

## Requiescant in Pace

**MARUCCI, Frances Catherine** July 28, 2013 , Hospice Wellington, in her 65th year. Predeceased by her parents Anthony Marucci & Delia (nee Sartor) Marucci-Parker and step-father Colin Parke.

**MacDONALD, Eileen Stella (Nee Ellig)** Saturday, July 27, 2013, St, Thomas, in her 86th year. Mother of Janet (John Clark), Robert (Brenda), Gary (Tina), Darlene (Jim Penz) & Cheryl. Survived by 1 brother & 4 sisters; predeceased by 3 brothers & 1 sister as well as her parents Alfred & Helen Ellig.

**JOHNSTON, Joyce (Nee Bitschy)** August 16th 2013, at her cottage, at the age of 62. Wife of Bruce mother to Trevor, Todd (Charley), & Tammy (Josh Tone). Survived by her father Harold Bitschy, & brother Roy Bitschy (Shirley); predeceased by her mother Helen Bitschy (Steffler).

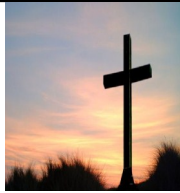
**KRON, Larry** September 5th 2013, at Twin Oaks, at the age of 76. Husband of Joan & father to David (Wanda), Susan (Greg) Schierholtz, Peter (Karen), Larry (Laurie). Predeceased by parents Peter & Margaret & brother Jacob.

**BRUDER, Eric (Rick)** September 9, 2013, at home in Alberta, at the age of 60. Brother of Doug (Janice), Bob B (Wilma), and Debbie Rienhart (Carl). Predeceased by his parents Frank and Geraldine (Keating).

**BITSCHY, Kathleen(Katie)(Nee Weiler)** October 25, 2013, at Lanark Heights Long Term Care, at the age of 91. Predeceased by husband John, daughter Carol and parents Jacob and Louise (Bruder) Weiler. Mother of Betty Dietrich (Clare), Dennis (Audrey), Judy Baldwin, Brenda Bauman (Roger), and son-in-law Bill Pagett. Sister of Norman, Jerome, Edward, Gordon, Norman, Simon, Leander and Marie Brenner.

**HERGOTT, Mildred (Nee Frank)** November 7, 2013, at Twin Oaks, at the age of 94. Mother of Anita (Robert) Weiler, Elizabeth (Keith) Rasmussen, and John (Norma). Predeceased by husband Ray and parents Walter & Louise Frank, siblings Louise Nichol, Madeline Cullen, and Wilfrid Frank.

**SCHUETT, Edith** November 18 2013, at Twin Oaks, at the age of 92. Sister to Clara and Carl (Therese). Predeceased by her parents, Charles and Edith (Kieffer) Schuett, her brothers Clarence and Wilbert and her sisters, Marie Grundy, Loretta Daub and Anna Zettel.



## Book Feature

New Germany to Maryhill:  
A Historical Journey

A great overview of the  
history of our village.  
Soft Cover. 36 Pages

Co-Authors :

Diane Strickler,  
Mary Ann Stroh

Price: \$15



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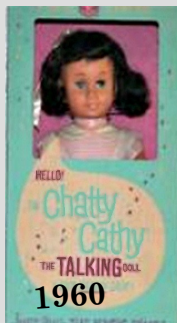
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## The Last Word

What was in your stocking when you were a kid? An orange, candies, gingerbread, Christmas cookies, a pair of socks, or maybe a hand-made toy? After the Great Depression ended in 1939, store bought gifts became more common place. You may remember these toys under the tree:



Shirley Temple Doll \$1.98 Today on eBay: \$650



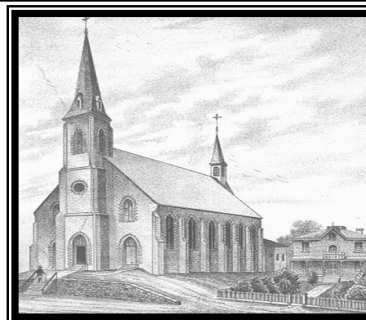
Chatty Cathy \$19.90 Today on eBay: \$600



Eaton's Christmas Catalogue 1956

## Toys and their Debut Year

- ⇒ Tinker Toys – 1914
- ⇒ Red Ryder B.B. Gun—1938
- ⇒ Viewmaster Slide Viewer -1939
- ⇒ Slinky- 1945
- ⇒ Silly Putty-1950
- ⇒ Tiny Tears doll -1950
- ⇒ Barbie - 1959
- ⇒ G.I.Joe action figure - 1964
- ⇒ Twister – 1966



**GREETINGS**  
**FROM**  
**NEW GERMANY**  
**CANADA**



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*To all of our members:*  
*Warmest thoughts and best wishes*  
*for a wonderful Christmas*  
*and a Happy New Year*

## Heritage Day was a great success!

Maryhill - you certainly showed your spirit at Heritage Day on September 15 2013! The day was well attended by locals and descendants from afar. We reminisced as we watched a picture show featuring buildings and locals from years ago. We enjoyed an 'Old Fashion Meal' and Ron Brohman, the Society's president honoured members that were celebrating anniversaries and 80th birthdays. But certainly, the highlight of the day was when the Maryhill Heritage Band reunited in an impromptu performance. Thank you to everyone who attended! We are very proud of our heritage and our community !



The Heritage Band entertained of us over the years, playing at many local parties, celebrations and hotels.

## The Oldest Anglican Church in Ontario



## Lucky Winners:

Dave & Suzanne Thistle from Mississauga



Painting of the Mohawk Chapel in Brantford.

In August 2013, some of the Historical Society Committee members went on a road trip to tour the oldest church in Ontario. Built in 1785, Her Majesty's Royal Chapel of the Mohawks (St Paul's) is located in Brantford and was the first Protestant church in Upper Canada. The church actually faces the Grand River where the native people disembarked from their canoes when they came to the Chapel Services. This painting captures the peaceful spiritual atmosphere of the church. The painting was a wedding gift to Joseph May and Clara Brohman in 1896, from Clara's brother Herman Brohman. The painting now hangs in their granddaughter Marjorie Zinger's home.



Clara Brohman and Joseph May





Ask Diane

Dear Diane:  
What can you tell me about the New Year’s celebrations that took place in Maryhill years ago?  
**Signed Susie Motz**  
Dear Susie  
Years ago, socializing often consisted of visiting neighbours, playing cards, sharing a meal and

singing along with musical instruments – often a banjo, kazoo, piano or accordion. There was a tradition back in the mid 1800’s called “*Shooting Up the New Year*” where a small group of young men would gather their guns and walk farm to farm to wish their neighbours a happy New Year. At each farm house they would approach the house as quietly as possible and then fire their guns, and sing. The group would be invited into the house to warm up and enjoy some food and cider. Then the whole group set out for the next farm including the farmer and older sons. At the end of the night the group often consisted of a hundred men! Apparently this practice, of German origin, was carried on in many areas throughout North America. It was believed that the loud noise would scare away evil spirits and demons on farms. ***"Here we stand before your door, As we stood the year before; Give us whiskey; give us gin, Open the door and let us in."***

Diane Strickler is a local historian with a wealth of knowledge on genealogy regarding St. Boniface and Maryhill families. Send your questions to any of the committee members and we will feature questions in our newsletters.

An Item from our Past:

In 1935, the St. Boniface Parish Bazaar Committee came up with a novel idea for fundraising. They would not only raffle off a quilt – but they would embroider names on the quilt for a fee! They charged a whopping 15¢ for a single name or 25¢ for a family. The quilt contains an image of St. Boniface church in the centre, with the names embroidered around it, radiating out like the ray of the sun. It was raffled off at the July 1<sup>st</sup> Garden Party in 1935 and won by Maryhill’s Emma (Bitschy) Frank. It was later donated to the Historical Society by the Charles Frank family in memory of Emma. Drop in to the Halter House and check out the names – you may very well see someone from your family tree!

Today, Maryhill still has an annual Bazaar with quilt raffles. This tradition started in 1900 on Labour Day with a Lawn Social to raise money for the parish. Attendance would often exceed 1000 people and hundreds of dollars would be raised. By 1935 it had moved to July 1st and was called The Garden Party. The church and school yard would be decorated with flags, bunting (a string of flags) and streamers. The day would be filled with various activities, often including bingo, a fish pond and a baseball game. Supper would be served in the school basement. Later in the evening the adults would dance the night away either at an outdoor platform or at the Charles Halter hall above the horse shed located beside the Halter Hotel (now the Commercial).



Maryhill Garden Parties

Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Historical Society was held on November 25 2013. The following positions were elected:



EXECUTIVE

President	Marlene Bruckhardt
Vice President	Marjorie Zinger
Treasurer	Ron Brohman
Secretary	Ken Hanson
Past President	Ron Brohman

COMMITTEES

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Resource Centre & Birthday Club	Sally Brohman
Community and Bldg. Maintenance	Gerald Brohman
Fundraising	Marjorie Watson
Wayside Shrines	Robert Brohman
Genealogy	Diane Strickler
Publications & Memberships	Susie Motz

Who’s This from Our Community?

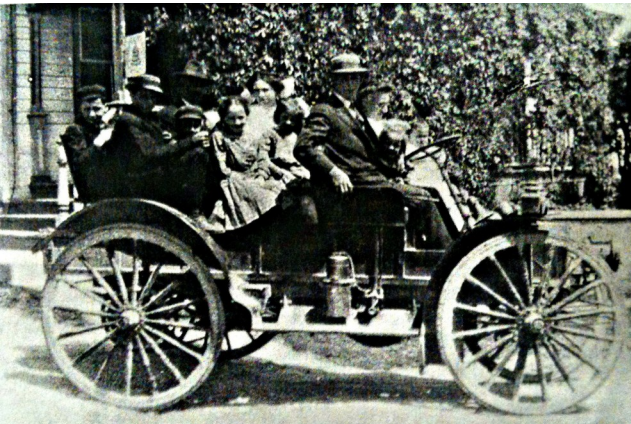
Cyril Zinger is a fun loving 93 year ol’timer from our community. Many of you may know him as ‘*Pat*’. Ever wonder how he got his nickname? Well, it all started when Cyril was about 9 years old. He had a homework assignment to write and present a paper on Ireland. Coincidentally, an Irish orphan named Patrick lived at the farm next to the Zingers. Patrick would often visit at the Zingers and listen to the radio with Cyril; at that time the Zingers were one of the few families with electricity. This one weekend, Cyril was working on his assignment and Patrick offered to help. Patrick did more than just help; he actually wrote the entire assignment! Back in school, Cyril presented the paper to the class. He stood up and proceeded to read “Hi. My name is Pat and I am from Ireland...” The teacher sent Cyril to the Principal, but not to scold him for plagiarism! Instead she was so impressed with his work that he presented it to the Principal and the Senior class. Again, Cyril read the paper claiming to be “Pat from Ireland”. From that day on, Cyril’s schoolmates called him Pat, and it’s stuck ever since.



Cyril was the oldest of three boys and all had nicknames. Harold Zinger was named “Bops” by friend Charlie Frank. Apparently Harold was small and pudgy and *Bops* is an old German term for a cute little puppy. Brother Anthony was christened with a nickname before he could even walk. Doctor Anthony Ochs (Oakes) from Preston was retiring and the little Zinger baby was his last delivery. Typically, after a home delivery, the family would give the doctor money for his help, but Doc Oakes was retiring and requested for the little boy to be named after him, And so little Anthony (Doc) was nicknamed from birth. Now Cyril was quite a handful when he was a teenager! He was once part of the notorious *Blue Moon Group*—a gang of teenagers that would cause quite a ruckus in the village. They would drive their model A cars down the hill in Maryhill, at full throttle, and turn the car off—creating a loud ‘boom’ from the backfire. Alex Zettel gave the group this name—as the teens would disturb the community in the middle of the night under the light of the moon. Today, Cyril is still having good times with the staff and residents at the Countryside Retirement Residence located just outside of Maryhill.

More on our Forefathers  
The Zinger Family

If you have a Zinger in your family tree, they most likely originate from one of the 3 Zingers that came to New Germany. Chrysostimus (Christopher) was the first, followed by Alois and Joseph Jr. Like many of the others in New Germany, they were all from Soufflenheim, Bas Rhin, Alsace, France. Cyril’s family are decedents from Joseph Jr, who married Theresa Weiler and had 8 children. Joseph Jr along with his sons Marcus, Albert and Andrew (Cyril’s grandfather) built a store at the top of the hill in Maryhill. Andrew ran **Zingers’ Hardware** which was equipped with just about everything the locals needed including washing machines, windmills, furnaces and farm machinery. Andrew was a tin smith and fabricated many things out back including stove pipes, pails and during the prohibition he was known to have even produced a few whiskey stills. Cyril’s grandfather Andrew married Anna Zettel and they had 9 children. They were the first family to own an automobile in New Germany; it was an International truck with wooden-spoked-3-foot high wheels and solid hard-rubber tires. Their one son Linus, was jailed twice for installing illegal stills. Linus married Ottillia Hummel and from this union came the three boys—Pat, Bops and Doc! And—for those who don’t know, our own local historian Diane Strickler, is Pat/Cyril’s daughter!



For years, the businesses in Maryhill were all closed on Wednesday afternoons, but ironically, they were open on Sundays for after-church shopping.