



The Rockcliffe News

April 2014

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Board meetings are held monthly and are open to all. See calendar for dates and times. Comments and suggestions are always welcome.

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The Rockcliffe News, the newsletter of the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association (RPRA), is published six times a year: February, April, June, August, October and December.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

- 2 Wednesday, 7:30 pmHeritage Committee Meeting, Community Hall
- 12 Saturday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm...Library Book Sale, Community Hall*
- 13 Sunday, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.....Library Book Sale, Community Hall*
- 16 Wednesday, 7:15 pmRPRA Board Meeting, Community Hall
- 22 Tuesday, 7:30 pmCanada Lands Company Update on the Redevelopment of the Former Rockcliffe Airbase, Community Hall*
- 24 Thursday, 7:30 pmRockcliffe Park Garden Club Speakers Series: Award-winning gardeners Michel Tardif and Mireille Albert of Les Jardins d'Emmarocales on "Beautiful Gardens: How to Keep Them Blooming From Spring to Fall," Community Hall*
- 26 Saturday, time TBA.....Elmwood School's 25th Annual Gala, 261 Buena Vista Road*
- 27 Sunday, 10:00 am to Noon.....Annual Village Clean-Up, Community Hall*
- 30 Wednesday, 8:00 pmSpeakers Program: Cheryl Boughton, Headmistress, Elmwood School, and Norman Southward, Head of School, Ashbury College: "What Matters in Education Today," Community Hall*

MAY

- 3 Saturday, time TBA.....Jane's Walk Ottawa*
- 4 Sunday, time TBA.....Jane's Walk Ottawa*
- 10 Saturday, time TBA.....Open House, Ottawa New Edinburgh Club*
- 21 Wednesday, 7:15 pmRPRA Board Meeting, Community Hall

JUNE

- 4 Wednesday, 7:30 pmHeritage Committee Meeting, Community Hall
- 18 Wednesday, 7:15 pmRPRA Board Meeting, Community Hall

*Additional information on these events may be found in this newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In the February issue of this newsletter, I mentioned early snows, extreme cold, storms and melting with ice pellets and rain, and added that it would be hard to imagine what still remained in winter's arsenal. It wasn't long before we found out, with one of the longest, coldest, windiest, iciest, snowiest winters in recent memory. With snow still piled high as I write, we are definitely looking forward to the change of season.

The Rockcliffe Park Residents Association held its Annual General Meeting (AGM), together with the Village Foundation, in late February. We reviewed the events and activities of 2013 in such areas as heritage, the environment and strengthening a sense of community within the Village, and discussed some priority issues for 2014.

The AGM also elected a new Board of Directors. For the past several years, the membership of the Board was relatively stable and we did not seek to add new members last year. In 2013, however, several Directors left the Board for a variety of reasons, which resulted in quite a high number of vacancies. I am pleased to report that we have eight new Directors whom we are delighted to welcome to the Board: Christopher Barker, Michele Collum Hayman, Caroline Gingras, Joan Kellett, Peter Lewis, Linda McDonald, Michael Teeter and Marilyn Venner.

The following Directors from 2013 were re-elected: Susan d'Aquino, Kathy Day, Jane Dobell, Russ Gibson, Alexander Macklin, John Murphy and myself. Those Directors who have left the Board are: former Vice President Anna Blauveldt, former Secretary Iola Price, Lori Assheton-Smith, John Butterfield, Graeme McCallum, Anne Roy-Boulos and James Taylor. I would like to thank each of them for their many contributions to the Board and to our community on such varied issues as the proposed interprovincial bridge, the environment, sports, including the soccer program, finances and roads. I am particularly appreciative of Iola's role as our long-standing and stalwart Secretary, who has done so much to keep us organized and on track.

The new Board has also elected a new Executive for 2014. Kathy Day becomes Vice President, Marilyn Venner is our new Secretary, John Murphy will continue as Treasurer and I was honoured to be re-elected as President for another term. We look forward to building on the work carried out during the past year.

One of the priority issues discussed at the AGM was the redevelopment of the former Rockcliffe airbase. In February, Canada Lands Company (CLC) held a third public meeting to discuss their draft "Preferred Plan" for redevelopment of the site, a document based on a series of consultations, including some with community associations such as the RPRA. However, there remain continuing concerns, including traffic, greenspace and density.

In response to an invitation from the RPRA, Mr. Don Schultz, CLC's Director of Real Estate for Rockcliffe, has kindly agreed to provide a project update and address concerns at an open public meeting at the Community Hall on Tuesday, April 22, beginning at 7:30 pm.

I encourage you to attend to review the status of this major project that will have a significant impact on our community.

In previous reports, I mentioned that the City had hired a consultant to advise on erosion and bank stability at the Pond. I am informed by the City that the report should be completed by the end of March. We expect to receive a copy thereafter which we hope will serve as a guide for remediation efforts in the future.

Finally, mark your calendar for the Annual April Book Sale in support of the Rockcliffe Park Branch of the Ottawa Public Library. The dates are Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13 at the Community Hall. Last year's sale was a huge success and we hope this year's event will be even better. I hope you will come to inspect the bargains and help to support this worthwhile initiative.

Brian Dickson

Thank You to the 2013 Community Appeal Donors

The Community Appeal helps to build our endowment to support community projects and activities. Thank you to those who have made donations to the 2013 Annual Appeal of the Friends of the Village of Rockcliffe Park Foundation, including donors who chose to remain anonymous. The appeal has raised \$15,000 to date. Contributions are still welcome. To support your community, donate online at www.rockcliffeparkfoundation.org or send a cheque payable to the Friends of Rockcliffe Park Foundation to Jane Newcombe, 25 Westward Way, Rockcliffe Park ON K1L 5A8. Questions? Call **Bonnie Robinson** at 613 749 5297 or **Jane Newcombe** at 613 746 8000.

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Paul Durand and Patricia Fortier	Mrs. June Lindsey	Michael Shenstone
Martha Emond	Michael Macklem	Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith
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Barry and Caroline Frewer	Mrs. Margaret Maclure	Anne Stanfield
Philip Garel-Jones	Ben and Angela Marcus	Alison Surette
Dr. Osman P. Gialloredo	Grant McDonald	J.H. and Mary Taylor
Roy Greenhalgh	Anne McDougall	Joan Waiser
Walter Grego	Micheline and Robert McElligott	David Weinstein
Sophie Grégoire	Mrs. Sylvia Mercer	Rem Westland
Margot Gualtieri	John Mierins	Allan and Marilyn Wilson
David Halton	Choan E. / Ameneh Mirzaei	Michael and Jacqui Wilson
Mrs. Eve Hampson	Sarah J. Murray	Shirley and Bill Yang
	John and Marion Nelligan	

Want to know about the Rockcliffe Airbase Redevelopment and how it will affect YOU? Find out on April 22...

This is a project that will have a significant long-term effect on Rockcliffe Park and other nearby communities. Join the RPRA and your neighbours on **April 22 at 7:30 pm** at Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, 380 Springfield Road, for an open public meeting to hear an update on the project presented by **Don Schultz, Canada Lands Company's Director of Real Estate for Rockcliffe**. He will also address residents' questions and concerns regarding the project.

HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE

The Library Matters

To coincide with the upcoming Rockcliffe Branch Library Book Sale, we offer an excerpt from the Annual Report of the Rockcliffe Park Village Council's Annual Report for 1972. Readers may not know that the first Rockcliffe Library was located in Rockcliffe Park Public School. Only in 1994 with the construction of the Library and Community Hall did the Library move to its current quarters. With amalgamation, the Library became part of the Ottawa Public Library system.

During the year [1972] the Rockcliffe Park Public Library was established.

The Village made an initial grant of \$1,000 to pay for shelving and supplies. Operating costs and book acquisitions have been financed by grants from the province through the Eastern Ontario Library Association. A part-time Librarian, Mrs. W. E. Loftus, has been engaged and 12 volunteers from among Village residents assist in the operation.

The Library opened on Monday, April 9th, with a permanent collection of approximately 200 books donated by the second-hand book section of the Rockcliffe Park Book Fair. Since then, the permanent collection has increased to a total of 486 books, 234 of which have been purchased, the balance have been donated. The Library expects to buy about 75 new books before the end of November and the Book

Fair Committee is allowing the choice, free of charge, of a selection of books from the second-hand book department before the Book Fair opens. In addition, the travelling collection, which changes every four months, consists of 115 hardcover books, 100 French paperbacks, 100 English paperbacks and 25 large print books.

The Adult Library is situated in the Conference Room adjacent to the School Library and is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The collection in the school library is open to the community until 5:00 p.m. daily, giving us access to a good reference section. The use of the library has steadily increased and we now have 134 subscribers and approximately 25 books are checked out each week. The Library Board hopes to be able to extend the present library hours and remain open one evening a week later in the year.

A-Hunting We Will Go!

It's the Annual April Book Sale in Support of the Rockcliffe Park Branch of the Ottawa Public Library

It may not feel much like spring but it must be here because it's time once again for the Annual April Book Sale in support of the Rockcliffe Park Branch of the Ottawa Public Library.

A big Thank You to all who have donated books, records, etc. for this year's sale. Donors: rest assured that your donations will find new homes with others who will love them. And treasure hunters: get ready – there will surely be something for everyone.

It only remains for you to come, buy everything back, and urge your friends to do the same. The Library needs your support.

See you at the sale!

Saturday, April 12 – 10 am to 6 pm
Sunday, April 13 – 11 am to 5 pm



HERITAGE

The Signs are Clear: It's Out With the Old and In With the New

Last year, residents called the City to report a number of missing street signs in the Village. In planning to replace them, City staff realized that the existing street sign design was unilingual, so a new design for the heritage district was required. The RPRA Heritage Committee was contacted, and we considered design options. We looked at the distinctive street signs now in place in each of the other heritage districts in Ottawa. Having a distinctive sign helps to identify the dimensions of a heritage district. One requirement of the City was to have the Ottawa 'swirly O' at the top centre of the sign. This is a feature of all new street signs throughout the City, including heritage districts.



The old street signs...



...and the new design.

The Heritage Committee found that combining the 'swirly O' with the former Village coat of arms as a district identifier wouldn't work from a design point of view, and we also realized that the coat of arms would not be recognized by many visitors. So we borrowed an idea from the Byward Market signs, and chose to have the heritage district name 'Village of/de Rockcliffe Park' written out. Two of us then sat down with the City sign designers in front of their computers, and together came up with the design now being installed to replace the missing signs. The design staff were most helpful and cooperative.

The new signs are being attached to utility poles, where available. This allows for a more secure attachment than atop the existing short metal poles.

Anthony Keith
Heritage Committee Secretary

SPEAKERS PROGRAM

Wednesday, April 30 at 8:00 pm • Rockcliffe Park Community Hall • 380 Springfield Road

Join your neighbours for an informal evening with distinguished speakers. Free admission.

The presentation will be followed by questions, coffee and cookies.

Cheryl Boughton

Headmistress, Elmwood School



Norman Southward

Head of School, Ashbury College

“What Matters in Education Today”

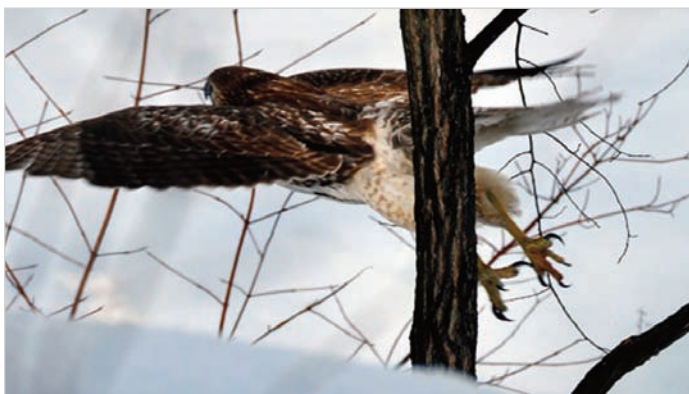
The Speakers Program is an initiative of the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association and is supported by the Rockcliffe Park Foundation.



WILDLIFE NOTES

Bird songs in the depth of winter are to cherish. On January 26, **John Watson** on Lakeway was shovelling snow when he heard a Robin sing: "I thought I was imagining things but then heard its unmistakeable cheerful song again. I did see one on our driveway in January a couple winters ago. This is one tough bird!" On February 8, I enjoyed a Cardinal greeting the minus ten degree sunshine with a full song on Sylvan.

On February 12, a hawk flashed low over our roof, landing in a tree about ten metres above our bird feeder. The small birds all rose and spread out into tree branches at some distance, save for a Chickadee that approached the hawk to within about three metres, scolding. The bird was a Broad-winged Hawk; it paused long enough to convince us that it was a pale-phase juvenile, grey-brown above and all white below. The week before, as I walked on the south end of the lake, a buteo flew overhead, showing all white below, perhaps the same bird. **Doug Taylor's** fine photograph is of a similar bird launching from a perch in the Village in February.



On February 14, a male and female House Finch fed on our sunflower-seed feeder, and seemed so tolerant of each other at close quarters that I assume they were paired. They appeared again a few days later. First I had seen this winter.

The crow-size Pileated Woodpeckers have been much in evidence this winter, often stripping large bark pieces off the many dying Ash trees, hunting for larvae of the invading Emerald Ash Borer. **Si and Mary Taylor** on Manor have been watching two working the same tree, including down to the base. Unlike smaller woodpeckers, these birds appear comfortable working at ground level. **Susan d'Aquino** watched a pair that "put on a display for a few minutes – on either side of the same slim tree, one plopping around in the deep snow at the base of the tree with the other on the tree, then trading positions."



Wild Turkeys seem to have settled in, conspicuous in winter around bird feeders. Again this winter, I've had a number of reports. **John Watson** saw a normal-coloured bird fly into a pine tree in his garden on Lakeway on January 26. White-phase birds have been frequently seen west of the lake, on Manor, Old Prospect and on Cloverdale; my thanks to **Mark Ouseley** for the photograph.

*Anthony Keith
14 March 2014*

Reminder: RPRA membership fees for 2014 are now due. Membership is on a household/family basis and remains at \$25. Your December 2013 newsletter had a tan-coloured renewal notice insert, or you may find the renewal form on our website, www.rockcliffepark.ca. Cheques made payable to the RPRA may be deposited in the RPRA free-standing mailbox at 380 Springfield Road, left at the Community Police Centre (360 Springfield Road) c/o one of the recreation staff members, or mailed to RPRA, 380-A Springfield Road, Rockcliffe, ON K1M 0K7. Can't remember if you paid? Contact secretary@rockcliffepark.ca to find out.

CRIME PREVENTION

Romance Fraud: A Multi-Million Dollar Criminal Activity



In this article, Constable Ryan Pierce, Community Police Officer for Rockcliffe Park, Lowertown, Sandy Hill and ByWard Market, gives tips on how to recognize and protect yourself and your loved ones from online predators.

I recently attended a seminar presented by Crime Prevention Ottawa which focused on Romance Fraud.

This criminal activity is often initiated online by individuals who might not reside in this city, let alone this country.

Individuals engaged in this criminal behavior often utilize legitimate online social networking sites to find victims. They will often send out numerous requests for interaction (similar to email scams) and focus their attention on those that respond.

After receiving a response, they will be relentless in forming a strong bond with the respondent. The victim will usually be taken with the amount of attention, time, and similar interests that the scammer is investing in them. When trust is established, the fraudster will begin sending requests, primarily for money to be sent through an electronic money service. The requests for money are often accompanied by excuses that prey upon the strong relationship that has been built. The trend usually progresses from small to larger sums of money being requested for items such as airplane tickets to visit, or for urgent medical expenses incurred by the scammer. The success of these criminals depends upon maintaining a strong bond with their victim.

Often the scam ends when monetary requests exceed the capacity of the individual being scammed. However, victims may continue to be victimized even after the criminal has been exposed.

We need to support victims of this crime and encourage them to report these scams. The Ottawa Police Service fraud unit will investigate any complaints of this nature. Victims are also encouraged to contact the **Canadian Anti-Fraud Center, 1-888-495-8501**.

If you would like more detailed information on this issue, or to discuss any public safety issue, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at piercer@ottawapolice.ca or [@RockcliffeCPC](https://twitter.com/RockcliffeCPC) on Twitter.

Lock or Lose It!

In the past month or two, there have been numerous attempts (some of which were successful) to break into vehicles and houses – some of which were left unlocked, while others were locked.

Many of the break-ins occurred at night and people have been noticing tracks around their vehicles and doors.

This is a reminder to lock your vehicles and garage and house doors at night and even during the day when you are home and especially if you are away from your home. And above all, do not leave money, computers, cell phones, GPS units, etc. in the car when you are not in it. As an extra precaution, don't even leave on view items that look as though they could have value – shopping receipts, bags, etc.

According to our Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, **Kay James**, there are still some areas of the Village that do not have a block captain, so volunteers are still required. To find out if your neighbourhood is covered, and what would be involved, please contact Kay at rpranw@gmail.com or **613 366-6793**. It is not hard work and eyes on the street help to curtail nefarious activities.



The **Community Police Centre at 360 Springfield** will provide, free of charge, yellow plastic notice cards to place on your dashboard. The card indicates to would-be thieves that all valuables have been removed from the car and, of course, reminds the driver and passenger to do just that.

If there was a break-in, report it to **613 236-1222 ext. 7300**. Reporting incidents such as those listed above to the police is important. For urgent but not life-threatening situations, call **613 230-6211**. To discuss this or any other public safety matter, please contact our Community Police Officer,

Constable Ryan Pierce, at **613 236-1222 ext. 8520** or via email at piercer@ottawapolice.ca. Even if there was no entry into a car or home, it is a good idea to report these incidents to the police so they can establish patterns of activity.

Of course, if you see someone prowling around your vehicle or home, or your neighbour's, immediately call 911.

If we work together, we will be a better and safer community.



*From the desk of Mauril Bélanger
Member of Parliament for Ottawa-Vanier*

Bill C-23: The Fair Elections Act

On February 4, 2014, the Conservatives introduced Bill C-23, the so-called Fair Elections Act, claiming that it would allow us to “improve our democracy.”

The Bill contains some good things, such as the creation of a “robocall registry.” But it also contains far too many provisions that should not be there, such as:

1) A ban on advertising by Elections Canada, effectively preventing the agency from working to increase voter turnouts, particularly among young Canadians. **2)** An end to the practice of electors vouching for other eligible voters, thereby likely preventing more than 100,000 Canadians from exercising their right to vote. **3)** Moving the Commissioner of Canada Elections to another government agency will reduce this office’s degree of autonomy. **4)** Increasing various donation limits will only prove beneficial to the more affluent members of our society.

Three more reasons prompted me to vote against the Bill:

a) The government’s refusal to give the Commissioner of Canada Elections the power to summon witnesses involved in investigations, which was what Elections Canada most wanted. **b)** The fact that the Conservative government did not consult the Chief Electoral Officer. **c)** The party in power’s refusal to amend the Canada Elections Act on a consensus basis (the way it has always been done).

On March 6th, the Chief Electoral Officer testified at the House committee reviewing the Bill. You can read his testimony online at: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/CommitteeBusiness/CommitteeHome.aspx?Cmte=PROC&Language=E&Mode=1&Parl=41&Ses=2>



*From the desk of Madeleine Meilleur
MPP, Ottawa-Vanier*

Government of Ontario Raising Minimum Wage

Hardworking families deserve fairness and businesses deserve the certainty to plan for success. That’s why the Government of Ontario is taking a balanced approach and responsibly increasing our province’s minimum wage.

Increasing the minimum wage will help improve the standard of living for hardworking people across the province, while ensuring that businesses have the predictability necessary to plan for the future. The government is helping people in their everyday lives while also supporting a dynamic and innovative business environment throughout our province.

Minimum wage will increase from \$10.25 to \$11 per hour on June 1, 2014. This new rate reflects the rise in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) since the last minimum wage increase in 2010 and is part of the provincial government’s commitment to fairness.

The government will also introduce legislation that would tie future minimum wage increases to the CPI. This will ensure the minimum wage keeps up with the cost of living, and that increases are predictable for businesses and families. Under the proposed legislation, increases would be announced by April 1 and come into effect on October 1. The proposed legislation would act on the recommendations of Ontario’s Minimum Wage Advisory Panel, which included business, labour, youth and anti-poverty representatives.

Ensuring the minimum wage is fair and predictable for both workers and business is part of the new Ontario government’s economic plan to invest in people, build modern infrastructure and support a dynamic and innovative business climate.

Jane’s Walk Ottawa: If you like to get outside and you’re enthusiastic about the city you live in, come volunteer as a walk leader with Jane’s Walk Ottawa! Jane’s Walk is a festival of free neighbourhood walking tours given by locals who care passionately about where they live, work and play. It’s a pedestrian-focused event that improves urban literacy by offering insights into local history, planning, design and civic engagement through the simple act of walking and observing. Jane’s Walk began in May, 2007 in Toronto; Ottawa’s event is one of the most established Jane’s Walk events, with 2,000 participants last year. More than 60 volunteers led 54 walks in 2013 – the event’s sixth year in Ottawa.

On **Saturday, May 3** and **Sunday, May 4**, Jane’s Walk Ottawa will bring urban enthusiasts together to create their own Jane Jacobs-esque “sidewalk ballet” in neighbourhoods across Ottawa and Gatineau. Your help is needed to make it happen, either as a walk leader or volunteer marshal. It’s easy and fun. Find out more at www.janeswalkottawa.ca.



CITY HALL



*From the desk of
Mayor Jim Watson
City of Ottawa*

Order of Ottawa

In 2012 I launched the Order of Ottawa to celebrate the extraordinary work and commitment of up to 15 distinguished Ottawa residents each year who help to make our City a better place in which to live.

This prestigious civic award recognizes exceptional citizen contributions in the many areas of City life including arts and culture, business, philanthropy, health care, education, public service, labour, communications and media, science, sports, entertainment or other fields of endeavour that benefit the citizens of Ottawa.

I believe that it is important that we take the time to recognize those who do outstanding work in our City. By showing them that their dedication and hard work is being noticed, they are emboldened to continue to push harder and reach greater heights. The group chosen each year are role models to those inside and outside their chosen field and inspire others to work to make Ottawa a better place in which to live.

The great thing about the Order of Ottawa is that it shows how highly-achieving Ottawa's residents are across a wide range of endeavours. From Pinchas Zuckerman of the National Arts Centre Orchestra, to Moe Atallah of the Newport Restaurant, to Diane Morrison of the Ottawa Mission, and many more, we have people achieving great heights in every field and the Order of Ottawa lets us recognize these people for it.

In 2012, together with 2013, we inducted 30 extraordinary people into the Order and registration is now underway for 2014. I encourage you to put forward a nomination for someone who you think would be deserving inductee. Nominations are reviewed by a selection panel after September 12 when the nomination process closes.*

For more information on the Order of Ottawa, please see the flyers available at your local library branch, community centre, or any Client Service Centre. Or you can find out more online at Ottawa.ca.

**Nominations by immediate family members, self-nominations and posthumous nominations will not be accepted. Municipal, provincial and federal officials are not eligible to be considered for this award while they are in office.*



*From the desk of Councillor Peter Clark
Rideau-Rockcliffe Ward*

Pinchas Zukerman Receives Order of Ottawa

Rockcliffe resident Pinchas Zukerman was awarded the Order of Ottawa at a ceremony on March 5 at City Hall.

Pinchas Zukerman has remained a phenomenon in the world of music for over four decades. His musical genius, prodigious technique and unwavering artistic standards are a marvel to audiences and critics. Devoted to the next generation of musicians, he has inspired younger artists with his magnetism and passion. His enthusiasm for teaching has resulted in innovative programs in London, New York, China, Israel and Ottawa. The name Pinchas Zukerman is equally respected as a violinist, violist, conductor, pedagogue and chamber musician. Pinchas Zukerman's 2013-2014 season includes over 100 worldwide performances, bringing him to multiple destinations in North America, Europe, Asia, Australia and China.

This will be his 16th and last season at the helm of the National Arts Centre Orchestra.



Legendary musician/conductor (and Rockcliffe resident) Pinchas Zukerman received the Order of Canada on March 5. From left: Mayor Jim Watson, Pinchas Zukerman and Councillor Peter Clark. Photo by Roger Lalonde.

SCHOOL REPORTS



MacSkimming Field Trip Reports

On Tuesday, January 21, Mr. Alexopoulos's Grade 5 class paid a visit to MacSkimming Outdoor Education Center. We commenced our visit with an indoor scavenger hunt. We had to follow specifically marked maps in order to find the right paper markings which were placed around the room. Later on we had a bigger hunt outdoors. We used maps of the MacSkimming property to find similar markings. After that we went back to the main cabin for our lunches. When we were finished, we went back outside to learn how to build an emergency shelter. On our way to build the shelters, we observed a dead deer. The deer had been a pack of coyotes' dinner the previous night. We arrived at the shelter building location and were divided into 4 groups. Each group was given a bag. The bags contained a few lengths of rope, a tarp, and an instruction sheet. Together every group built a different shelter using the contents of the bag and things found outside. After discussing each shelter and their pros and cons, we headed back to the main cabin. After we had returned, we headed to the back of the cabin for a group picture. At the end of the day when we were boarding the bus, we all thought how exciting our visit to MacSkimming had been and hoped to return soon.

— Adeline Fisher and Ella Morales, Grade 5 Students

On Tuesday, January 14, we had an extravagant time at MacSkimming with the Grade 5 and 6 of RPPS, even though it was -35 Celsius and extremely cold. In the morning we learned how to use a compass and how to orienteer around the fields of MacSkimming. While navigating, one of our classmates, Rowan, walked into the corner of an observatory and got a hole in his head. Although it was very hard, our instructor showed us how to use flint, kit and steel to start a small survival fire. Instead of pulling sticks and bark off living trees, we helped keep the forest healthy by collecting dead twigs for our fuel. While we were there, Bridgette, our instructor, showed us a deer carcass on a deer runway. We learned how the cycle of life works. We know that the deer will be eaten by other animals that scavenge for food and in 2-3 weeks, it will be gone. This was one of our best field trips and we hope to go again. — Grade 6 Students ☺



Experience Ashbury Day

Students in Ashbury's Grade 12 business leadership classes had the chance to put their skills to the test in a real-world project this term. Tasked with creating programming and advertising for a school admissions event, students worked in teams to brainstorm ideas to pitch concepts to members of Ashbury's recruitment and marketing departments. The Dragon's Den style tactic was a way for students to tap into their own experiences and contemplate which facets of school life might appeal to peers. Using some loose pre-determined guidelines and budgets, the students drafted promotional and event plans, while staff provided feedback focused on improving presentation and communication skills.

Winning ideas were incorporated into Experience Ashbury Day, held March 1 on campus. The event featured a doors open approach that highlighted Ashbury's academic and athletic offerings by offering a snapshot of a typical day's curriculum.

Visitors to the event competed in a geography challenge or took part in the "Are you Smarter Than a Prefect?" competition. Games and sports demonstrations took place in the school gym, improvised drama skits were showcased in the theatre, and students painted a mural in Ashbury's Artnasium. Several of the school's boarding students were on hand in their traditional dress, and other current students and teachers led tours and answered questions about school life and the admissions process.

Over 30 new and prospective families attended the event, proving just how successful the power of programming for students, by students, can be.



Ashbury's Head of School, Norman Southward, with two of the students behind Experience Ashbury Day.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Celebrating Diversity

Ashbury celebrated Black History Month with an all-school assembly organized by students and featuring two distinguished guests: **Senator Don Meredith** and **UNICEF Canada ambassador Solange Tuyishime**. The theme of the event revolved around cherishing diversity, making voices heard and sharing Canadian stories.

Senator Meredith talked about his experiences as a Jamaican Canadian and defeating stereotypes often attributed to young men of his culture. Ms. Tuyishime told students about leaving East Africa to come to New Brunswick, and her role as Miss Canada International. Ashbury is proud to boast such an international component of students, and welcomes opportunities to share stories of varied cultures whenever possible.



Solange Tuyishime, UNICEF Canada ambassador, with students at the Black History Month assembly.

Eagles Victorious at OFSAA Snowboard Championships

On February 27, the Elmwood Eagles Snowboard Team competed in the OFSAA Championship at Mansfield Resort against 100 of the top female snowboarders across Ontario.

Grade 11 student **Paige Tremblay** raced to a bronze medal in the individual category and the Elmwood Eagles Snowboard Team (**Paige Tremblay, Erin Lounder, Heather Lounder, Sophie Barnes** and **Sian Bryson** – pictured below) raced to a gold medal in the team category. Way to go, Eagles!



Elmwood Summer Camp Registration Now Open

Starting to consider camp options for the summer? With themes like Summer Science, What's Cookin' Good Lookin' and Art Attack, girls from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 will experience unique challenges, develop new skills and make friends at Elmwood's safe, active and fun camps!

Starting the week of June 16, camps will run weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm. Cost is \$290 per week and includes lunch, excursion or special guest, and a camp T-shirt. Visit camp.elmwood.ca or call **613 749-6761** for details and registration.

The Silver Gala – Elmwood's 25th Annual Gala

Join us on **Saturday, April 26** for this can't-miss event! Proceeds will be dedicated to Elmwood's bursary program and to projects that enhance creativity in our visual arts, drama and music programs. Many thanks to our Gala Patron, **Michael Potter**, and our Corporate Partners (**The Athletic Club, Ernst & Young, Star Motors, Terlin Construction Ltd., Vista Credit** and **WiLAN**) for their support.

Contact gala@elmwood.ca for information and tickets.

Elmwood School

Elmwood's Centennial Steering Committee Named

The School will be celebrating 100 years of Elmwood's history in the 2015-2016 academic year, and planning is underway to ensure that this important milestone is well marked!

The following members of the Elmwood community make up the Centennial Steering Committee: **Sarah Murray '79** and **Nancy Greenley**, Co-Chairs; **Norma Davies '42** and **Nancy Chance**, Honourary members; **Denise Carruthers, Beth Ellison, Elizabeth Heatherington '63, Michel Lucas, Gayle McClelland, Joan Sun McGarry, Janet Uren '68, Elise Aylen, Ellen Ewert, Teresa Stirling** and **Cheryl Boughton**, Committee members.

If you are interested in becoming involved in planning for the Centennial, please email **Elise Aylen**, External Relations Coordinator, at eyaylen@elmwood.ca.

END NOTES



Join Your Neighbours on Sunday, April 27 from 10 am to Noon for Some Good, Clean Fun! It's the Annual Village Spring Clean-Up

Save the date and join in the fun at the Annual Village Spring Clean-Up. Meet at the Community Hall, 380 Springfield Road, choose a street or area to clean (roadways, school grounds, Jubilee Garden), grab garbage bags and gloves (provided), and take to the streets! Refreshments provided. We will sign volunteer hours forms.

Rockcliffe Park Garden Club Speakers Series: "A Beautiful Garden"

April 24 at 7:30 pm

*Gardens are poems
Where you stroll with
your hands in your pockets.*

– Pierre Albert-Birot

Award-winning gardeners **Michel Tardif** and **Mireille Albert** of Les Jardins d'Emmarocalles will teach us how to keep our gardens blooming beautifully from spring to fall.

Meetings are held at the Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, 380 Springfield Road. Free for members and \$7 for guests.

Contact **Vera Cody** at jcody1@rogers.com for information.



Ottawa New Edinburgh Sports Club: Come to Our Open House on May 10 and Find an Activity to Last a Lifetime!

The Ottawa New Edinburgh Club (ONEC), located on the Rockcliffe Parkway with its unique Ottawa River Boat-



house, offers tennis, rowing and sailing for all ages and skill levels, and summer day camps for children ages 7 to 16. ONEC promises a safe, fun experience for all and great memories to last a lifetime.

For 2014, major improvements have been made to the Boathouse which will allow a return of public use of the building for social events and weddings.

Our **Open House on May 10** is a chance to find out more about the Club. The famous Boathouse will be open to visitors; enjoy a tennis round-robin free to non-members, racquet demos by Kunstadt, and a barbecue.

Summer Camps at ONEC

The Club's children's camps have experienced coaches who provide a program for full or half days for all skill levels, with certified head instructors. It caters to the following age groups: Tennis – ages 7-16; Rowing – ages 11-17; and Sailing – ages 9-16. There are one- to four-week programs that are offered in July and August.

For more information on the Club and its programs, details on the Open House and public use of the Boathouse, phone **613 746-8540** or drop in at any time after **April 28**.

The Club may also be reached by email: mailto:onecadmin@gmail.com. Camp registration forms and membership forms may also be obtained at www.onec.ca.



Glebe Little League Registration Now Open

Are you interested in signing your son or daughter up for recreational baseball this spring? Glebe

Little League offers spring house league (May and June) and summer competitive (July and August) programs for boys and girls ages 5 through 18 years.

Glebe Little League serves residents of the Glebe, Centretown, Lowertown, Old Ottawa South, Old Ottawa East, Sandy Hill, Vanier, Rockcliffe and Gloucester.

Registration forms as well as details about the programs, eligibility and contact information are available online at www.glebelittleleague.ca.

Sign up now – the season starts in May!