeting with Polly Higgins, Earth Lawyer.

Higgins’ presentation was inspiring and factual focusing on the law of Ecocide as the fifth Crime against Peace. Several years ago, while walking on the Scottish Moors, Higgins had a revelation; she decided that planet earth needed a lawyer. She began her campaign; she received a thousand emails in the first week. Higgins is a corporate lawyer who lives in Scotland when she is not campaigning globally.

Higgins is an award-winning author of *Eradicating Ecocide*, barrister and international environmental lawyer who will attend the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on June 20-22, 2012. Higgins proposed to the United Nations in April 2010, that the law of Ecocide be recognized as a fifth crime against peace, to

be classed as an international law alongside Genocide, Crime against humanity, Crimes of aggression and War crimes. Ecocide is defined as the mass “damage, destruction to or loss of ecosystems of a given territory, whether by human agency or by other causes, to such an extent that peaceful enjoyment by the inhabitants of that territory has been severely diminished.”

In order to make the Law of Ecocide a fifth Crime against Peace, into international law, 58 nations must vote for this proposal at the Earth Summit. The smaller nations of the world have responded positively to Higgins’ proposal. These nations have already been affected negatively by climate change. The powerful nations of the world need to become team players to eradicate Ecocide.

For more information or to contribute to Higgins’ campaign, please visit: www.eradicatingecocide.com and/or www.thisisecocide.com

The faces of love

ARM members read love poetry in preparation for Valentine's Day

The booklet of love poetry was entitled *The Face of Love*. Bruce Archer and Ian Cameron worked together to compile and print it. On February 8, 2012, ARM Chapter 12 members and their friends and spouses gathered to hear Chapter 12 members and guests read love poetry from around the world. Bruce Archer, the convener and poetry scholar, read as did MC Ian Cameron (far right). Also reading were Donna Preston, Virginia Maxwell, Neil Walker, Eileen Jensen, Maryaleen Trafford (right) and Rosemarie Mohring.



Electronic friendship

ARM Chapter 12 learns about social media and how to use our new website



Steve O'Brien (left) is the webmaster for our chapter's new website, armchapter12.org. Among about 25 others, Rosemarie Mohring (left) learned how to access the website and how to use Facebook. Rosemarie is brand new to electronic media; she is taking her plunge into the cyberworld with her new Apple iPad 2.