



October 2017

News & Views

MARKHAM SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE



22 WATER STREET, MARKHAM, ONTARIO

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

... Mark Barrett

Hello everyone,

Well I guess it's official.

September is now behind us.

How quickly it seems to have

passed. The first two weeks of

September at the Club were

extremely busy: folks signing up

for their favourite Fall programs coupled with our annual membership renewal frenzy.

During the first two weeks of September we handled membership renewals with a dedicated renewal desk. A reminder, membership runs from September 1 to August 31 of the following year so now is the time you need to reactivate your membership for the next 12 months. Many of you took advantage of the opportunity to do so during those first two weeks. Thank you and our special thanks to all the volunteers who manned the renewal desk. Our immediate past Membership Director Marjorie Nielsen deserves a special note of appreciation. She was available in the background to lend her expertise in addition to taking a stint at the desk herself.

For the rest of you who still need to renew, our Front Desk volunteers will happily handle your request. For Markham residents, the fee this year is again \$35 and for non-residents, \$45. Be aware our volunteers at the Front Desk will not be able to make change so if you are paying by cash you will need to bring the correct amount.



Cheques are also welcome and should be made out to O.A.I.A. It's our goal to have everyone renew by October 31 and we appreciate your cooperation to help us achieve that objective.

Our Welcome Back Luncheon was held on September 18 and was very well received. A special thanks to the Board members, the City staff and to our other volunteers who were in attendance and made it such a successful event. I received many positive comments about how smoothly things went.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held Monday, October 23 at 1 pm in the auditorium. A quorum of at least 10% of the membership is required. Please make every effort to attend. It is your opportunity to learn about the Board's focus items and the financial health of the Club. The announcement is posted in this newsletter. Other important documentation will be available for you to review prior to the meeting. Information on when and how to access them will be posted at the Club.

Last month I asked you in my report to consider volunteering some of your time and talents. It was pointed out to me we currently lack a formal process for gathering information to better match our needs to your skills and availability. To address that, there is now a volunteer form available at the front desk you can complete and return.

If you have suggestions to improve our Club, please put them in writing and drop them in the suggestion box in the lobby. Enjoy your Club, come often and try different activities. Wear your badges and remember to thank the volunteers who run the activities you enjoy so much.

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LUNCH LEARN LINGER

OCTOBER 2017

Monday, October 2nd

11:45-1:00 pm
Peach Tree Originals
Come out see the new fashions for Fall



Monday, October 9th

Closed
Happy Thanksgiving



Monday, October 16th

No program

Monday, October 23rd

General Meeting 1:00 pm



Monday, October 30th

11:45 - 1:30 pm
Melody Makers
Come out to hear our own Great Band



NOVEMBER 2017

Monday, November 6th

11:45-1:30 pm
Salute to our Veterans



Monday, November 13th

11:45- 1:00
Susan Booth of Chapel Ridge to talk about wills, Power of Attorney, etc.



Monday, November 20th

11:45-1:00 pm
Ron Beer, Guitarist
Come hear the music we all enjoy.



Monday, November 27th

11:45-1:00pm
Melody Makers
Come hear our own band



...Marjorie Nielsen
Convenor

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The OAlA Board of Directors advise that our Annual General Meeting will be held in the Auditorium

22 Water St. Markham on:

Monday 23 OCTOBER 2017
from 1:00-3:00 P.M.

This is your opportunity to shape the Club as you wish it could be. Per our Constitution, 10% of Club members must attend to form a quorum to conduct this meeting. Please plan to attend. Only members holding current membership are eligible to vote.

Please remember your name badge.

New business items you wish to raise must be submitted in writing to Mark Barrett, President, by Monday 9 October.

Pre-meeting materials will be available 11 October. The Front Desk will have printed copies Members may borrow and return including 2016 AGM Minutes, 2017 Financials, proposed Constitution changes and more.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE MEETING.

Please indicate your intent to attend by signing up at the front desk so that we can order adequate refreshments.

Membership

Welcome to all our new members.

Please pick up your name badge at the Front Desk between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Monday to Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday.

Don't forget to complete the back.

Special thanks to the following volunteers who were on the renewal desks:

NAN ANDERSON

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MARGARET YADE

Special thanks to SHIRLEY EISON who made sure it all balanced.
Without these volunteers, membership renewal would not go smoothly.

THANK YOU,

... *Audrey Daga*
Membership Director



OCTOBER LUNCH

RED'S BURGERS - Friday, October 27th 12 noon

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs or Sausages

Ice Cream and Cookies

Tea or coffee \$4.00

Followed by BINGO

NOTE: Please get your tickets by Wednesday, October 25th



BINGO

October 2017

Wed 4th 7 pm

Wed 11th 7 pm

Wed 18th 7 pm

Wed 25th 7 pm

Fri 27th 1 pm



... Joan Thomas
Convenor



Kitchen News

CLUB LUNCHES



Ellie Mosher has thoroughly enjoyed providing O.A.I.A. members with "Club Lunches" once a month. After many years, she is sadly cutting back on her kitchen activities. She is giving up doing these lunches as of the end of September. She will continue to provide Red's Burgers, followed by Bingo, every 4th Friday, with her dedicated group of helpers, Gloria Wilson, Robin Bailey, Margaret Attridge, Susan Holland, Dave Smith (club photographer), and the new co-convenors of the kitchen, Dorice Ross and Laura Pickle. Without them, the lunches couldn't be provided.

KIDS!

My wife hosted a dinner party for all our friends, some of whom we hadn't seen for ages and everyone was encouraged to bring their children along as well.

All throughout dinner my wife's best friend's 4-year old daughter stared at me as I sat opposite her. The girl could hardly eat her food for staring.

I checked my shirt for spots, felt my face for food, and patted my hair in place, but nothing stopped her from staring at me. Finally I asked her, "Why are you staring at me?"

Everyone at the table had noticed her behaviour and the table went quiet, waiting for her response.







The little girl said, "*I'm just waiting to see how you drink like a fish*"



LIFE IS A STORY, VOLUME FREE
 THE PAST, THE PRESENT AND YET TO BE.
 THE PAST IS GONE, THE PRESENT,
 WE LIVE IT DAY BY DAY.
 THE FUTURE THE LAST IN VOLUME FREE,
 IT IS HIDDEN FROM YOU BECAUSE
 WE ARE GOING TO BE INTRODUCING YOU TO A SPECIAL CORNER.

THE VEGETARIAN RECIPE

INGREDIENTS

- | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|--|--|
|  | 2 medium size zucchini | 1 of each sweet peppers (red, yellow, orange, green) |  |
| | 1 medium size egg plant | |  |
| | 2 cups squash or pumpkin | 3 stalks green onion | |
|  | 2 medium size carrots | 1 small whole garlic | |
| | 1 cup green or yellow beans | 1/2 cup fresh rosemary | |
| | 2 lbs mushrooms | 1/2 cup fresh fennel |  |
| | 1 large tomato | 1/2 pack of Maggi (vegetable soup mix or other brands) | |
|  | 1 cup chopped kale including stems | 1/4 cup olive oil | |

Trim zucchini, egg plant, carrots, and squash. Cut into slices of your choice. Dice beans and tomatoes. Slice the mushrooms.



In a large pot, warm 1/4 cup olive oil. Add garlic, onions, rosemary, kale, fennel, and mushrooms.

Add zucchini, carrots, egg plant. Toss well. Add tomato, sweet peppers, squash/pumpkin. Toss well.

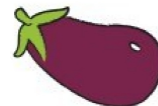
Cover and cook with 1/2 package of soup mix added to taste. Simmer for 15 to 20 minutes at low to medium heat.



***Note:** Juice from vegetables is enough to wet ingredients while cooking. By omitting water, loss of vitamins and minerals are drastically reduced. Nutrients are retained in this recipe for healthy consumption.*



... Submitted by
Ruby Baker



THE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON KNITTING CLUB

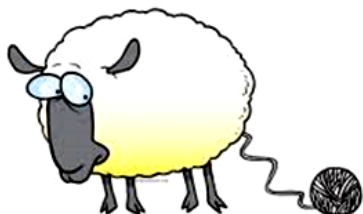
The Wednesday Afternoon Knitting Club hopes you are enjoying this unexpected warm spell.

I would like to thank the Committee that hosted the Welcome Back Luncheon. It was well attended, the food was tasty, and the conversation was friendly.

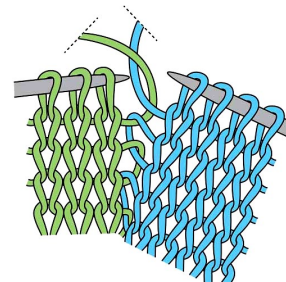
Again this month we have received a generous amount of yarn and supplies. I would like to thank Dauphne, Joan, the Markham Towne Quilters Guild and an anonymous donation. We are very grateful.

Just a reminder that the Markham Fair is at the end of September and there is a special day for Seniors with tea, coffee and cookies.

Also we would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. We have a lot to be thankful for in Canada.



... Joyce Bulgin
Convenor



BID EUCHRE



MONDAY EVENINGS: 6:30 – 10:00 pm (CRAFT ROOM)
(12 MONTHS OF THE YEAR WITH EXCEPTION HOLIDAY MONDAYS)

COST: \$2.00 (COVERS PRIZE MONEY AND \$.50 FACILITY FEE)

PRIZE MONEY : FIRST \$8.00, SECOND \$6.00, THIRD \$5.00, FOURTH \$4.00
(DEPENDS ON ATTENDANCE)

IF YOU HAVE NEVER PLAYED BEFORE, THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

YOU PLAY IN TEAMS, LIKE REGULAR EUCHRE, ARE DEALT 8 CARDS AND YOU BID ON HOW MANY TRICKS YOU THINK YOU AND YOUR PARTNER CAN TAKE. IT IS EASY AND A LITTLE MORE CHALLENGING THAN REGULAR EUCHRE. WE USE 2 DECKS OF CARDS (FACE CARDS ONLY). IF INTERESTED IN LEARNING, PLEASE COME OUT AND JUST WATCH FOR A NIGHT OR TWO (NO CHARGE) AND THEN JOIN IN.

MUST BE A MEMBER AND PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAG.

KEN AND BEVERLEY BUDARICK - CONVENORS - 905-294-1740

FROM THE TRAVEL DESK OCTOBER 2017

We have two trips left for 2017 — each one promising to be a good day out with good people, good food, and good entertainment.

On **Wednesday, November 1st**, we will visit **Ripley's Aquarium of Canada**. First on the agenda is a 2 hour **Toronto City Bus Tour** with Toronto's very informative and entertaining historian Bruce Bell. We then go on to a delicious sit-down lunch at the **Hot House Café** (4 choices) and to our final destination — Ripley's Aquarium. **There are seats still available.**



Our final trip for the year is on **Thursday, December 7th**. Our first stop is **St. Jacobs Market**; then on to a **buffet lunch at Crossroads**, an excellent Mennonite restaurant, followed by the play **Beauty and the Beast** at the Dunfield Theatre in Cambridge, and finally the **Christmas Lights at Bingeman's (Kitchener/Waterloo area)**. **This trip is now full but we are taking names for our waiting list.** We filled five names from the wait list for our September 27th trip so do not hesitate to add your name to this wait list.



I mentioned in the September "News & Views" that one of the trips we are looking at for 2018 is the Canadian production "**Come From Away**" — a play currently on Broadway written by a Canadian. It tells about the selfless humanity and compassion shown by the people of Gander, Newfoundland and surrounding towns in welcoming 7,000 stranded passengers when planes had to be diverted during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S.A. I spoke with the tour company last week and was informed no tickets can be purchased by any bus tour company until the May 2018 performance starts and there is no matinee. I am working with our tour company representative to get a date set for us and get the flyers out as soon as we receive them.

Finally, I have been talking to Carol Aschwanden, our Convenor. Carol has been ill but the good news is she is getting better. It is a slow process but we are hoping that she will be back with us and fit as a fiddle in early 2018.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends and hope to see you on one of our trips in the future.

... *Mary Lou Busato*
Co-Convenor

RECIPE



Favourite Raisin-Oat Cookies

1 cup soft butter
2 cups granulated sugar
2 eggs
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp soda

½ tsp salt
2 cups quick-cooking rolled oats (5 minute oats)
1 cup seedless raisins
Sugar



Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Grease cookie sheets.

In large bowl, beat butter, sugar and eggs together until fluffy.

Mix in flour, soda & salt and blend well.

Stir in rolled oats & raisins.

Shape dough into small balls (will expand when baking) and dip tops into sugar.

Place on cookie sheet and press down lightly with fork tines.

Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned.

Makes about 4½ dozen cookies.

Let cookies cool on rack, then put in cookie tins to keep crisp.



Submitted by Laura Pickle

A pilot and father's discipline (with love) . . .

Most people today think it improper to discipline children, so I have tried other methods to control my kids when they have had one of 'those moments.'

Since I'm a pilot, one method that I have found very effective is for me to just take the child for a short flight during which I say nothing and give the child the opportunity to reflect on his or her behavior.

I don't know whether it's the steady vibration from the engines, or just the time away from any distractions such as TV, video games, computer, iPod, etc. Either way, my kids usually calm down and stop misbehaving after our flight together.

I believe that eye to eye contact during these sessions is an important element in achieving the desired results.

I've included a photo of one of my sessions with my son, in case you would like to use the technique. →

Should work with grandkids too!



BAZAAR NOTICE - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 2017

JUST A REMINDER THAT THERE WILL BE A BAZAAR THIS YEAR (DATE ABOVE) AND WHAT THE BAZAAR COMMITTEE WOULD APPRECIATE FOR DONATIONS:

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT ANY WHITE ELEPHANT, JEWELLERY AND BOOKS UNTIL NOVEMBER 6th DUE TO LACK OF STORAGE SPACE.

ITEMS CAN BE LEFT AT INFORMATION DESK IN LOBBY.

SILENT AUCTION: NEW AND IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING.

WHITE ELEPHANT: GENTLY USED ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION. NO CLOTHING, TOYS, CAR SEATS, BABY EQUIPMENT, TUPPERWARE, COFFEE MUGS, TRAVEL MUGS, FURNITURE, TVs OR COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, AND GOLF CARTS.
DONATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30th.

JEWELLERY: GOOD TIME TO RECYCLE YOUR BEADS, BROACHES, BRACELETS AND EARRINGS - MEN'S AND WOMEN'S JEWELLERY/SINGLE EARRINGS.
DONATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30th.

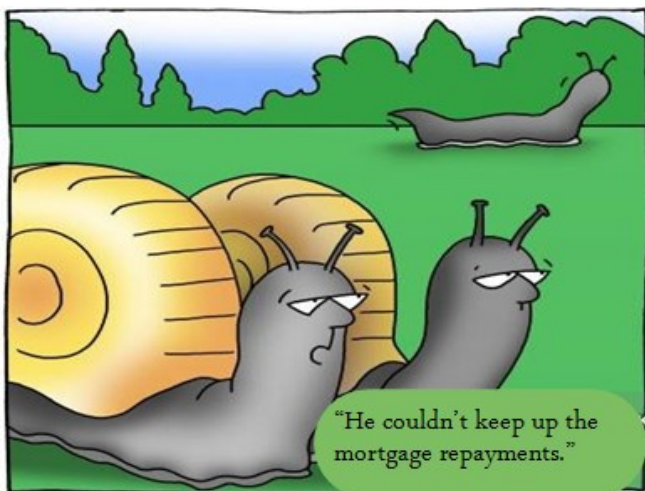
BAKE TABLE: SQUARES, PIES, TARTS, CAKES, MUFFINS, ETC. ALSO REMEMBER US WHEN MAKING PRESERVES, JAMS, JELLIES, PICKLES AND RELISH, ETC.
DONATIONS ACCEPTED ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 1st.

BOOKS: BOTH HARD AND SOFT COVERED. NO LANGUAGE BOOKS, ENCYCLOPEDIAS, READERS' DIGESTS, INSTRUCTION MANUALS, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC.
DONATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30th.

***IMPORTANT NOTE - PLEASE NO DONATION OF WHITE ELEPHANT, JEWELLERY AND BOOKS ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 1st AS THE CLUB IS CLOSED FOR SET UP.**



...MARJORIE NIELSEN AND BEVERLEY BUDARICK
CO-CONVENORS 2017



THURSDAY AFTERNOON CRAFT GROUP

Hope everyone had a good summer and back to enjoying the activities of the centre.

Fall is here and we are now turning our efforts to making Christmas goodies to sell at the Bazaar December 2nd.

The Craft Group meets on Thursday afternoon at 1 pm until 3:30 in the Craft Room. We are equipped with sewing machines, material, patterns, yarn and knitting needles. New members are very welcome.

We welcome donations of BROADCLOTH, THREAD, YARN AND RICK RACK TRIM. PLEASE NO UPHOLSTERY MATERIAL, SILKS, SATINS OR KNITS. Donations can be left at the front desk marked "crafts".

We have some new items in the cabinet in foyer that can be purchased from front desk volunteers or come in Thursday afternoon to the Craft Room to see more.



... Beverley Budarick
Convenor



Have you ever wanted to be a writer?



I can only marvel now at the challenges facing the old masters - the writers who wrote in pen and ink - permanent, unmoveable.

I, on the other hand, had the massive challenge of dealing with Word and all its complexities. Often, I would be merrily typing along and inadvertently hit some wrong button. To my horror, all manner of things happened. I would get half pages or half lines. Or, I would lose all script in the blink of an eye. Then I had to call for help, and my husband would try to unravel my mess. And what about all those buttons which sometimes appear and other times do not? I was always struggling with the computer.



Slowly, I learned. Who in their right mind would take on such frustrations? But the writing was worth it. I got great joy and satisfaction from the process. I got better at clarifying ideas, at expressing emotions, at accepting limitations or overcoming them. And I self-published my first novel, another major hurdle. I wrote and rewrote and deleted, deleted, deleted. My work paid off with an Editor's Choice award.



I wrote an international thriller about a young woman whose sister had been abducted years ago, and was presumed dead. The heroine discovers that her sister is still alive. In the search for her, Niki encounters threatening mobsters, difficult decisions, near-death experiences and romance. 'Yesterday Is Never Gone' is a tale of deception and inner turmoil.



If you are interested in finding out where to purchase this book leave your name & phone number with the Front Desk and I will be pleased to contact you or go to i_salley@hotmail.com.



Submitted by Ilona Salley

CURRENT EVENTS PLUS GROUP

October 2017

Gathers Every Wednesday in the West Activity Room

1:00 to 3:00 pm



All OAIA members and their guests are most welcome to join us in sharing friendly, casual, open discussions on current, local, and world events.

The weekly program will consist of the group sharing humour, discussing current and world events and other subjects of interest. Related pictures and videos will be viewed on a large movie screen.

Subjects of interest for future gatherings will also be discussed along with sourcing and who will present them.

October's planned subjects for presentation and discussion will include:

- 04 Oct:** Autism Documentary: The Human Camera
- 11 Oct :** Africa and Britain: A Forgotten History
- 18 Oct :** The Future As Seen By Elon Musk
- 25 Oct :** Update on Aging

Do come and enjoy each others' company and bring a friend or two along with you. On entering, please sign in and deposit your \$1.00 in the basket. 😊

... *Robin Bryan*
 Convenor

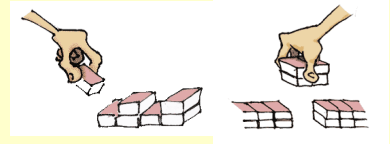
From Our Mah-Jong Tables October 2017



MAH-JONG ACTIVITY

Make sure you wear your Name Badges

We Play All Year Round on These Days



Monday Mah-Jong

In the Craft Room from 1:30 to 4:30 PM

Beginners are taught the Asian Method on **Mondays Only**

The **Asian Method** must be learned before attempting to learn the National

Tuesday Mah-Jong

In the Craft Room from 1:00 to 4:30 PM

Only beginners of the **National Method** are taught on Tuesdays

The Activity Fee is 50 cents to play

You **must sign in** the Activity Book upon arrival in the Craft Room

Tea/Coffee is 25 cents and must be purchased in the Social (Library) Room

There are only **15 Tables of 4 players allowed** in the Craft Room, **a total of 60 people maximum** because of the Fire Code.

People who come late may not find a table to play at.

Alex Chan: 905-472-1551 --- Muriel Thompson: 905-940-1571

Convenors of Mah-Jong - (We accept inquiries)

P.S. There is no Mah-Jong played on Holiday Mondays or OIAA Closures



Happy Thanksgiving
Best wishes for a wonderful Fall
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Walk With Me While I Age

I hope this poem has the same effect on you as it did on me; then my forwarding it will be worth the effort. Walk with me while I age - worth the read.

A BEAUTIFUL POEM ABOUT GROWING OLDER

Darn.....

I forgot the words

Submitted by Elizabeth Price

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WILLIAM BERCZY 1744 - 1813

By Vida Bridgeman



William Berczy was born in Saxony in 1744. He was an architect, land developer and eminent painter. He studied Art in Vienna and also had a natural talent for engineering. In 1794 he arranged to bring about two hundred and twenty German people to the Genesee Valley and then to Markham in Upper Canada. William Penn had brought thousands of Germans to Pennsylvania in 1711 and 1717 and the

reports they had sent back to Europe were very positive. Europe was in upheaval at the time, and many Germans were interested in coming to the New World where they could own land and have more freedom as the feudal system was still in effect in the German States. Berczy was interested in finding emigrants who would be self sustaining and therefore enlisted a doctor, a pastor, teachers, millers, carpenters and families who had agricultural skills and would make good farmers in a new community. He obtained three ships for the voyage but found the German officials were not in agreement to losing their citizens, and required all emigrants to have permits to leave Germany. Berczy was in charge of the first ship the Catharina and managed to leave the Hamburg port on May 2, 1792, by surreptitiously sailing around the harbour until a chance came to slip away. Pastor Liebich was in charge of the other two ships, the Heinrich and Georg, and they managed to leave six weeks later.

An interesting note taken from John Henry Sommerfeldt's diary, who was one of the emigrants, described how the ships were scrubbed and fumigated twice weekly with juniper berries and vinegar. The Catharina was at sea almost three months before arriving at Philadelphia, whereupon 12 wagons and horses, plus farm implements, were purchased and the pioneers were on their way. Travel was extremely difficult and in many cases the travelers had to clear the path ways as many had previously only been Indian trails. The occupants of the other two ships led by Pastor Liebich joined Berczy at Painted Post, near Corning, New York, almost three months later. Conflict had developed as some Americans wanted the settlers to remain in the area. In 1794 Berczy managed to lead 60 families from Williamsburg to Niagara in Upper Canada. The Toronto purchase of land was enacted from three Mississauga Native Chiefs in August 1788 and Upper Canada had been made a province in 1791 with the capital becoming Toronto in 1784.

At this point Berczy negotiated with Governor General John Graves Simcoe for land in the Markham Area as he recognized the potential of the Rouge River area. Simcoe had the foresight to recognize that if Yonge St. (previously called Military Road) was cleared it would be a short route to Lake Huron via Lake Simcoe and the Severn River, and many of Berczy's settlers worked on this project. Berczy and his emigrants were reported altogether, to have cleared

and build 15 miles of Yonge St. (from Eglinton north to Elgin Mills); 30 miles of roads in the Markham area; and cleared 24 miles of the Rouge River waterway for navigation. By late October 1794, Berczy was able to confirm that his people were living in houses (cabins or some shacks) on their own land and were able to plant in the spring of 1795. Unfortunately there were crop failures in both 1795 and 1796, but Berczy stayed in the area supervising the distribution of food rations and allotting the land to the settlers.

After the settlement of his pioneers Berczy moved to Quebec and made his living as a portrait painter. Two of his paintings hang in the National Gallery in Ontario, one of the Woolsey Family and one of Joseph Brant - absolutely gorgeous paintings. He did not make his fortune as a land developer, but always made every effort to support his people as he thought of them as a Father and mentor to his children, borrowing money along the way to feed and support them. Berczy died in New York on Feb.5, 1813.

On November 1st, 1785, Berczy had married Jeanne-Charlotte Allamand of Lausanne, Switzerland. In 1794, Berczy led some of his settlers by land to Niagara, while the pregnant Charlotte Berczy led others to Lake Ontario and thence by boat to Niagara. Two sons were born to William and Charlotte, and one son, Charles Albert eventually became the first postmaster of Toronto.

There are many reminders of Berczy in the Markham area, and although I am just an amateur, I do love all things historical and believe the history of our past in Markham and surrounding areas is of great interest to both our new residents, those with historic backgrounds in the area, life long residents, and descendants of our brave, illustrious, hard working Forefathers who persevered as pioneers and settlers, with difficulties we are unable to imagine.

Sources:

A Story of the Markham Bercy Settlers
Biography - William Berczy, Vol.5, Dictionary of Canada
Wikipedia

Legacy:

William Berczy Public School in northern Markham
Berczy Village in a Markham neighbourhood
Berczy Creek is a tributary of the Rouge River, Markham
William Berczy Boulevard is a major road
Berczy Park is located downtown Front/Wellington St.
Berczy Square Park (to be built at Berczy Village with his bronze statue)



Dr. Helena Jaczek, MPP
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