



## THE GOLDEN HORSESHOE POST CARD CLUB

### South Central Ontario, Canada

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### **PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIAL TIME AND LOCATION OF THE JANUARY MEETING!!!**

Please plan to attend our annual dinner at the Mandarin Restaurant in Burlington. The cost of the buffet is \$21.99, plus beverages, taxes, and gratuities. There is a 20% seniors' discount for those who qualify (65 or older with ID). **Please advise if you'll be attending and provide the number in your party if you're bringing guests. Send an e-mail to [Postcards@ghpcc.ca](mailto:Postcards@ghpcc.ca)** (which will reach Jon and Peggy). Alternatively, you can phone Jon at (905-388-5840) or Peggy at (905-521-3052). We both have answering machines. If the machine responding at my number mentions doctors' appointments, furnaces and air conditioners, leave a message – it's the right number.

**Date, time, reservation:** Wednesday, January 28, 2015  
A reservation # B338, has been made for 6 p.m.  
under the name of the "Golden Horseshoe Post Card Club".

**Location:** The Mandarin Restaurant  
1881 Fairview Street (at Brant)  
Burlington ON L7S 2K4  
Phone: 905-632-6000

#### **Directions:**

**From Hamilton/Ancaster:** 403 Toronto, exit at Brant St. Turn right on Brant St. Turn right on Fairview St. The Mandarin is on the right.

**From Stoney Creek/St. Catharines/Niagara Falls:** QEW Toronto, exit at Fairview (East). Turn right on Fairview. The Mandarin is on the left.

**From Oakville/Toronto:** QEW, exit at Brant St. (Left). Turn left on Brant. The Mandarin is on the right.

#### **Agenda for Wednesday, January 28, 2015:**

We'll ring in the new Post Card Club year with good food and good company! Then more of the same to be repeated as often as necessary. Then we'll waddle out the door when we're done. We may discuss a few things despite the lack of a formal agenda, so please read the "Jon's Two Cents Worth!" column on the next page before the tumbling loonie forces it to be re-named "Jon's One Cent Worth!".

**Upcoming Meetings:** Meeting dates for the first part of 2015 are February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27, and June 24. There are no meetings in July or August and the first meeting next autumn will take place on September 23 – just 4 days before our annual show and sale.

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## **Jon's Two Cents Worth!**

**Please read the following paragraphs which were provided by Jon Soyka! The first topic affects all of us and the rest will be of interest to those who are up early on Wednesdays or have something to say to the group.**

### **Location of Future Meetings:**

It is proposed that future monthly meetings will now be held at the Canadian Football Hall of Fame & Museum in Hamilton. It is located on the East side of City Hall in downtown Hamilton. The entrance is off Jackson Street and parking is available for a fee at the rear of City Hall. I have received recently a notification from the Burlington Red Cross that the rent is being raised to an hourly rate of \$18 with a block of four hours costing \$72.00. The rate is effective from March 15th, 2015. If you feel that we should be somewhere else then please let me know by Wednesday the 28th by email (jonsoyka@shaw.ca) or at the dinner. If you have other locations in mind please provide all of the details - location, hours, price, contact, etc.

### **The Book:**

I will be promoting the book "This is a Beautiful City" on CHCH Channel 11 television on Wednesday January 28th at approximately 8:40 am on the "Morning Live" program. I have been told that Annette Hamm will be doing the segment. Not sure how awake I will be at the time but we will give it a go. The web site gets several hits after the book gets some publicity so we will hope for the best once again.

### **Care to do a presentation?**

If you wish to do a presentation before the club at one of the meetings, please advise us as to the preferred date and what the subject will be. Everyone has something interesting to offer so now is the time to step up.

[Note that if you're going to watch Jon on the CHCH program, you should tune in somewhat earlier than the stated time of 8:40 am, because the time given is approximate.]

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### **Consider Contributing to the Newsletter:**

Apparently all of my nagging about contributing to the newsletter is paying off. **So who's next?** If you'd care to write an article, electronic format is preferred. If you're submitting articles or images electronically, please specify the formats of the files which are being sent. It saves a lot of time if I know what I'm dealing with, and if I don't have to re-type the text.

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### **Membership Renewals:**

The dues for the 2014 club year, which began on September 1, 2014 and ends on August 31, 2015, are \$20 per person. Most members have paid their dues for the year, but for those who haven't, now's the time, before I start dropping folks from the mailing list. To keep your membership in good standing, please send your payment according to the instructions on your renewal form or print a form from the link on the membership page at [www.ghpcc.ca](http://www.ghpcc.ca).

If you're unsure of your membership status, please feel free to check with me at [ms12fd34@aol.com](mailto:ms12fd34@aol.com) or at 905-521-3052. As always, please advise of any changes in your contact information.

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## Upcoming Shows

Here is a list of some of the shows for the next few months. An exclamation mark ! before the show entry indicates a post card, philatelic or paper show.

**Ancaster Nostalgia Show and Sale:** Sunday, February 1, 2015, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Marritt Hall, Ancaster Fairgrounds, 630 Trinity Road, Ancaster. Admission \$5, children under 12 free with adult, free parking. Information: Ian, call Monday-Friday before 8 p.m., (519) 426-8875, [toyshow@kwic.com](mailto:toyshow@kwic.com), [www.collectorshows.ca](http://www.collectorshows.ca).

**! Annual show and Bourse, Bramalea Stamp Club:** Saturday, February 7, 2015, 9:30 am - 4:40 pm. Judith Nyman Secondary School, 1305 Williams Parkway, Brampton, ON, between Bramalea Road and Dixie. 12 dealers, exhibits, table auctions, youth table, club circuit books, refreshment area. Free admission and parking. Information: [www.bramaleastampclub.org](http://www.bramaleastampclub.org)

**! BURLPEX 2015 Stamp Show:** Saturday, February 21, 2015, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Burlington Seniors Centre, Drury Lane/Teen Tour Drive off New Street, Burlington, ON. Information: [jjglasbergen@sympatico.ca](mailto:jjglasbergen@sympatico.ca).

**! Toronto Postcard Club 33rd Annual Show:** Sunday, February 22, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, 6 Garamond Court, Toronto ON M3C 1Z5 (Don Mills Road & Wynford Drive). 40 tables of vintage postcards from the 1900's. Admission for general public \$7. Admission \$5 for TPC members. Free parking. Snack bar on site. TTC accessible on the 100 Flemington bus from Eglinton or Broadview stations, or the Don Mills 25 from Pape station. Information: [www.torontopostcardclub.com](http://www.torontopostcardclub.com).

**! Kitchener-Waterloo-Cambridge Regional Postcard Club Show:** Sunday, March 15, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bingeman's Embassy Room, 425 Bingemans Centre Drive, Kitchener ON. Admission \$5, free parking. Information: Dave at 519-885-3499 or e-mail [stamphogg@hotmail.com](mailto:stamphogg@hotmail.com). Web: [postcardshow@blogspot.com](http://postcardshow@blogspot.com).

**! OXPEX/OTEX Stamp Exhibition (Oxford Phil. Society):** Saturday, March 21, 2015, 9:30 - 4:30. John Knox Christian School, 800 Juliana Drive, Woodstock, ON. Contact: [ward2221@rogers.com](mailto:ward2221@rogers.com). Free admission & parking, lunch & snacks available. Dealers, exhibits, youth gift bags, Canada Post booth, show cover, prize draw, club circuit books.

**! North Toronto Stamp Club Spring Bourse:** Saturday, March 21, 2015, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street, Toronto ON. Subway access via St. Clair station. Free admission, 40 free parking spaces at the church, wheelchair access. Information: [ntsc.treasurership@gmail.com](mailto:ntsc.treasurership@gmail.com), [www.northtorontostampclub.ca](http://www.northtorontostampclub.ca).

**Don't forget to check the Golden Horseshoe Post Card Club Web Site for other great shows:**  
<http://www.ghpcc.ca>

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**Museum Show of Post Cards of Palmerston:**

Lorne Smith has passed along this notice of a showing of post cards and other memorabilia of Palmerston Ontario, put on by the Wellington County Museum. The show is entitled, “**No One Goes 2 Palmerston ON: The Collection of Chad Martin**”. It runs from January 17, 2015 through May 10, 2015 at the Wellington County Museum and Archives, 0536 Wellington Road 18, Fergus ON N1M 2W3. Contact information is given below, along with the web and Facebook addresses. More information can be found on the web site.

<http://www.wellington.ca/en/discover/exhibitsandevents.asp>

[Email Wellington County Museum and Archives](mailto:EmailWellingtonCountyMuseumandArchives)

Telephone 519.846.0916 x5221 or 1.800.663.0750 x5221

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/No-One-Goes-2-Palmerston-Ontario/159232037516315>

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**A Link to An Article About A Post Card Book About World War I (provided by Jim Finlay):**

Originally published in the Montreal Gazette (December 22, 2014):

<http://ww1.canada.com/after-the-war/postcards-aspire-montrealers-book-about-life-during-the-first-world-war>

Victor Breedon has written a book called “Best Regards Freddie: How a British family's postcards (1904-1920) tell the story of War and Peace”.

“The postcards, arranged chronologically in an album, were left by Frederick to Victor’s father, who left them to him. Now Breedon has constructed an unusual and compelling story about English history – and, specifically, the First World War. The sepia-toned postcards illustrate the 242-page book handsomely, and the texts of the missives are reprinted as well.”

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**A Link to More WWI Post Card Information (provided by Lorne Smith):**

“I found an interesting reference to John Hassall (illustrator) in the October 13 edition of Maclean's Magazine [see link below]. Deltiologists will recognize the name if they are familiar with artist signed cards. Maybe something to share with the membership? Cheers. Lorne”

[Remembering the First World War with satire, rather than solemnity](http://www.macleans.ca/culture/books/remembering-the-first-world-war-with-satire-rather-than-solemnity/)

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Lorne has included front and back images of a John Hassall post card.

Painted by JOHN HASSALL.



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Wishing you a happy Xmas  
O. + S. Ricardo



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## Minutes of the Meetings of November, 2014

Number in Attendance: 19

Chaired by: Jon Soyka

Members in Attendance: Don Babb, Sandra Beveridge, Marg Brown, Larry Cherns, Wayne Curtis, Joyce Farnell, Alan Hebb, Ivan Killins, Wilf Lowry, Peggy MacLeod, Beth Mills, Bill Nancekivell, Carl Schlosser, Ron Sinclair, Sanna Sinclair, Lorne Smith, Jon Soyka, Ross Taylor, John Thompson

Jon reminded people of the upcoming Ancaster show on December 7<sup>th</sup>, and handed out some post cards of Doors of Hamilton. Sandra Beveridge assisted Jon with selling books at the Juravinski Centre on November 18<sup>th</sup>. 16 books and 44 post cards were sold. Between 250 and 300 books have been sold so far. The Warplane Heritage Museum is the only seller of our book on the mountain. Sandra sold 3 at the Mountain Heritage Society meeting. We have been approached by the Wainfleet Heritage Society to present at their February meeting. Ron Sinclair has sold about 11 books at the Glanbrook Heritage Society meetings. Opportunities may exist at the West Flamborough Book Fair, and Ron Sinclair will attend a meeting of the Stoney Creek Historical Society in the new year. Jon will be signing books at Pickwick Books on Saturday. John Thompson suggested contacting the Head of the Lakes Historical Society. We need to sell 1,150 books to break even. 1,500 were printed. It was suggested that we try selling through the web site. Other opportunities exist, such as Battlefield House (visited on September 13), Cable 14 (November 11<sup>th</sup>), Hamilton Life, and possibly the upcoming PanAm Games. The Juravinski Centre will be revisited next year. Sales might be generated if the book can be shown to be a good gift for Father's Day (or even Mother's Day).

We moved on to an excellent presentation given by club member Carl Schlosser, the subject of which was the 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment or the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Regiment. Carl collects post cards of the regiment because he was a member of the regiment for 20 years. He is currently involved with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Museum, and Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Veterans' Association. Carl brought 2 flags with him – the Regimental Colours and the Queen's Colours. Carl presented the history of the regiment from its inception, when there were about 19,000 to 20,000 residents in Hamilton, and when the American Civil War was ongoing. On November 8, 1861, the USS San Jacinto, intercepted the British mail ship RMS Trent and removed two Confederate diplomats. The British government demanded an apology and the release of the prisoners. Prince Albert was very upset, and the British government took steps to strengthen its military forces in Canada and in the Atlantic. Carl pointed out that today, this would have been interpreted as an act of terrorism.

The regiment was formed as the 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Volunteer Militia (Infantry) Canada, on December 11, 1862. It has a long history in Hamilton and in various theatres of war. The first commanding officer was Isaac Buchanan. The regiment has seen many name changes over the years. The Regimental church was the Church of Ascension, 64 Forest Street, which was opened in 1851. The original church was destroyed by fire in 1885. The regiment has had 3 sets of colours, the first from September 1, 1863 to 1901. The second set of colours were used from 1901 through 1962, and were presented at Victoria Park by The Duke of Cornwall and York (later King George V). The third set was presented in 1962 by Governor-General Vanier, as part of the Regiment's centennial celebrations.

The first combat action was against Fenian raiders in Niagara in 1866 in the Battle of Ridgeway, with the Queen's Own Rifles (of Toronto). Carl showed post cards of a camp near Virgil, Ontario, the Niagara Training Camp, and the New Armoury in Hamilton. Carl also pointed out that the Red Coats came about as a result of red dye being the cheapest dye available.

In 1883, the original drill shed was destroyed by fire, caused when firecrackers ignited. The new drill shed was completed in 1887, and is one of only 5 drill sheds of Italianate architecture left in Canada. In 1905 an addition of an armoury was planned. It was designed in 1906 by Piggott and completed in 1908. The James Street Armoury was designated a heritage site in 1989. It is administered by Parks Canada. The name was changed in 1988, to the John W. Foote VC Armoury” (John Weir Foote Armoury National Historic Site of Canada) in memory of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel John Weir Foote VC, CD. Carl described 2 ghosts that are said to haunt the building, other ghosts which appear on the balcony, and one other curiosity. Mummified remains of a cat were found in the building. It must have become trapped in the floor boards during construction. At times, horses’ hooves and clanking can be heard.

The regimental band was formed in 1866, and from 1871 to 1881 was quite popular, playing at events around North America. The band played for the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York in 1901. The Duke later became King George V. The band gave weekly concerts and played at garden parties, on steamers on Lake Ontario, etc. George R. Robinson was band leader from 1869-1870 and again from 1871-1916, conducting the band for 45 years. The band shell in Gage Park is named after him.

Many real photo cards featured the band, and Carl showed us cards of Trooping the Colours 1901 in Hamilton, and Trooping the Colours 1906 in Buffalo. Cards included the Victoria Day Parade of 1907, a garrison church parade, garrison service at Dundurn Castle, ‘B’ Company Team of the 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Lieutenant commanding the ‘B’ Company, etc.

The Regiment has seen military action in numerous arenas, including the Red River Uprising of 1870, the Boer War in South Africa from 1899-1902, World War I in France and Flanders, and World War II in North West Europe, suffering heavy casualties during the raid on Dieppe. Members of the regiment also served in Korea, on NATO duty in West Germany, and recently Afghanistan.

In World War I (The Great War), Colonel Sam Hughes, Canada’s Minister of Militia, redesigned the reserve army, changing the names of the regiments to include numeric designations, and asked the commanders of the militia units for volunteers to serve with the battalions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF). In World War II, the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, CASF took part in Operation Jubilee, the raid on Dieppe on August 19, 1942. 582 men landed, but only 102 were not included in the casualties. 197 were killed, 174 were captured and 194 were wounded (including 85 who were captured). At Dieppe, John Weir Foote was serving as padre, and during the eight hours of the battle walked about collecting the wounded. He saved many lives. At the end of this gruelling time he climbed from the landing craft that was to have taken him to safety and deliberately walked into the German position in order to be taken prisoner so that he could be of help to those men who would be in captivity until May 5, 1945. He was awarded the Victoria Cross after the war.

The regiment’s motto is Semper Paratus (Always Ready).

[Here are some links to more information. Regimental site: [www.rlhi.ca](http://www.rlhi.ca). Regiment’s history: [www.rlhi.ca/historical/rhli-history.html](http://www.rlhi.ca/historical/rhli-history.html). RHLI Band: [www.rlhiband.ca/history.html](http://www.rlhiband.ca/history.html). Wikipedia: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Royal\\_Hamilton\\_Light\\_Infantry\\_\(Wentworth\\_Regiment\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Royal_Hamilton_Light_Infantry_(Wentworth_Regiment)). The armoury: [www.historicplaces.ca/en/rep-reg/place-lieu.aspx?id=7626](http://www.historicplaces.ca/en/rep-reg/place-lieu.aspx?id=7626).]

There is no December meeting, and the annual dinner will be held at the Mandarin in Burlington, on our regular meeting night in January. We are not booked at either the Burlington Red Cross or the Hall of Fame for meetings for the upcoming year. We may decide in January if we want to switch locations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.