



=EBENEZER, TORONTO GORE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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FOUNDATION NEWS

The Foundation's 2011 year was recapped at the annual meeting, held on Saturday, March 10, 2012 in the Chapel. As well, the new constitution was presented to those members attending and with a few suggested changes, it will be on the 2013 annual meeting agenda for acceptance by the membership. There was one director position to be filled and Lynn Codd was nominated and elected. Following the meeting, thanks to the City of Brampton, our members were able to tour the completed renovated Community Centre (formerly Ebenezer School).

The 2011 Officers and Directors were decided at a directors' meeting immediately following the annual meeting and are as follows:

Judy (Gardhouse) Hyde - President/Treasurer
Fred Julian - Vice President/Cemetery Trustee
Dianne Ray - Membership Secretary
David Fieldhouse - Cemetery Chairman
Anna (Burton) Sheardown - Historical Librarian
/Chair of the Book Committee
Norm Boasie - Director
Peter Hyde - Director
Richard Julian - Director
Cecil Ray - Director/Cemetery Trustee
Isabel (Wiley) Risebrough - Director
Frances Johnston - Director
Lynn Codd - director
Ann (Fieldhouse) Price - Associate
Director/Secretary

To date, the Foundation volunteers have been working on a number of projects as well as continuing to maintain and manage the Chapel and grounds.

Updating the Alma Room

New chairs have been purchased and delivered for use in the Alma Room and if needed, in the Chapel.

Archiving

Numerous items, pictures, documents have been generously donated to the Foundation in the past and a small committee has been actively sorting, organizing and documenting these for future reference.

New Sign

We are expecting to have a new replacement sign, hopefully before the end of the year, This sign will better identify the site and what events can be held in the space.

Chapel's Front Doors

It was suggested that the chapel's front doors needed to be replaced and it was agreed to proceed with requesting quotes. The current doors are not original and were built in the original style and installed in the 1980's. Considering the chapel faces west, time and weather have taken its toll and the current doors have deteriorated considerably.

Considering the Chapel's historic designation, any replacement doors must follow the same design as these current ones. A number of quotes were obtained and after due diligence and guidance from the Brampton Heritage Board, a quote has been selected and the project is expected to be completed by the end of November, 2012.

In addition to help from the Brampton Heritage Board in reviewing and advising on the various quotes received, they have agreed to provide a grant towards the cost of the doors.

Tree Planting

A committee is now looking into the purchase of a number of trees to plant in the cemetery to replace those that had died and were removed over the past few years. Since this is the time to plant we are hoping to have these in place over the next few weeks.

Cemetery Changes

A request was received to look into designating an area of the cemetery to scatter cremation remains. The Cemetery Trustees are proceeding with this review and hopefully more details will be available for the next newsletter.

RENTAL ACTIVITIES

Sundays continue to be the most requested day to rent. Currently our original renter continues to hold Sunday morning services on a regular basis and another group conducts Sunday afternoon services as well as youth fellowship meetings on Friday evenings.

Another regular renter booked the chapel during school's March break and again in July for children's activities. They recently requested to use the facilities for one Saturday during the months of October, November and December.

We continue to get requests from occasional renters requiring local space to hold meetings.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE FOR A SPECIAL EVENT?

If you are planning a special celebration such as a wedding, birthday, anniversary or a reunion, contact us at 905-867-3101 or email old.ebenezer.chapel@gmail.com

RECOGNIZING EBNEZER CORNERS

As mentioned in previous publications of this Newsletter, in April, 2010, a letter from the Foundation was sent to the City of Brampton to consider some form of recognition of the Ebenezer Community. It was suggested that this be erected somewhere on the property where the old Township Hall stood which is the south-west corner of The Gore and Ebenezer Roads. Since our request, the property has been sold and the developer has requested rezoning to build a complex of town houses. Our request was referred to the zoning committee and our Foundation was requested to attend this zoning meeting. Our committee presented and the developer was sympathetic to our request. The Brampton Heritage Board also supported our position with their own request of what they would like to see erected on the site. To date no final decision has been made as to the format of this recognition but the committee will continue to be involved and monitor its development.

BOOK COMMITTEE

The Gore of Toronto/Toronto Gore 1818-2018

(next meeting November 3, 2012

9:30am – 12 noon in the Alma Room)

In 1818 the Alexander McVean family was the first European settlers in what became Toronto Gore Township, now part of the City of Brampton. The 200th anniversary of that historic event is not that far away and to commemorate it a special history book committee has been established. The Committee's goal is to compile and write a book that covers the township's history from the time of the McVean family's arrival to the present. This is an extremely important endeavour considering the changes that have occurred in Toronto Gore in the past 30 to 35 years. The committee is looking for ideas, suggestions, and personal/family recollections that shaped Toronto Gore's history. We are especially looking for photographs and interesting happenings - for example Margaret Black, WW1 nursing sister, CAMC 1917-1919; Jimmy Irons – marathon runner, 1962 British Empire Games, Australia.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Grand Opening of the newly renovated Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA), 9 Wellington St. E., Brampton is being held on Saturday, November 24, 2012 10am – 5pm
Sunday, November 25, 2012 1pm – 5pm
Opening for Family Day and Archives is February 18, 2012 10am – 4:30pm

Woodbridge Fair – October 6,7,8, 2012

Highlight on Heritage Day – Saturday, February 9, 2013 at Bramalea City Centre

PERSONAL NEWS

Congratulations to Frances and James Johnston on becoming new grandparents. On August 17th, their daughter Mary Ann and husband Joe Dore had a baby girl, Nadine Renee.

Frances is one of the original founding members of the Foundation and continues to be a very active director.

On July 20, 2012, Norman Wiley, one of our long time, avid members passed away. Norm was in his 92 year and was the brother of Isabel Risebrough, a current long-serving director of the Foundation.

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MEMBERSHIP

A reminder to current members to renew your 2012 membership. If you have already done so, Thank You.

As well, we are always happy to accept applications for new members to the Foundation. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the address as shown.