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The Banting Legacy

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FIGHTING DIABETES and PRESERVING A LEGACY



2014 in Review

Our Mission: Fight Diabetes and Preserve a Legacy.

2015 at a Glance Expanding our Reach and Capacity

Our teleconferencing facility is scheduled for installation in the 1st quarter and will enable our Outreach team to interact with others on the Ontario Telemedicine Network and elsewhere, facilitate participation of 'remote' speakers for our School Tours as well as interaction with classes elsewhere and allow us to meet with partners and colleagues worldwide.

The Banting Legacy Trail will provide an exercise aspect for our Diabetes Classes and School Tours as well as support local walkers and joggers.

Completion of the Phase 3 architectural design and acquisition of a building permit will enable us to launch the campaign to find funding for this critical expansion.

Additional Banting Legacy Transition Awards for doctoral and post-doctoral students and new post-secondary scholarship for youth with diabetes.

Inside this issue ...

Find details on Banting Legacy Week, Transition Lecture & Symposium, new exhibits, site progress, and more.

Upcoming Events ..

March – Launch of our new website

June – Wine & Cheese party at the site

Check website for details, or contact
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With the key building restorations/adaptations and Phase 2 addition behind us, we continued to increase the focus on our Fight Diabetes programs; launched our School Tours and Group Tours programs, introduced scheduled hours for general public access and continued our weekly Diabetes Classes. The combined effect of these initiatives led to over 2300 site visitors in 2014.



TecWeGwill WI Meeting



Essa Historical Society Meeting

We implemented more site improvements, significantly enhanced our exhibits, expanded our annual Banting Day celebrations to a Banting Legacy Week of events, and, for the first time, held our Annual Banting Legacy Transition Lecture and Symposium locally and we introduced a Student Art Contest.

We continued planning for installation of the Banting Legacy exercise trail, a teleconferencing facility and the addition of our Phase 3 permanent classroom and additional exhibit space.

Our grateful thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation, RBC Foundation, Honda of Canada Mfg., all the other donors, volunteers, supporters and our trades team who, together, made it possible for us to continue our advance.

Read on for the details. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

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Site & Program Access

- * School and Group Tours: Daily by appointment
- * Adult Diabetes Classes: Registration required
- * General Public exhibits access: every Tuesday 11am – 4pm and 1st & 3rd weekends of the month, Sat 11am – 4pm, Sun 1pm – 4pm
Stroll the grounds: Daily 7:00 am – 6:00 pm
- * Barrier-free access and free parking

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Banting Legacy Week a Success!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who made the First Annual Banting Legacy Week a success!!!

This year we expanded our usual one-day celebration to an entire week and introduced new events.

Flag Raising Ceremony at the site supported by New Tecumseth Council Members, Rory MacKinnon's Bagpipe expertise and Mayor Mike MacEachern who read the official Banting Legacy Week proclamation and with the help of retired SFBLF Founding Director, Hart Holmstrom, raised our new SFBLF Flag.

Banting Legacy Student Art Contest with a required theme of Banting, Diabetes and the Discovery of Insulin, Canada's Gift to the World. Thanks to Heidi MacKenzie of the Papermoon Gallery and local artist, Jill Sadleir, for helping us select the winners. Prizes were presented to the winners at our Go Blue for Breakfast event and all contest participants attended, and, in some cases, with their entire family.



"Go Blue for Breakfast" event in support of the International Diabetes Federation worldwide campaign. Breakfast, held at The Gibson Centre, was catered by The Globe restaurant, supported by volunteers from local Lions and Rotary Clubs and was a 'sold out' success with over 125 attendees. We were doubly pleased with the attendance since we used the opportunity to recognize major donors and to present 'recognition' awards to long-time champion Mike MacEachern and Marjorie Brewster, for her courage as a user of insulin for over fifty years.

Birthday celebration for Sir Frederick Banting (marking the 123rd anniversary) at our Diabetes Management and Education Centre, the 5th year at the site, included the 'Big Blue' glucose test for diabetes administered by our Outreach team members, Pam Barber and Deb Procyk, and the unveiling of our newly enhanced exhibits.

3rd Annual Banting Legacy Transition Lecture and Symposium goes "Local"

This program, along with our Post-Doctoral Banting Legacy Transition Award is focused on the often daunting challenge faced by youth with diabetes when they move from the pediatric to adult healthcare system. The objective is to raise awareness and to help build capacity in the system to mitigate the problem. In previous years, we have explored the state of the art in Canada (Year 1) and in the USA (Year 2) with the help of our partners in the Department of Pediatrics at McMaster University. They have hosted the event and helped us locate outstanding guest lecturers including two from the Maestro Project (University of Manitoba) and the former co-Chair of the Got Transition team of the US National Institutes of Health.

This year we decided to focus on Simcoe County and adjacent areas by holding the public Lecture locally and by inviting healthcare professionals and experts from the North Simcoe Muskoka and the Central Local Health Integration Networks to participate in the Symposium explorations. We incorporated these events as part of Banting Legacy Week.

Shivani Goyal, a Ph.D. student at the Centre for Global e-Health Innovation, University Health Network, delivered her lecture on "Mobile Technologies for Diabetes Self-Management". The 40 plus healthcare professionals at the "Taking the Temperature" Symposium shared experiences, made valuable new connections, identified key issues in the region and reinforced the reality of other long-standing process challenges. We are grateful to all the participants for their thoughtful and candid deliberations.



Special thanks also to Mandy Webster, a Type I diabetic, who helped set the Symposium context by describing her past experience as a youthful diabetic 'in transition'.

DID YOU KNOW?

Sir Frederick Banting was buried in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery on March 4, 1941 in Toronto, Canada following a service at Convocation Hall, University of Toronto

Banting Legacy Collection Continues to Grow

Our exhibit collection includes paintings, prints, artifacts, and memorabilia created by, or relating to, Sir Frederick Banting. This year we were aided, again, by generous gifts and loans from families, organizations and groups.

New acquisitions included a Banting medallion commemorating Sir Fred's opening of the CNE in 1923, a large print of the iconic 'last photo' of Sir Fred in his WW2 uniform with an inscribed handwritten note by his close friend, Dr. Fred Hipwell, and an original copy of the Program for the 1943 memorial service held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields church in London, England.



New long-term loans included 2 original Banting oil paintings and a collection of his painting tools and paints.

Our sincere thanks to the families and organizations that have made these valuable additions available.

Exhibits Venues Get a 'Face-Lift'

All of our 'wall-mounted' information exhibits in the historic Farmhouse and new Heritage building were replaced with dramatic new designs created and installed by the Snack design team (Toronto). David and Patrice Banton and Samantha Murray worked diligently to ensure the new exhibits were ready for our Banting Day site celebrations. The result is spectacular and reflects the experience and creativity of this team and their similar work for the Banting exhibit at the Connaught Archive (Sanofi-Pasteur) and at the MaRS building, University of Toronto.

The new displays incorporate additional information. Content for one of the new panels carries the insulin story forward from the 20's to the early 80's. This content research was done by Christopher Ruty, a health history consultant, and was funded by Sanofi-Pasteur.

The upgrade to our Banting the Artist venue includes selections from his many sketch books. The entire art collection display has received a compelling new treatment as have the What is Diabetes?, Insulin Discovery, Early Patients, Medical Heroes, Nobel Prize, Banting the Soldier, Family Heritage, and Farmstead History displays.

To add some fun and interest, especially for our visiting students, the new displays include a "Eureka" panel that cites 10 great Canadian inventions and we have installed wall-mounted iPads with additional exhibit information.

We acknowledge and thank the Snack team, Sanofi-Pasteur and Dr. Ruty for producing such an outstanding result!

Site Infrastructure Continues to Evolve

The Town of New Tecumseth provided new picnic tables and, subsequently, installed a safety walk-way leading from John Taylor Boulevard across the front of the property to the new access lane. This very welcome addition, eliminates the potential risk associated with students and families walking along Sir Frederick Banting Road to get to the site from the town.



Doug Drysdale of Drysdale's Tree Farms donated and installed 5 new maple trees and 7 new evergreens as part of our evolving Banting Legacy Trail. The 500 metre trail will be constructed this spring around the perimeter of the buildings and linked to the new safety walk-way. As funds are raised, exercise stations will be added.



Following the initial preparation of garden beds by Steve Murphy, volunteer members of the Alliston and District Horticulture Society, along with the ladies of Gardens by Hummingbird dedicated their time, energy, and plants to the creation of a number of beautiful gardens. Our new flagpole was installed just in time for Banting Legacy Week events thanks to Dustin Minialoff of Experienced Handyman Services.

Sincere thanks to all involved in helping us continue our quest to ensure a memorable experience for visitors.

DID YOU KNOW?

Charles Herbert Best (1899 – 1978), co-discoverer of insulin, is also buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto, Canada

First Annual Banting Legacy Student Art Contest showcases emerging artists

Prizes were presented to our student art contest winners at the “Go Blue for Breakfast” event. Students were challenged to incorporate one or more of the ‘themes’; Diabetes, Banting and Insulin, Following are the winning entries:



Caitlyn Stapely, Gr 10



Jessica Jackson, Gr 9



Minoush Fathi, Gr 8



Kaitlyn Bos, Gr 4

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