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Alfred Belliveau photo

Some of the crowd at the unveiling of the statue of Alexander Wood. Story on page 4





Presidents address from Martha's Beenyard.

Here we are again. That beautiful month of June when flowers bloom, birds sing and all the friends and families celebrate (if they feel so inclined) the wonderful

lifestyle that we have chosen for ourselves. I am really looking forward to be participating in this year's parade especially as it is the 25th anniversary of the event. It is also the 10th anniversary of the Prime Timers Toronto chapter. It is a wonderful feeling to know that we can show the rest of the world that we are a happy and vibrant group who are not afraid to stand up to the nay-sayers and bigots who would see us disbanded. Come out with us and march or man the booth for the most important calendar day of the year for our organization.

See you on the 21st at **1 O'CLOCK** for the meeting and on Sunday the 26th at the parade.

Hugs

Arthur (aka Martha)

That's right – the meeting starts at 1:00 PM because there will be food!! *Ed*

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Executive Members 2005-6

President: Arthur Martin
Vice President: Doug vonZuben
Secretary: Don Love
Treasurer: Clayton Wilson
Members at large:
Terry Cook
Gilles Martin
Past Pres: Chris Hoover

Please remember that newsletter submissions are due on Friday the week before the monthly meeting.

Birthdays June

Bill Doyle	
Bruno Gideon	06/08
Charles Markwick	06/02
David Butler	06/06
Devan Nambiar	06/07
Ian Weyman	06/22
Ihor Tomkiw	06/03
Jack Harmer	06/20
Jim Lindley	06/07
Jim Szakacs	06/30
Jim Tait	06/20
John Papageorge	06/07
John Pearson	06/04
Peter Magee	06/09
Peter Newson	06/02

Rob Haun	06/07
Terry Peters	06/10
Yvan Chenier	06/17

July

Andre Langdon	07/27
Bob Haughian	07/23
Dale Stewart	07/16
Doug Greaves	07/11
Earl Murphy	07/10
Eugene Stasiuk	07/28
Fred Strickland	07/06
Garry Coates	07/05
Gordon Davies	07/25
Harry Morris	07/19
Ian Balfour	07/15
Lewis Hertzman	07/07

Peter Guts	07/15
Ric Reynoso	07/28
Rick Clark	07/24
Tony Perowitz	07/21

Please note that your \$25 annual dues are payable on your birthday. Members who are not paid up to date are not allowed to participate in club activities.



Minutes of the 7 June Executive Meeting

Regrets; Clayton Wilson, Don Middleton, Peter Marinelli

Attendance Arthur Martin, Doug Von Zuben, Don Love, Terry Cook, Neil Gilson, Charles Snell, Tom Baity, Bill Crowe

Minutes; Doug V.Z. moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be Passed. Seconded by Neil G. Minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report; Arthur M. reported on behalf of our absent Treasurer. Our Bank balance as of May 25, 2005 was \$4914.51. With the funds for the Gypsy Excursion deducted (\$2575.00) our balance was \$2339.51. Deducting outstanding invoices of \$739.68, our total balance was \$1599.83. Neil G. also reported that the May Meeting produced \$182.00 in door fees and \$121.00 from the 50/50 Draw both which are not counted in the balance. Also approximately 25 members are outstanding in their dues.

A. Martin on behalf of the Pride Committee, reported outstanding bills of \$462.07 for T Shirts and \$300.00 for pins.

Old Business;

1 Neil G. reiterated that from now all tickets will have a non-refundable statement on the reverse.

New Business;

1./ Doug V.Z. proposed that the Executive approve monies for the Pride Committee. Arthur M. said that those expenses that are repaid to the group should not be necessary for Executive approval.

2./ A motion was put forward by Doug V.Z. that \$200.00 be used for a Hospitality Suite in Orlando. It was seconds by Terry C. Approved.

3./ Charles S. moved that Paragraph 11 of the New Business Section of the May Executive meeting be rescinded. This paragraph states that all submissions to the newsletter be sent both to the Editor and to Doug V.Z. (Arthur M.'s name was incorrectly entered) in order that two people can review them and decide on what should be printed in the newsletter. Instead all submissions should be sent to the Editor alone and he shall have total control over the content. This was seconded by Neil G, and was passed.

4./ Charles S. our newsletter editor said that there was a problem with the template for our newsletter header. He proposed a new header that is not Text but Image. A font is then not needed. This will make things easier for future Editors. An example was shown and approved by the Executive.

5./ Charles S. also encouraged all members to send submissions to the Newsletter. Those who gave their biography at the meetings and those who wish just write up a short biography are encouraged to do so. A monthly column could be set up with a title for these life stories.

6./ There will be no newsletter handouts at the meeting. Only the Calanders will be distributed at the General Meeting.

7./ The Editor needs a tally of copies of the Newsletter for printing by next week. Arthur M. and Peter M. will forward this to him. This list needs to be cleaned up again. People will be questioned at the door at the next meeting as whether they have a printer.

So that the Newsletter may be Emailed to them.

8./ The Pride Committee will sell T Shirts and pins at the June meeting. The price will be \$15.00 which covers the cost of \$10.50 for the T Shirt and \$2.98 for the pin and leaving the club with a profit of \$1.52 per set.

We will join with the 519 Community Centre for the Pride Parade. Two Prime Timers will be on the 519 Float and the rest will follow behind either marching or in one of two vans; one supplied by Chris Hoover. Our cost for the Vans will be \$214.00.

9./ Arthur M. stated that the T Shirts that will be used at Pride could be used at Orlando. A suggestion was made that a Light Weight Golf Shirt could be used at Orlando and this should be mentioned to the Convention Committee.

Bill C. moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Doug V.Z. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.



ALEXANDER WOOD

Alexander Wood was a prominent merchant and Magistrate in early York (Now Toronto). Born in Scotland Wood came to Canada in 1793. He owned one of the three retail stores in York and as a prominent businessman he was appointed a city Magistrate in 1800.

Wood's homosexuality was a known secret among the ruling classes of York and this may have caused the scandal which forced his return to Scotland.

In 1810 a young woman complained of being raped by a young man. She stated that she scratched her assailant's genitals while trying to protect her honour. In his capacity as Magistrate Alexander Wood inspected the sex organs of different young men to confirm the woman's story. This inspection caused comment around the town. Whereby Judge William D. Powell who seemed to have a previous grudge against Wood forced him to return to Scotland or else face Sodomy charges in Canada.

Wood returned to York in 1812 and resumed his position as Magistrate and fought in the War of 1812. In 1823 he was recommended by the Bishop of York for a position on the 1812 War Claims Commission. Judge Powell refused the appointment on Moral Grounds. Wood sued Powell for defamation and won.

In 1827 Wood purchased the land running north of Carlton St. and east of Yonge St. This land which is now the heart of the Gay Village, was known as Molly Wood's Bush; a Molly being a derogatory word for homosexual. Alexander St. Alexander Pl. and Wood St. are named in Wood's honour.

Wood returned to Scotland in 1842 and died there two years later. Despite the scandal, the British Colonist Newspaper called him "One of Toronto's most respected inhabitants".

With help from the Dictionary of Canadian Biography and the Alexander Wood profile in Xtra

Story by Don Love, Pictures by Alfred Belliveau



Monday Lunch Summer Schedule

All lunches start at 1:00 PM

Date	Location	Address	Phone	Arranger
June 13	Brown Stone	603, Yonge Street	416-920-6288	Charles
June 20	New Treasures Restaurant	1 50, Dundas Street W. (Lower Floor)	416-977-1418	Gerry
June 27	Willow Restaurant	193, Danforth Avenue	416-469-5315	Gerry
July 4	Burgundy's	780, Yonge Street	416-924-1186	Charles
July 11	Bumpkins	21, Gloucester Street	416-922-8655	Charles
July 18	Grenadier Café	High Park		Gerry
July 25	Masa Japanese Restaurant	Comfort Hotel, 15, Charles Street E	416-920-3388	Gerry
Aug 1	CIVIC HOLIDAY Cranberries	601, Parliament Street	416-925-6330	Gerry
Aug 8	Real Thailand Restaurant	350, Bloor Street West	416-924-7444	Gerry
Aug 15	Astoria	390, Danforth Ave (Chester subway stop)	416-463-2838	Gerry
Aug 22	Olympic	8A, Gloucester	416-960-0092	Charles
Aug 29	Ground Hog	401, Bloor Street east	416-975-1867	Charles
Sept 5	LABOUR DAY Cranberries	601, Parliament Street	416-925-6330	Gerry
Sept 12	Pear Tree	507, Parliament	416-962-8190	Charles
Sept 19	Swiss Chalet	234, Bloor Street West	416-972-6831	Charles
Sept 26	New Treasures Restaurant	150, Dundas Street W. (Lower Floor)	416-977-1418	Gerry
Coordinators:	Gerry Charles	gemaas@pathcom.com comptableyyz@yahoo.ca	416-203-8573 416-923-2184	

NEEDED!!! I have been asked to take on the task of putting the newsletter together until a replacement can be found. I have agreed to do this for two months, and two months only. At present, I am running two small businesses and simply do not have the time to put the newsletter together with the quality that you deserve and have a right to expect. In particular, men are needed to cover various events, including the monthly meeting, take pictures and write short articles on our activities and community events. Please contact the President or Vice President if you can help. Charlie Snell



Community News

From the 519

Artists:

Mark your calendars and clear the deck for Queer Reflections, a 2005 Pride Event Wednesday, June 22 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Auditorium of The 519 Church Community Centre.

The event will feature public readings of stories and poems, a zine and a web site, which have been created by members of the group.

The artists have been working together over a period of 8 weeks this spring to create this body of work. Make this exciting event a part of your celebration of Pride.

The program has been made possible by a grant from the Ontario Arts Council. We hope to see you out for it.

For more information, contact Dick Moore at 416 392 6878 ext 118 or at senior@the519.org

Monday, June 20, 2005 3:00 PM Screening of Day of Wrath

Filmed during the Nazi occupation of Denmark, Carl Dreyer's Day of Wrath (Vredens dag) is a harrowing account of individual helplessness in the face of growing social repression and paranoia. Anna, the young second wife of a well respected but much older pastor, falls in love with her stepson when he returns to their small 17th-century village. Stepping outside the

bounds of the village's harsh moral code has disastrous results. Exquisitely photographed and passionately acted, Day of Wrath remains an intense, unforgettable experience.

Monday, June 27, 2005 3:00 PM Falls and Injury Prevention

Patti Ward, a nurse with the Toronto Public Health Department will be with us to talk about practical steps we can take to make our homes and apartments safer and protect ourselves from falls.

Wards Island LGBT Seniors Outing

The Sunshine Centres for Seniors are organizing an outing and barbeque on Wards Island on July 8th from 11:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The event is for LGBT seniors (50+) and their friends and family. There will be a BBQ and entertainment and an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful parklands on Ward's Island. We also have golf carts we can take people to see the beautiful homes and gardens around the Island. It would be great if members of your group would be interested in coming!

More information may be obtained by contacting Jacquie Buncel, Executive Director, Sunshine Centres for Seniors. (416) 924-3979

Tuesday Euchre Club Results

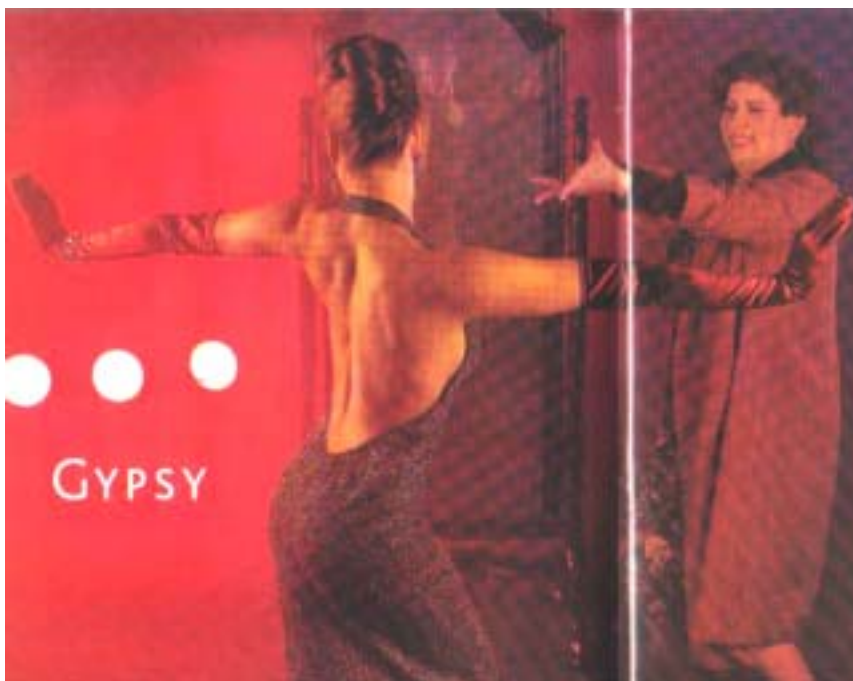
Date:	First	Second	Final
May 10	Terry Walker	Neil G	Filomeno J
May 17	Don Henry	Jim E	Rob
May 24	Eugene S	Neil G	Stan G
May 31	Mike S	Gary B	Lyle K
June 7	Arthur M	Terry W	Ralph B

Please Note That the Tuesday Euchre starts at 1:00 P.M. and is held in the Rec. Room at 460 Jarvis Street. The cost is \$2.00 with the prize money donated to 519. New Players are welcome. For more info, contact Ralph or Garry 416-751-7444



Theatre Outing Gypsy at the Shaw

The trip is set for Thursday, October 13th. The bus will depart the 519 Community Centre at 10:00 AM SHARP. People are asked to be at the 519 no later than 9:45 am, ready for an immediate departure. The cost is \$72.00 for members and \$77.00 for non-members. The return bus trip will leave the theatre in Niagara-on-the-Lake immediately following the performance. The bus should arrive in Niagara-on-the-Lake around 11:30 am, which will allow time for a leisurely lunch and some window-shopping. I have prepared a list of about a dozen restaurants which are close to the theatre, which will be handed out on board the bus, along with the tickets to the show. NEITHER THE BUS TRIP NOR THE



TICKETS FOR THE SHOW ARE REFUNDABLE. If anyone is unable to use their ticket, they are responsible and should attempt to find a buyer. Contact Neil Gilson, 416-923-0721 for tickets or more information.

Bridge Results for May and June

Date	1st	2nd	3rd	Low
APR 13	Ross B	Spencer H	Ted B	Lyle K
APR 14	Don L			Morley S
APR 20	Jon B	Ross B	Guss K	Lyle K
APR 21	Rodney G			Morley S
APR 27	Spencer H	Guss K	Clayton W	Morley S
APR 28	Don L			Ed K
MAY 4	Mac M	Harry M	Alfred B	Dwight
MAY 5	Alan R			Morley S
MAY 11	Bob C	Richard T	Jon B	Rob R
MAY 12	Rodney G			Bob C
MAY 18	Jon B	Don B	Ross	Bert
MAY 19	Ed K			Harry M
MAY 25	Charlie S	Mac M	Eddie W	Richard T
MAY 26	Rodney G			Doug vZ
JUNE 1	Fred J	Bill A	Ross	Harry M
JUNE 2	Tony H			Frank
JUNE 8	Rodney G	Vince B	Ken T	Marv L
JUNE 9	Don L			Stan

For more information on Wednesday bridge or Monday bridge classes, please call Don Middleton, 416-923-3896 For information on Thursday evening bridge, please call Morley Simpson at: 416-922-5682



MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



John Drog, left, David McMackon, centre and Kevin MacDonald presented us with short verbal biographies during the May meeting. This was the start of an on going program to help us get to know each other better. Members who are interested in participating in this activity can please get in touch with Kevin MacDonald, who is coordinating it.



Yvan Chenier, left, spoke about pulling together a contingent to go to the Orlando PTT World Wide convention this fall. Our chapter will present our proposal to host the 2009 PTT World Wide meeting.

Below, Brian Orr demonstrates a new relaxation healing technique on member Mario Estrada.



Remember to bring your money for the T shirts to the June meeting!!!

The treasurer reports that there were 91 members in attendance for the May meeting, netting \$182.00 at the door plus the 50-50 draw providing \$121.00 for each the club and winner Dave McMackon.

