

POINT *by* POINT

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POINT

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 22, 2011
4:00 p.m. – Reception
4:15 p.m. – Meeting

North Toronto Memorial
Community Centre
200 Eglinton Avenue West
Committee Room 2nd Floor

All Welcome



"The Great Garden Adventure"

July 5 – August 25, 2011
Tuesdays and Thursdays
10 am to 12 noon
Eglinton Park

Heritage Community Garden

An interactive children's
gardening program, developed
by POINT

Now for children from
ages 3-9

Presented in partnership with
the Toronto Green
Community

To register, call

416 487 2390

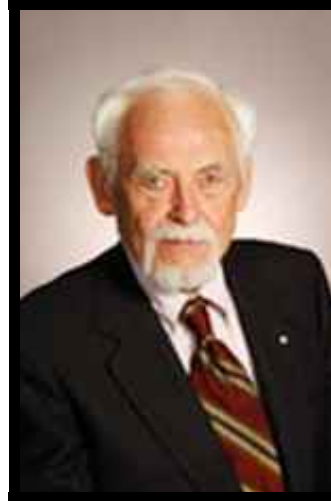
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In Memoriam: John M. Hodgson, Q.C.

The POINT Board of Directors, the POINT Endowment Committee, other volunteers and the POINT staff were very saddened to learn of the passing of John Hodgson, Q.C., a long time volunteer and outstanding supporter of POINT, in late January.



In 2005, at the 37th POINT Annual General Meeting, Mr. Hodgson was presented with the annual POINT Volunteer Award, which not only acknowledges the award recipient's voluntary service with POINT but also recognizes the valuable contribution that the individual has made to other community organizations as a volunteer. John Hodgson was instrumental in the creation of the POINT Endowment Committee and was a key member of the POINT Endowment Fund Committee until last year.

He also fostered the POINT Agency Skills Exchange Project which encouraged the exchange of skills and knowledge between North Toronto community organizations.

John Hodgson practiced at Blake, Cassels and Graydon law firm for sixty-five years in the areas of trusts, estates and charity law. He made a tremendous contribution to legal issues involving the charitable and non-profit sector. Some highlights were chairing the project

to establish the original National Committee on Charitable Organizations of the Canadian Bar Association, and being the President of the Canadian Bar Association (Ontario) in 1971.

In addition to a very busy legal practice, John also generously volunteered his time and expertise to the development of different charities and foundations. Among his

volunteer achievements, John co-founded the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy, now known as Imagine Canada, and he was the first President of the Centre for Philanthropy from 1981-1986. John was a founder of "The Philanthropist" journal which focuses on charitable studies, and an editorial board member from 1972.

John was recognized for his outstanding contribution to the field of charity law with the Law Society Medal from the Law Society of Upper Canada. John's efforts in securing funding and involvement in the redevelopment of the library at Imagine Canada led to the library being named the John Hodgson Library Collection in honour of his contribution.

POINT volunteers and staff were so fortunate to have known and worked with such a dedicated advocate and visionary for the charitable and non-profit sector in Canada, and a true gentleman. John will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

POINT READ-A-THON



“Promoting Intergenerational Reading”

The second POINT Read-a-thon, held in Fall 2010, was once again a great success! This event promoted intergenerational reading, & was a fundraiser for POINT. Attendees heard wonderful stories from Rita Cox, an award-winning master story-teller. Also, volunteer readers presented a variety of interesting stories. Thank you to all the readers! Many thanks to the organizations, and businesses, which donated food, books, and other items: Anita O'Connor & Parkdale Golden Age Foundation, BMV Books, Little Party Shoppe, & Capital One. Special thanks to Cynthia Luks, Fundraising Chair, & Read-a-thon Committee Members: Anita O'Connor, Eunice Chaderton-Downes, Jack Menkes, Milly Wang & Safia Wasi.



Vanessa Matthews shows POINT flyer to local resident.



Fair attendees at Sunnybrook's Health Information table.

North Toronto Community Fair

POINT once again organized its 13th annual *North Toronto Community Fair* last Fall, that was held in the RioCan Yonge Eglinton Centre shopping mall. Sixteen local organizations had display tables filled with information on the myriad programs and services which include health, employment, parenting, social justice, legal and recreational for individuals of all ages that are provided to North Toronto residents.

The following agencies participated: Anne Johnston Health Station; Central Eglinton Community Centre; Parent Support Connection; Parkdale Golden Age Foundation; POINT; SAINTS (Student Assistance In North Toronto for Seniors); Second Mile Club – Orchard View Branch; Self-Help Resource Centre; SPRINT (Senior People Resources in North Toronto); Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Health Information Centre; Toronto Public Health; Toronto Public Library – Northern District Branch; West Toronto Community Legal Services; Yonge-Eglinton AppleTree Farmers' Market; and Yorkminster Park Meals on Wheels.

In addition to the attractive display tables, we were all entertained by Soul singer Jay Douglas's velvety voice. He definitely caused a lot of people to stop in their tracks to not only listen to some great renditions but to peruse the Fair as well. Rick MacIntosh provided the instrumental accompaniment.

One of the great things about the *North Toronto Community Fair* is that it is also an opportunity to enhance the relationship between the community sector and the business sector, namely the RioCan Yonge Eglinton Centre mall merchants. We were thrilled that we had a record number of merchants contributing draw prizes for the people attending the Fair. They include: The Source; Grand and Toy; Laura Secord; Indigo book store; Pharma Plus; HMV; A Buck or Two; M for Mendocino; Keyman Engravables; Bowring; American Back Rub and Gems & Jewellery. We thank these merchants for their support and participation – their terrific prizes added to the excitement of the Fair.

As one Fair participant exclaimed, “It was good to have such varied display tables laid out; along with great music.” POINT thanks RioCan for their significant contribution towards the Fair and partially sponsoring it.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Q: Is there one number I can call to access a range of services for seniors who wish to remain independent for as long as possible?

A: Yes; that number is: 1-877-540-6565, the *Community Navigation and Access Program (CNAP)* a network of over 30 not-for-profit organizations, who serve seniors in communities across Toronto.



National Volunteer Week 2011

On Thursday, April 14, 2011, POINT honoured the commitment and involvement of POINT volunteers who have given many hours, and shared their skills and knowledge to help POINT fulfill its mission in the North Toronto community during National Volunteer Week. It is Canada's largest annual celebration of volunteers, volunteerism, and civic participation.

Across the country, 12.5 million Canadians dedicate their time and talents to make their communities better. Annually, 46% of Canadians over the age of 15 volunteer, providing 2.1 billion volunteer hours to community and charitable organizations such as POINT. (Canadian Survey of Giving, Volunteering & Participating, 2007)

POINT volunteers have generously contributed their efforts and expertise in all parts of the organization:

- Community Information Service
- Computer and Internet Training
- Fundraising and Special Events
- Annual Income Tax Clinics
- Seniors' Community Dining Program
- The Board of Directors and its Committees i.e. Human Resources, PEOD, and Finance
- Various Committees such as the POINT Endowment Committee and the Community Information Service Committee
- Nannies and Caregivers: Weekend Café Socials Mentors to newcomers
- Administration

Thank you so much to all of you for dedicating your time, abilities, and compassion to enable POINT to serve and enhance the quality of life in this community.

Live It Up Seniors' Expo 2011

Wednesday, June 22, 2011,
9:30 am—3:30 pm
North Toronto Memorial
Community Centre
200 Eglinton Avenue West

Carol Gamble
Volunteer Toronto
Keynote Speaker

Volunteer Opportunities Fair

Workshops:
Social Networking for Seniors
Balcony Gardening

Demonstrations:
Healthy Cooking
Tai Chi

Dance & Singing Performances by Seniors

Door Prizes
Free Lunch served at 12 noon
MUST pre-register for
workshop(s) and lunch
By calling POINT at 416 487 2390
Before Monday, June 20, 2011
Or visit the POINT Desk at the
Community Centre

This project is funded in part by
the Government of Canada's
New Horizons for Seniors program.

Canada

THE NEW SENIORS' CAREGIVER HANDBOOK IS HERE!!

**This handbook is a step by step guide to:
ADVOCACY ~ COMMUNITY CARE ~ GUIDANCE
INFORMATION ~ RESOURCES ~ SUPPORT
To purchase a copy, call POINT @ 416 487 2390**

**\$15.00 - Individuals
\$20.00 - Organizations**

Mark Your Calendar!

- **POINT Annual General Meeting:** June 22, 2011 - 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- **Live It Up Expo:** June 22, 2011 - 9:30 - 3:30 pm
- **The Great Gardening Adventure:** July 5, 2011 - August 25, 2011
10:00 am - 12 noon

Seniors' Community Dining Program

Made possible through partnerships with: SPRINT, Parkdale Golden Age Foundation, POINT, The Departments of Parks and Recreation, and Public Health. Location: North Toronto Memorial Community Centre, 200 Eglinton Ave. West. To make a reservation, call POINT at 416-487-2390. Lunch (\$6.25), Dinner (prices vary). Tickets can be purchased at the POINT kiosk desk in the Community Centre.

Wednesday Lunch	Friday Dinner	Sunday Brunch
May 4 Closed 11 Lunch & Learn 18 Lunch & Bingo 25 Lunch & Trivia	May 13 SPRING FLING Dinner & Dance 5:30 pm \$15.00	No brunches at this time.
June 1 Birthday Lunch 8 Lunch & Learn 15 Lunch & Learn 22 Live It Up Seniors' Expo 29 Lunch	No Friday dinners	No brunches at this time.
July 6 Lunch 13 Lunch 20 Lunch 27 Lunch "Enjoy and Meet Friends!"	No Friday dinners	No brunches at this time.

POINT Mission Statement

To serve the people who live, work and study in North Toronto by improving availability and increasing awareness of the social and health services in the community through information, education, and advocacy.

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POINT Membership Form

Yes! I would like to **become a member of POINT**. My membership fee is enclosed. Please add my name to your mailing list. As a member, I will receive the POINT newsletter, voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting, and other information bulletins. A charitable tax receipt will also be issued.

Name _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Postal Code: _____
 Tel: (____) _____ Email _____

Method of Payment:

Visa _____ Card # _____
 Signature _____ Exp. Date: _____

Cheque: Please make Cheque payable to P.O.I.N.T. Inc.

Membership Fee:

Individual \$10.00
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