

# CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

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## THE LIFE OF EDITH HASTAY by Brian Cornelius

A sense of humour, a crinkled nose and a love to laugh—these and the face of Edith Hastay belong together. Edith was a long-time resident of Champlain Park. Earlier this year she passed from this life to the mystery that is beyond life. Unknown to most of us, she lived with a quiet and enduring presence in our community; on Cowley Ave. where she resided with two of her sisters—Olive and Addie. On January 16, a handful of relatives, friends, and neighbours gathered to honour her life story—a story worth hearing.

Edith was born on the ninth day of June, 1913, in Morris Mills, New Brunswick. She was one of six daughters born to farmsteaders Samuel Hastay and Nellie Haley. These six daughters quickly learned the skills necessary in working a farm. Edith was considered the frail one of the lot, experiencing ill health from the time she was a little girl, and it was this ill-health which played a part in keeping Edith from seeking out a career in the same manner that her sisters pursued their careers. But Edith was not one to complain, and she found her place in life.

After her father's death, the family farm was sold, and Edith moved with her mother to Ottawa. They came to live with Olive and Addie who had migrated Ottawa way during the war years. Here Edith settled into life as the housekeeper for her two sisters, and these three would remain lifelong housemates. Edith looked after her sisters well and was a cook

and baker second to none. Tapestry, embroidery and a daily taunting of the crossword were also important activities in Edith's life. Holding a special place in her heart were her nephews and nieces (especially Linda) and she always had that way of grabbing one by the cheeks, giving a big kiss, and then securing a promise to come back again soon.

While one might be tempted to think that Edith was "weak", nothing could be further from the truth. She was actually a "tough old bird" who outlived her sisters and in her last years, as her body became more crippled, still refused to sit in a wheelchair.

Edith declared that "she would tramp as long as she could". And "tramp" she did, right up to the moment she died. Just days before her death, her sister Amy was unable to loosen a cap from a vaseline jar, it so frustrated Edith that she grabbed the jar from her sister's hands and loosened it herself. That small and somewhat insignificant act, actually captured a whole way of living life.

I did not know Edith well. Our brief visits in the hospital did not allow for lengthy discussions, and what I have written has been gleaned from conversations with family members. For those of you who knew Edith, I invite you to take a moment and think of her life, to think of a way in which she touched your life.

Honour her and honour yourself by noting how your life and her life entwined, even if it was for the briefest of moments. Take a moment to give thanks.



Edith, Addie, nephew Kevin, & Olive



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### Letter from the Editor:

Dear neighbours, I have decided to accept the exalted position as editor of the "Champlain Speaker", your monthly newsletter, for another year. It is a position of honour that I both respect and enjoy. We had so many submissions this month that there is no room left for an editorial. This is a good thing! Thanks for all your great submissions. Keep them rolling in. If you have something for next month, the deadline is May 1st. Give me a call at my number...in the masthead above.

**Happy SPRING!**

### Aerobics Classes

If you are interested in an aerobics class, Mondays and Thursdays, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. during the month of May, Please contact Liz at 728-7160.

**This is the last session before bathing suit season!**

### Gardening Club

Plan to attend a very special meeting of the gardening club on **Tuesday April 9th**. It's members night - and a chance to swap tips and expertise with your neighbours. There's also a raffle with great gardening prizes. 7:00 p.m. at the fieldhouse. New members always welcome.

## SEGA GAME GEAR?

Sega Game Gear (in colour) for sale. It includes game gear, AC adapter and powerpack, 2 game cartridges: Sonic 2 and World series baseball, and Sega case. Everything is sold with instructions. Everything was barely used and in top quality condition.

New price \$350

My price only \$150

Please call for information: 729-3037 ask for Emily. Separate sales can be accommodated.

### A.G.M. by Tim Frank

The annual general meeting was held on Tuesday, March 26. We succeeded in reaching that elusive quorum on the third try. In fact total attendance was 34 residents.

The minutes will be published in the next issue of The Speaker, there was insufficient time to prepare them for this month.

A special thank you to the three representatives of the Ottawa Muslim Association, Dr. Farid Ahmed, and Mr. Malik and Mr. Riad Tallim, who spoke to us about the parking issue. Also, Nancy Mitchell and Shawn Little addressed traffic concerns in the neighbourhood.

One ongoing problem that we must address is the need for more help and input on the executive. We need volunteers to take an active role in the association to insure that we are represented at various meetings and workshops presented by a number of public bodies.

If anyone can become involved in the following areas, please contact Tim Frank at 729-0882.

#### 1. Traffic

Champlain Bridge Environmental Assessment Communities Before Cars

#### 2. Neighbourhood Cleanings

There will be a city sponsored cleaning in May. We need volunteers to help co-ordinate this.

### Local Teens Interested in Work:

Tom Arnason 729-6639 Yard Chores  
Eric Stafford 729-0463 Yard Chores  
Rachelle 722-6303 Babysitting  
Jessica 728-8413 Babysitting  
Sarah 722-2687 Babysitting  
Paul Ratsch 728-2583 Yard Chores  
Rory Taylor 798-0036 Yard Chores

# TALK TO THE NEIGHBOURS

by Farid Ahmed, PH. D.

At the AGM of the Champlain Community Association, on 26 March 1996

*Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:*

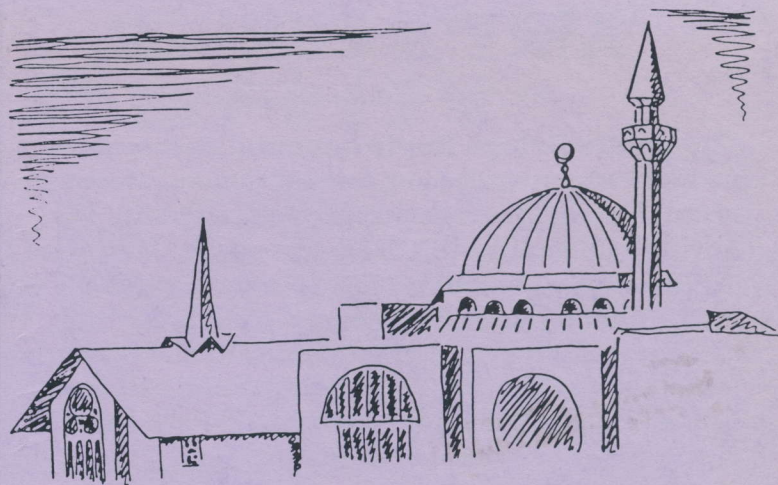
Thank you very much for inviting us to speak with you about the parking problem in our neighborhood. As you know, the problem is mainly during two hours at mid-day Friday, when many of you are away at work. I would like to assure you that we care about your concerns, and that was the main reason why we leased the parking area behind the Mosque.

To help you with your deliberations this evening. I would like to share with you a few points, in explanation of the situation:

**First:** Muslims have worshipped in this neighborhood for the last thirty years without a single serious incident. You helped us get started by allowing us to use the basement of the Northwestern United Church, and you saw us struggle to build the Mosque and operate it. We have always tried to keep the Mosque and surroundings clean and tidy.

**Second:** The Muslim community is not homogeneous. Some of us are highly educated while others are practically illiterate; most of us are polite and considerate but a few are selfish and inconsiderate, and must be brought under control.

**Third:** The goals of our Mosque are very honorable and worthy of your support. We teach good manners and good morals to Muslim children and adults. Every year we welcome to the Mosque hundreds of non-Muslim students and their teachers from various schools and universities in Ottawa, Hull, Gatineau, Arnprior and as far away



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as Cornwall. We tell them of our beliefs and answer their questions. We also have monthly interfaith exchange-of-information meetings for adults, and we operate an excellent reference library about Islam and its people. This mosque is a respected place of worship for Muslims, and also a very active cultural and information center.

**Fourth:** The minor variance application that we have applied for is to exempt the mosque from a recent amendment to the City By-laws. The exemption is needed if we wish to continue using that parking area even just for the Muslim worshippers. If our application is refused, the parking lot will have to be closed, and more cars will have to park on the streets.

**Finally:** Please help us, we are trying hard to serve our community and our city, and would value your support. The sight of a church and a mosque side-by-side in harmony is a living symbol of tolerance and understanding. Let us keep it that way, and thank you very much.



## Off The Wall Used Art Sale

Tired of your framed prints, posters or original art? Sell them at the upcoming used art sale- **Saturday, May 11**, from 10:00 to 3:00 at the field house. All you have to do is label your pictures with your name and price. We'll try and sell them. 10% of each sell will be donated to the Community Association. Volunteers needed for sale day. To sign up call Laurie at 728-1945

# AMY'S CORNER

by Amy Kempster 722-6039

## Champlain Bridge Environmental Assessment:

As those who attended our Annual General Meeting heard there has been no meeting of the Public Advisory Committee (PAC) for some time. Meantime additional representatives have been added to the PAC, including those from several community associations near Woodroffe Avenue and the Carling exit of the Parkway who will be affected if exit from and entrance to the bridge from Island Park Drive is prevented as in several of the options, and a representative from the Federation of Citizens' Associations.

**Traffic and Parking concerns:** We also heard from Nancy Mitchell at the meeting who described some of the possible traffic calming measures suggested for our area and Island Park Drive south of Scott Street. The measures suggested for Island Park included returning the intersection of the Parkway and Island Park Drive to one without turning lanes on the south side of the intersection a narrowing between that entrance and Clearview and a raised intersection, with lights at Clearview. Raised intersections were also suggested at Clearview and Carleton and Clearview and Cowley, a break in the median at the north side of the Mosque to facilitate north turning traffic leaving their parking lot and possible other measures.

**FCA news:** The FCA has sent a letter to the City's Planning and Economic Development Committee asking for a supplementary document to the draft 2020-Z Draft Zoning By-law showing the changes from the old to the new zoning and a rationale for the changes, to help citizens to understand the implications of this document. We also asked for a delay in passing the draft by-law until citizens have had a chance to study the requested supplementary document. As noted at the AGM, Champlain Park can have two representatives to the FCA and as well people can join one of FCA's Committees: namely Land-use, Transportation, Budget, Environment and Communications. We need at least one more person in the area who is ready to help by representing Champlain Park at FCA meetings or on Committees and not leave it all to me. Please think about either joining one of FCA's Committees or joining me at our monthly meetings. One night a month is not much to ask. If you feel you can attend FCA meetings call either President Tim Frank or myself (722-6039).

## NATURE WALKS

Want to wander through the area in or near our community on a nature hike? Come join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 A.M. starting April 10 until July. We meet at the park bench in the corner of Champlain Park at Clearview and Cowley. Get a bit of exercise while looking for birds, wild flowers, etc. The hikes last usually at least an hour and sometimes longer depending on the wishes of the participants. We explore not only the woods nearby but also occasionally across the river, in which case we may car pool across the bridge. For more information call Amy Kempster at 722-6039.

### SCOOP that POOP!

Dogs are good buddies. Whatever the season, they're ready...playing fetch, sleeping in front of the fireplace, hanging out with the kids, going for a walk or just scaring burglars.

When you do take a walk, it's really important to scoop that poop. As a dog owner, you will be helping to eliminate one source of pollution. You will be making a difference. Here's why:

- 1. Poop adds up.** The 93,000 dogs in Ottawa-Carleton produce an estimated 20,500 kilograms of poop a day! By scooping that poop, side-walks, parks and green spaces are a lot cleaner.
- 2. It is a health hazard.** Letting your dog poop where children play exposes kids to parasites such as roundworms and bacterial infections. Poop can transfer doggy diseases to other people's pets, including your own.
- 3. It is an environmental hazard.** No matter where you live, spring run-off or heavy rain storms wash poop into streams and storm sewers which eventually find their way into our rivers. The time and effort that we put into cleaning up our beach will be of little benefit if the water's bacterial count is too high to swim in.
- 4. Scooping is responsible.** Irresponsible dog ownership is the source of many restrictions on dogs. If we all clean up after our dogs, then public opinion of dogs and dog ownership will be much more positive.
- 5. Poop can cost you bucks.** Ottawa has a stoop and scoop by-law. If you do get caught "in the act" you'll probably pay a fine.



Who, Me?

### Cats are included too!

From a brochure issued by Berrys Pet Food and your Water Quality Partners in Ottawa-Carleton

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**SUNDAY**

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

<b>31</b>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Playgroup 9:30-11:30 a.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Social Group meeting at Fieldhouse 2 to 4 pm</p> <hr/> <p>Aerobics Class 7-8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>2 BLUE BOX</b></p> <p>Playgroup 9:30-11:30 a.m.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Fly Fishing</i> 7:00 p.m.</p>	<b>3</b>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Playgroup 9:30-11:30 a.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Aerobics Class 7-8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b></p>	<b>6</b>
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<b>14</b>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Playgroup 9:30-11:30 a.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Social Group meeting at Fieldhouse 2 to 4 pm</p> <hr/> <p>Aerobics Class 7-8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>16 BLUE BOX</b></p> <p>Playgroup 9:30-11:30 a.m.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Fly Fishing</i> 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Nature Walk 9:30 A.M.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Playgroup 9:30-11:30 a.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Aerobics Class 7-8 p.m.</p>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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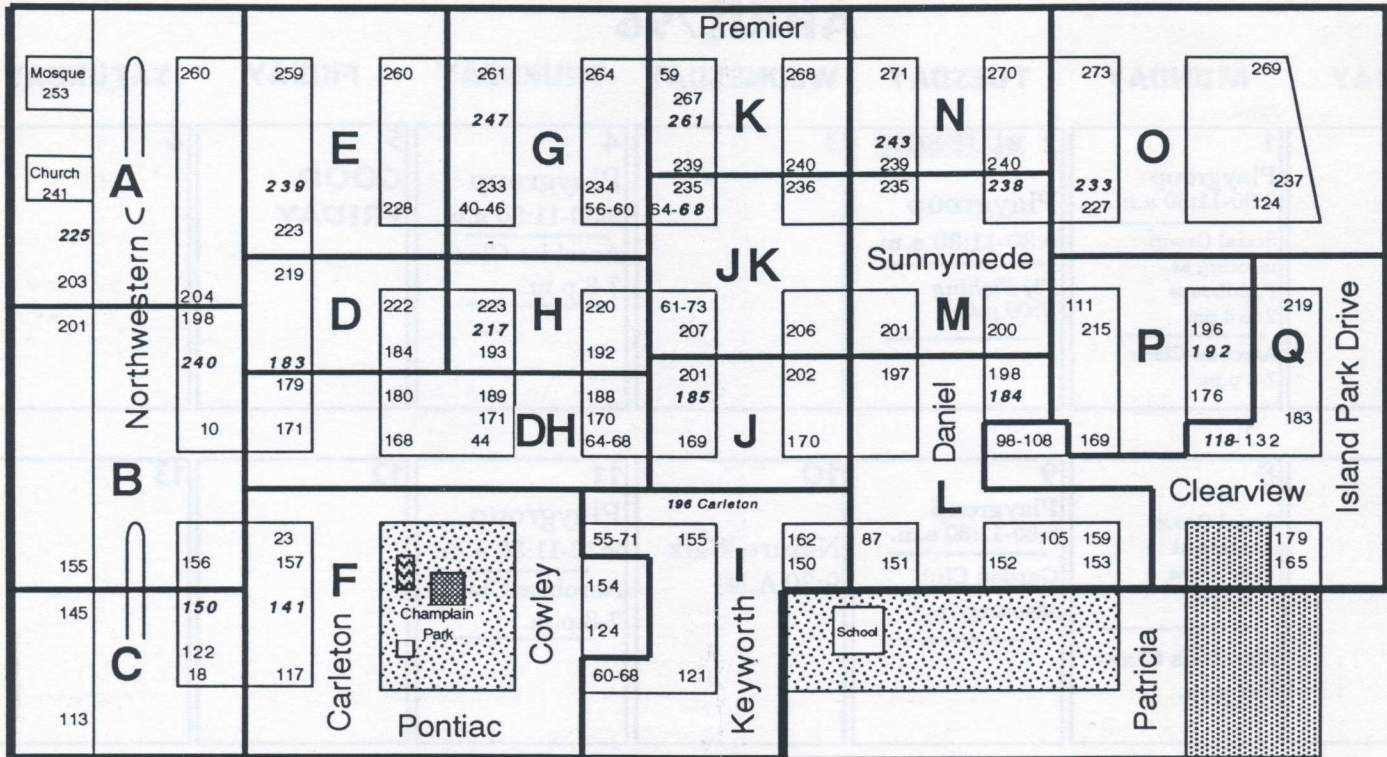
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\*\*\*Playgroup will run every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30a.m.  
 \*\*\*Aerobics Classes Monday and Thursday evenings, 7-8 p.m. for 16 weeks, Jan 8 to April 25, 1996.

TO ADD ITEMS NEXT MONTH - CALL 729-5439

## Neighbourhood Watch



The addresses of block captains are **highlighted**.

Block	Area Covered	Block Captain	Address	Telephone
A	203-253 & 204-260 Northwestern.	<b>Brian Cornelius</b>	225 Northwestern	<b>729-6525</b>
B	155-201 & 156-198 Northwestern, 10 Clearview.	<b>Carole Johnson</b>	240 Northwestern	<b>729-8873</b>
C	113-145 & 122-150 Northwestern, 18 Pontiac.	<b>Charlotte Wilson-Miller</b>	150 Northwestern	<b>761-1101</b>
D	183-219 & 184-222 Carleton.	<b>Lynne Bankier</b>	183 Carleton	<b>729-0955</b>
DH	171-179 & 168-180 Carleton, 171-189 & 170-188 Cowley, 44-68 Clearview	(vacant)		
E	223-259 & 228-260 Carleton	<b>John Texeira</b>	239 Carleton	<b>725-9463</b>
F	117-157 Carleton, 124-154 Cowley, 23 Clearview and the Park	<b>Nick Montero</b>	141 Carleton	<b>728-7545</b>
G	233-261 & 234-264 Cowley, 40-60 Sunnymede.	<b>Carol Arnason</b>	247 Cowley	<b>729-6639</b>
H	193-223 & 192-220 Cowley.	<b>Jacques Bourbeau</b>	217 Cowley	<b>728-0337</b>
I	121-155 & 150-162 Keyworth, 55-71 Clearview, 60-68 Pontiac.	<b>Jo-Ann Benn</b>	196 Carleton	<b>729-1346</b>
J	169-201 & 170-202 Keyworth.	<b>Verne Potvin</b>	185 Keyworth	<b>725-5423</b>
JK	207-235 & 206-236 Keyworth, 61-73 & 64-68 Sunnymede.	<b>Tom Sauve</b>	68 Sunnymede	<b>728-0191</b>
K	239-267 & 240-268 Keyworth, 59 Premier.	<b>Lee Scott</b>	261 Keyworth	<b>729-3035</b>
L	151-197 & 152-198 Daniel, 87-105 Clearview, 153-159 Patricia.	<b>Evelyn Sparks</b>	184 Daniel	<b>728-5552</b>
M	201-235 & 200-238 Daniel.	<b>Carole Copeland</b>	238 Daniel	<b>729-7824</b>
N	239-271 & 240-270 Daniel.	<b>Helen Joseph</b>	243 Daniel	<b>722-4088</b>
O	227-273 Patricia, 237-269 Island Park, 124 Sunnymede.	<b>Lynda Fancy</b>	233 Patricia	<b>725-1315</b>
P	169-215 & 176-196 Patricia, 111 Sunnymede.	<b>Karen Maser</b>	192 Patricia	<b>722-6700</b>
Q	98-132 Clearview, 165-219 Island Park	<b>Amy Kempster</b>	118 Clearview	<b>722-6039</b>

### CRIME STATISTICS FOR OUR COMMUNITY July to December, 1995

- 7 break and enter to private homes
- 3 mischief to property
- 9 thefts from motor vehicles
- 5 bicycle thefts
- 3 other thefts
- 1 bicycle found
- 1 indecent act
- 2 suspicious persons

A total of 31 incidents. Obviously, crime does occur in our community and that number may increase with the warmer weather. You are encouraged to participate in Neighbourhood Watch to reduce crime and ensure our security.

The two reports of suspicious persons might have prevented some incidents. We thank the neighbours who made those reports and we encourage everyone to keep watch to improve the security of our community. If you have any questions about neighbourhood watch, please call your block captain or the coordinators listed below. We welcome Jacques Bourbeau and Carole Johnson as new block captains. We currently require a volunteer for block DH.

- § *make your home secure*
- § *watch your neighbour's property*
- § *report any suspicious activities to the police*

Your coordinators are:

**Michael Cheng,** 145 Carleton Ave., **722-3344**  
**Nick Montero,** 141 Carleton Ave., **728-7545**