



EBENEZER, TORONTO GORE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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**NEWSLETTER,
OCTOBER 2014.**

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing on July 5th of our President, Judy Hyde after a long battle with cancer. As well as President, Judy was the Treasurer of our *Ebenezer, Toronto Gore Historical Foundation*.

Judy was born on November 19, 1941 to Beatrice Codlin and Earl Gardhouse who were farm managers of a Holstein herd near Alton Ontario. Judy was the oldest of four daughters, Joyce Sparks, Toronto, Shirley (Gary) Morton, Owen Sound, and Gwen (Grahame) Hadden, Hampton, England, and one son Wayne Gardhouse, Parry Sound.

Judy attended public school in Alton before the family moved to Ebenezer in 1948. The Ebenezer United Church was on the farm they purchased. Judy attended Ebenezer Public School and also Brampton High School. Judy was a member of the Ebenezer United Church choir until her family moved to Thistleton in 1959 where she was a member of Thistleton United Church and sang in the choir there too.

While attending Thistleton High School Judy was a cashier at the Dominion Store on Islington Avenue. After graduation she was employed for over 36 years, holding management positions at the Canada Life Insurance Company on University Avenue in Toronto.

Judy married Peter Hyde in an evening ceremony on February 26, 1972 in Thistleton United Church. In their retirement, Judy and

Peter travelled extensively throughout the world and were intrigued by many countries and their cultures. One of their many adventures was a trip to the Antarctica by ship.

Judy was an avid gardener, and a prolific reader. She amassed many friends, and was a good friend to everyone in her neighbourhood. She was also an active volunteer, her passion being our *Ebenezer, Toronto Gore Historical Foundation* as well as serving on the Board of Directors as Treasurer for Sharon Cemetery.

A celebration of Judy's life was held at the Lambton Golf and Country Club on July 14th and was attended by family and friends from far and wide.

Over the past eight years, the E,TGHF Executive has been extremely appreciative of Judy for her many hours of work and dedication. Our sympathy is extended to Peter and the members of Judy's family. Pictured below is Judy with Vice-President Fred Julian.



Rentals

The chapel continues to have the regular Sunday morning, afternoon and evening worship groups and other rentals of various types. The Chapel has openings for bookings for both the upper and lower level. The upper level is one big room which is available for weddings, funerals or church services. The lower level room, called the Alma Room, is available for meetings, family gatherings and banquets. Adjacent to the Alma Room there is a kitchen which is supplied with cutlery, some dishes, coffee maker, and refrigerator. The cost is \$50 per hour with a minimum two hour rental. We are discussing increasing the rent to cover the cost of shoveling/salting the walk this winter. Please call Frances Johnston for more information at 905-867-3101 or email oldebenezerchapel@gmail.com.

The Julian Family Reunion at Ebenezer Chapel

On July 5th this summer, the Julian family gathered at Ebenezer for a reunion and pot-luck lunch. The occasion was to gather for the first time in several years to meet Trevor Julian and his family from Calgary. Trevor is the son of Peggy and the late Gary Julian from North Bay, and grandson of the late Jack and Bessie Julian who lived for many years on a first farm north of Ebenezer Side Road on the Gore Road.

After introductions, lunch and a discussion of family heritage and genealogy, some of the group went across the road to see the changes in the Ebenezer schoolhouse. This building, a Community Centre for the area, has been moved a few feet west and north, and now has a basement and elevator.

We walked north on the Gore Road for 400m and down to a small parking lot beside the street. It can be accessed by car from Ebenezer Road. A walking trail leads from the parking lot down across the creek that runs between the Gore Road and where my parent's, the late Jack and Bessie, house and farm buildings once stood. A long biking/walking trail runs west of the creek by the old orchard and many locust trees. They stand majestically just below the terraces of where the farm house once stood. The lane from the road to the farm buildings is clearly marked by spruce trees. The old bridge abutments are still there.

Further along where the trail goes under the new bridge there is a path up to Don Minaker Drive. We turned left to Galucci Street and left again back to where the house and farm buildings had been, just west and south of the lane which can be seen between the houses. We then followed a path to the parking lot and returned to the church to reminisce and to visit the cemetery to see the grave markers for my Julian grandparents.

Dick Julian

There are exciting times at the chapel

The new fence along the Gore Road was damaged in a traffic accident in July. The accident occurred while the grass was being cut so we know first hand what happened. Gravestones and trees were not damaged but the fence and three posts had to be replaced. Our Vice-President, Fred Julian, took on the project of obtaining a police report, and making arrangements with our Insurance and fencing company to fix the fence. This procedure was not at all as straight forward as you might expect. However the fence was replaced and the

cheque from the Insurance Company received before our September 27th Directors meeting. On that day, we noticed damage to the entrance gate post! This time there wasn't a witness but there is not as much damage.

And on another note, a phone call was received from a Brampton bus driver who noticed the Chapel's new fence. He wanted to match the fence which is on his recently purchased property. This special antique looking fence is manufactured now in the United States so the bus driver was referred to our fencing company for information. An extra roll that was purchased at the time the original fence was installed was used for the latest fence repair.

Street named after former Toronto Gore Reeve

A number of streets in a major new housing development in Wildfield have or will be named after individuals who either lived in or were connected with the former Toronto Gore Township.

Included in that list is Martin Byrne, who was Reeve at the time of the 1967 Canadian Centennial. He operated a family farm on the Gore Road in Castlemore and served on several committees at St. Patrick's Church in Wildfield. His grandfather and namesake was a councillor in the 1880s

Martin Byrne Drive is an east west street which extends from Mayfield Road into the new Vales of Humber community which will encompass an area stretching south from Mayfield Road to Countryside Drive and east from the Gore Road to a point just pass McVean Drive.

Another east-West Street, this one connecting with Gore Road, has been named Squire Ellis Drive. Little is known about Squire Ellis But he is the person who gave Wildfield its name. In the 19th Century his farm on the northwest quadrant of what is now Gore and Mayfield Roads was called Wildfield. It's listed as such in the Tremaine 1859 Map of Canada West and the 1877 Peel County atlas.

In the late 1870s what is Wildfield was known as Gribbin after Father Joseph Gribbin, the St. Patrick's parish priest who also served as the postmaster. The name apparently angered Ellis who in the 1890s petitioned the government to change the name to Wildfield. According to local legend, the petition contained the names of people buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery. The petition was granted, but the name Gribbin continued to be used until as late as 1915.

The names were proposed by ETGHF executive member Dan O'Reilly at the invitation of the Vales of Humber Landowners Group, the developer consortium. They had to be approved by the City of Brampton's naming committee.

There will also be a Sister O'Reilly Road named after the first principal of the existing St. Patrick's School. Born and raised in Wildfield, she was a member of the Loretto Sisters for more than 60 years.
Dan O'Reilly

Membership news;

Thanks to our newest members who found the E,TGHF web site and subsequently paid their membership to the Foundation. We are very glad to have new members and hope they will be able to attend the Annual General Meetings. The cost for a membership is \$20 per person or family. Our web site has been updated and can be viewed at www.oldebenezerchapel.com

Renovations,

Eight years ago the Chapel started off with new flooring and a paint job throughout. This summer the lower level of the Chapel had a face lift, instead of a rug, a beautiful new vinyl floor was laid and a new paint job in the Alma room has spruced up "the look". Constant use means that renovations and maintenance will be ongoing.

The 2015 Annual General Meeting – Saturday March 7th 2015

Please mark your calendars to attend the E,TGHF Annual General Meeting which will be held on Saturday March 7th 2015 beginning at 10 a.m. This meeting is to discuss important issues of the Chapel but is also a social time to meet friends associated with the Foundation. A light lunch will be served. All are welcome.

Needed:

If anyone has a four drawer Fire proof cabinet not being used, our Foundation could make good use of it. Please contact the Foundation at 905-867-3101 or email oldebenezerchapel@gmail.com.

Toronto Gore Book 1818 to 2018:

The Book 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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**The annual meeting of the
Ebenezer, Toronto Gore Historical Foundation
will be held at
Ebenezer Chapel
8999 The Gore Road and Ebenezer Road
Brampton, Ontario
Saturday March 7, 2015
10:00 a.m.**

**An email copy of the agenda is available upon request.
Lunch will be available after the meeting.**