

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Sarah Doucette

Seconded by: Councillor Gord Perks

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Kathleen (Kay) Hilda Apted at the age of 99, on January 9, 2014.

Born in Saskatchewan, Kay moved to Sudbury in the thirties and then to Toronto where she lived most of her 99 ½ years near Runnymede Public School.

Kay was a doer and a giver and her contributions were a great benefit to her community for many decades.

Kay was a member of the Humbercrest Quilters and the Mount Dennis Quilters for many years, and was a regular fixture at the fundraising sales of Runnymede and Mount Dennis United churches. The table would be laden with her handicrafts for the year - a great variety of sewing items and knitted hats, gloves, socks, mittens, scarves galore. When Kay wasn't knitting or sewing she made beautiful afghans which were eagerly sought after in local fundraisers.

Kay was an enthusiastic member of the Swansea Historical Society and would be found every year at the Swansea Town Hall Annual Garage Sale raising money for the Society. Kay's baked goods and especially her famous short bread were always available for any fundraising ventures.

A keen gardener, Kay was an active member of the Roselands Horticultural Society where she served as a judge in the Toronto City Gardens competitions. In the heat of the summer right until 2012 Kay was still active in this role. Kay was also a stalwart member of the Swansea Horticultural Society, serving on the Executive committee for years, convening the regular shows and leading the way at the annual plant sale.

Kay did take a little time for recreation - at the West Toronto Lawn Bowling Club. Kay was an excellent lawn bowler, but of course it was not all bowling. Kay was the Club House Captain, an executive member, a fundraiser, and an avid gardener who was very active for years in keeping the grounds in order.

All her work in the community organizations built a web of connections for Kay. Kay reached out in many ways to her neighbours and she would often visit those sick in hospital or confined to their homes. She was a model citizen - a very generous soul whom the City is proud to honour.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Kay Apted's family.

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