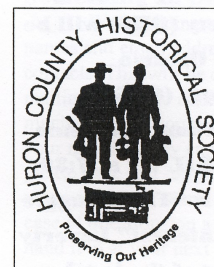




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**Executive for 2011-12**

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**Next Society Meeting.....**

**Wednesday, May 15, 2013**

**.....St Peters Lutheran Church,  
23 Goshen St South, Zurich, ON**

**5:30pm Welcome and meet the speaker**

**6:00pm Dinner and doings by the church  
ladies, approx \$20 per person at the door.  
Please call David Armstrong 519-524-1156  
for dinner reservations .....**

**7:00pm Annual General Meeting, vote on  
the slate of directors and a presentation by  
Alma Westlake on the history of St Peters  
Lutheran Church and Pioneer Cemetery**

**Visitors and guests are welcome to any  
portion of the evening.....**

**Next meeting.....Wednesday, June 19, 2013  
At the Huron County Museum, Goderich**

**Membership renewal....**

If you received this newsletter by mail, the date shown above your name on the address label is the year to which your membership is paid up, according to our records. Call or email us if your records differ. If you are in arrears, consider this a reminder that the membership fees are now \$20. To reserve your member's copy of Historical Notes, keep your dues up to date. Hard copies of past Historical Notes are available at the Museum, \$8.00 per copy. Note our current address for mail and memberships:

**HCHS, Box 3, Goderich ON, N7A 3Y5.**

**Archives Facilities project.....**

Members will recall that in 2009, the Society undertook a project to make recommendations for a competent storage solution for the many public and private family and other collections in the County. On August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012, David Armstrong led a presentation to the Huron County Council on the study and its recommendations to begin a Business Plan for an Archives building to serve the county. The presentation was well received. Efforts are now underway to poll other municipal staffs to get a sense of volume to be accommodated begin a Business Case and Plan for space and storage needs.

**Website access for Historical Notes**

Past copies of Historical Notes from 1965 to 2008 are now available to **members** on the web. Non-members can access only the index to each issue.

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open the dropdown menu for **Publications**, click **HCHS Members Login**, then type user name: **user**, then the current **password**.

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### **Historical Notes progress.....**

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### **Notes about last general meeting at the Duchess Room of the Bedford Hotel Goderich on April 17, 2013.....**

Our guest speaker was Paul Schmitt, a Port Huron marine historian and amateur diver, who gave a memorable recounting of the 1913 Great Storm and the damage wrought on several ships on the American side of the Great Lakes. (Susan Bennett, curator of the Port Huron Museum, could not attend the meeting.) Paul described the events planned for Port Huron commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Storm. Thusfar on the US side, plans center around exhibits at the Point Gratiot Light and the Port Huron Marine Museum and a one-day Chautauqua (an arts and culture celebration). Other commemorations are in the works and will be highlighted on the website [www.1913storm.ca](http://www.1913storm.ca)

Paul showed photos of some of the damaged and sunk ships of the Storm and the finding of the sunken steamer, *Regina*, in 1986 in 80-ft of water. Paul had done a dive on the *Regina* (the third diver to do so) and showed photos of the wreck as she then lay.



L to R: Paul Schmitt, guest speaker, board chair  
David Armstrong and director and meeting  
coordinator Mac Campbell

