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## **NEWSLETTER, January, 2013**

### **FOUNDATION NEWS**

If you have driven by or been at the chapel in the latter part of 2012, you will have noticed a few changes and additions to the exterior. One major change was the new front doors installed during November. These were handcrafted by Walter Giovanatto of Caledon from reclaimed barn beams and with the help of the City of Brampton's Heritage Board and Coordinators, both financial and advisory, the integrity of our heritage building has been maintained.

Another project completed last year was the installation of a new sign identifying the site and more clearly explaining the type of events the space can be used for.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we did finalize the purchase and planting of five new trees around the perimeter of the cemetery. These are a variety of native deciduous trees with colourful foliage in summer and fall. We look forward to watching their development over the seasons.

### **RENTAL ACTIVITIES**

Rental activities continue to be mainly from our regular groups, the Sunday morning and afternoon worship services and Friday evening youth fellowship group. We are currently negotiating with the Sunday afternoon group for an additional hour on that day.

In October, November and December, one Saturday afternoon each month was rented to provide activities to children from the local community.

### **WE ARE BEING NOTICED**

One of our members, during a conversation with an acquaintance, mentioned "Ebenezer United Church on the Gore" and the acquaintance knew immediately where it was. She had driven by the site for many years and was sad to see it close. She watched as the building stood there unused for awhile and then noticed some action ....new brick corners, new steps on the south side, sidewalks installed---and this made her very happy to see the old building coming alive again. Then she notice how beautiful the site became with new gardens in the front and along the side and remarked " how much the place must be loved by those involved".

*To those who have worked so hard for so many years to restore and continue to maintain Ebenezer Chapel, this story tells you that every step of the way has been noticed and appreciated by someone who doesn't even know you.*

**PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF TORONTO GORE**

It was recently brought to our attention that the current cairn, recognizing the former Castlemore corners, was going to be relocated due to the development of a new commercial/retail building on the site. Since the original cairn does not mention or recognize the Castlemore General Store which occupied that site for at least 75 years, a committee of interested members lobbied the City of Brampton's Planning Department to put forward a proposal to the developer to replace the cairn and include recognition of the Castlemore General Store.

There was little support for this proposal from the City of Brampton's Heritage Board. At this point we are revising our original request to suggest that an additional plaque, recognizing the former General Store, be added to the current cairn. We will keep you updated on the project in future newsletters.

**BOOK COMMITTEE**

**Toronto Gore 1818 – 2018**

(next meeting April 6, 2013

9:30 – 11:30am in the Alma Room)

The committee continues to look for ideas, suggestions and personal or family stories that contributed to Toronto Gore's history as well as any photographs that you might wish to contribute to this project.

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**Notice of Annual Meeting**

**The annual meeting for**

**Ebenezer, Toronto Gore Historical Foundation**

**will be held at**

**Ebenezer Chapel**

**8999 The Gore Road and Ebenezer Road**

**Brampton, Ontario**

**Saturday, February 23, 2013**

**10:00 AM**

**A vote to accept the revised Constitution (reviewed and discussed at the 2012 annual meeting) will be on the agenda. An email copy is available upon request.**

**MEMBERSHIPS**

Membership in the Foundation is based on a calendar year and a tax receipt is issued.  
If you have not already renewed for 2013, a membership form is enclosed for your convenience.

**Ebenezer, Toronto Gore Historical Foundation  
Application for Membership**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Household Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Membership fee of \$20 for one calendar year

An additional donation to the Foundation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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