



A SALUTE TO OAKVILLE

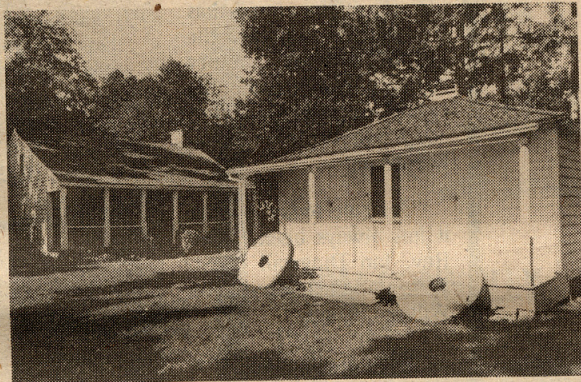
FOUNDED IN 1827

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The Zonta Club of Oakville was organized in 1973 as part of Zonta International, a service organization of executive women in business and professions. Their objectives are to encourage high ethical standards in business and professions; to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women; to work for the advancement of understanding, good will and peace through fellowship of executive women in the world and at home, who are united in the Zonta ideal of service. Zonta's service in our community, past and present, includes the contribution of white goods appliances to Grace House, Youth Home, and the Senior Citizens Residence. They have also made gifts of playground equipment and other needed articles to various institutions. Their current project is a donation of a specialized bassinets to the Pediatric Department of The Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Oakville Zonta president is Margith McIlveen.

There are three Chapters representing the I.O.D.E. in Oakville — the oldest, White Oaks, founded in 1921, Angela Bruce in 1933 and Sybil Bennett in 1959. The work and service of this national organization and its chapters has been an integral part of Canadian life for many years in education, citizenship and in services, at home and abroad. At the local level, Oakville's three chapters have played an important role in the many facets of the Order's objectives in promoting education at all school levels, citizenship activities and most important, in services, providing assistance where needed. In their latest venture nationally, to commemorate The Silver Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, I.O.D.E. members from across Canada are presenting 37 watercolors and drawings by Winifred Petchey Marsh to Canada's newest museum at Yellowknife, N.W.T. Local Requests are:—White Oaks — Mary Wright; Angela Bruce — Wendy Tyre; Sybil Bennett — Frances McLennan.



Those who have resided in Oakville within the past 30 to 40 years will recall a drugstore being in the present locale of Ramsay's Drugs, Lakeshore E. From Mr. Blye of early days to Dan Harris today, this shop has been dispensing prescriptions and other medicinal needs. Along with the mysteries of the chemist, it has grown to include fine cosmetics, imported parfums, Laura Secord Candies and sundries, all with the same old-fashioned interest and personal care of the past. Through the years at this site we have known Frank Kyle, Jack Russell, Ron Ramsay and latterly assisting, O. J. Brien. Today, as one of the pharmacists, there is Len Hope, retired as owner of the once-oldest drugstore here. Delighting us with a wealth of memories, he is looking forward to his 50th year of pharmacy dispensing in Oakville.

The Oakville Historical Society, originally encouraged and fostered by well-known historian and author, Hazel O. Mathews, nee Chisholm, now boasts a membership of approximately 600. Included is The Women's Auxiliary, a large group of working members, dedicated to actively perpetuating and preserving Oakville's heritage. The present "living museum" consists of The Merrick Thomas Farm House and The Old Post Office in Lakeside Park. These historic buildings, the property, and many of pioneer furnishings from Halton County families and papers were collected and donated through the generosity of Mrs. Mathews, a Chisholm descendant. Through the year, among their many activities, the Auxiliary sponsors, along with the Society, Picnic-in-the-Park, (a thank-you gift for the town's support), a Spring Tour and every two years, the highly successful House Tour of old Oakville homes. The Auxiliary's president is Mrs. W. Macrae.

One of the earliest merchants to choose our town as a place to settle and open mercantile trade was Wm. Creighton, who came out from Ireland in the 1830's. In or around 1836 he opened his shop on the main street. That same shop subsequently became Spencer-Frasers' Hardware. Today, somewhat larger, it is flourishing under new ownership, still providing a vast selection of goods and services as did Creighton's of long-ago. One may still find the old nail bins, pigeon-hole storage, even the old pegs for holding tools, as well as wooden counters and bare wooden flooring. Among the modern merchandise you will still see oil lamps, lanterns, stone crocks and the huge yellow mixing bowls as reminders of other times. The new management takes pride in continuing with the old style and charm, enjoyed in the past.



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The aim of the College is to prepare boys for manhood under conditions most favorable to physical, intellectual and spiritual development.



The Oakville Horticultural Society was inaugurated in 1957 with membership open to anyone interested in the cultivation, planting or arrangement of flowers and gardening. The Society's purpose is to encourage the planting and cultivation of gardens, to arouse and maintain interest in a worthwhile hobby and to disseminate knowledge of a useful and practical nature. The group is vitally interested in the promotion and beautification of Oakville and environs. Accordingly, through their generosity, many specialized trees may be found throughout the town and historic sites. One of their best-known, fund-raising activities is The Annual May Plant Sale where one may buy unusual plants, some from old-fashioned Oakville gardens and all contributed by members. Another of their undertakings is to augment the Gardening and Design section of books in the Oakville Library. The president is Mrs. George Baxter.



Meals on Wheels is one of the many worthwhile projects, sponsored by the Oakville Kiwanis Club. This service is a volunteer project that provides nourishing home-delivered meals to persons not able to care for their own nutritional requirements. In addition, there is the tremendous benefit of social contacts, and a check on the well-being of seniors and handicapped involved. The meals are planned, prepared, and packed, courtesy of the dietary and kitchen staff of the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, and are provided by the hospital as a service to the community. Meals are picked up and delivered by dedicated volunteers eager to serve. Oakville Kiwanis Meals on Wheels — just another way of saying the Kiwanis' motto:—"We Build."