



EBENEZER, TORONTO GORE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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## **NEWSLETTER February, 2012**

### **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, March 10, 2012  
10:00 AM**

**A proposed revision of the Constitution will be on the  
agenda. An email copy is available on request.**

*Following the meeting, join us for refreshments in the Chapel's  
Alma Room. We are also attempting to schedule a tour of  
the renovated Community Centre (formerly Ebenezer School).*

### **FOUNDATION NEWS**

During the latter months of 2011, the final section of fencing along the Ebenezer Road was installed. The site is now fully fenced with two gates on each side of the front entrance leading into the cemetery areas. A special thanks to those volunteers that spent many hours working with the City's contractors and the utility companies to finalize this project.

A decision was also made to replace the chairs in the Alma Room and a committee has been set up to purchase these along with stacking dollies to store them when not in use.

During the summer and fall months, volunteers have added plants, bushes and bulbs to improve the gardens surrounding the Chapel. Two dwarf Alberta spruce trees were planted on either side of the front entrance and a special thanks to Klaus Tiessen of Glen Echo Nurseries for his donation of one of these trees.

One new project for 2012 is to replace the current sign to better advertise the Chapel's purpose and another is to document all the various archives that have been collected and donated to the Foundation and are currently stored in the Chapel. More to follow on these initiatives in the next newsletter.

## **RENTAL ACTIVITIES**

The Chapel continues to be used Sunday mornings and afternoons for worship services and on Friday evenings for youth fellowship meetings.

In October, one regular tenant cancelled their Wednesday evening fellowship meetings until further notice. Saturday mornings were rented in October, November and part of December to a group that provided activities to children from the local community.

During the latter part of 2011, occasional renters included a wedding in September and condominium board meetings in October and November.

## **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](mailto:old.ebenezer.chapel@gmail.com)

## **A TRIP BACK IN TIME**

*During the restoration of the Chapel in the early 2000's, a basement was constructed under the chapel. In April, 2008, it was suggested and agreed to name this room the "Alma Room" Here is the story behind the name.*

This room is named after Alma Fieldhouse (1906-1967). Alma taught Sunday School at Ebenezer United Church for over 35 years. In the early 1950's it was her dream that a basement be dug under the church sanctuary for use as a Sunday School. There were over 30 children divided into five classes, all having to meet in various groups in the small sanctuary. The noise was very distracting especially for the Nursery School children whom Alma taught in the Choir Loft.

In 1956, after structural studies, the walls of the church were deemed not to be sturdy enough to withstand being "jacked up" during construction. Alma was very disappointed with the assessment.

After her marriage to Harry Fieldhouse in 1928 and until her death in 1967, Alma was a strong supporter and worker for Ebenezer United Church. Their four children, Bernice, Donald, Bruce and Ann attended Ebenezer church and the "Young People's" group. After the church closed in 1998, Donald took up his mothers dream and was one of the founding members of the *Ebenezer, Toronto Gore Historical Foundation* who purchased the church for one dollar, and made this room possible.

So now, over fifty years later Alma's dream has been fulfilled, not for Sunday School classes but a room to be used by the whole Community.

*Ed's. Note: This write-up including a picture of Alma is on display in the Alma Room.*

## **BOOK COMMITTEE**

(Two Hundred Years in Toronto Gore)

The committee members continue to collect ideas and personal or family stories about life and the history during the past 200 years in the Gore. If you have any information, photographs or stories you wish to contribute, please contact:

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**MEMBERSHIPS**

Please consider renewing your membership for 2012. An application form is enclosed for your convenience. Please return to the address on the form.  
Applications for new members as well as donations are also accepted.

**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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A tax receipt will be issued. Charitable donations number 87678 4315 RR001

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