

The Applewood Almanac

Spring Edition – April, 2011

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**The Annual General Meeting
will take place on
Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

**The meeting will start with a 'Meet and Greet' with light refreshments
followed at 7:30 p.m. by the Business Portion**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the apple blossoms begin to emerge after a long winter, I want to extend a warm springtime greeting to all our local members and readers.

In this edition of our Almanac, we feature some of our members in action in the local community. In the photo here, Johann Fisch is receiving a community award from Donna Cansfield, MPP Etobicoke Centre. Elsewhere, Bob Sage is shown with his other social committee members who organized a major event at their condominium last fall. Virtually all of our members and volunteers are involved in a wide variety of community groups and we certainly appreciate their spending their valuable time helping Applewood.



We are also pleased to welcome John Fenton back as our Treasurer after a brief hiatus last summer. As noted in our Fall Almanac, John has been with us since 1980 as Auditor and most recently as Treasurer. His financial acumen has kept us on the straight and narrow these last 30 years. Welcome back John!

This year we are focusing efforts to enhance our marketing and community outreach programs. We are currently completing a redesign of our website and brochures. Also in the works are plans to recruit a volunteer with expertise in marketing and business development areas who can implement ideas to broaden our services to the community and better promote this gem we know as Applewood.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming AGM and summer concerts.

Rob Evans
President

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Our Board member Bob Sage was featured in the October edition of Snap Etobicoke newspaper. Bob and members of the Palace Pier Social Committee organized a 1950's musical extravaganza there with the well-known musical group - The Platters. They were flown in for this September 11th social event, which attracted some 300 Palace Pier residents, friends and guests. Well done, Bob!



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On January 16th, Applewood member Johann Fisch was awarded a Community Recognition Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to the Community. By Donna Cansfield, MPP Etobicoke Centre. Several hundred members of the public, award recipients and their families and fiends, including eleven Applewood, attended this held at Neilson Park Etobicoke. Johann was when he witnessed the homestead being moved to Broadacres Park. The next planted his first tree in an immediately south of continued this tradition over today the forest has grown ½ acre site home to



supporters from popular annual event, Creative Centre in inspired back in 1980 Applewood its current location in year on Earth Day he area of the Park Applewood. He has the last 30 years and into a heart shaped 2 countless birds,

butterflies and other wildlife, as well as a wide diversity of plants and trees. Applewood was pleased to sponsor Johann for this well deserved award.

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Best wishes are extended to our members, Robert and Joyce Given, who have left their beloved Etobicoke to live in a retirement residence in Mississauga. Robert was a resident of Etobicoke since 1931 and has had a life-long interest in its history, as well as many other areas of Ontario. In addition to his involvement with the Etobicoke Historical Board, Heritage Foundation and Historical Society, he was a member of the Applewood Board of Directors starting in 1990, and has written two books about Etobicoke's history. From recent discussions, we know he is getting settled as he is within walking distance of a library!

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WEDDING STATISTICS

Marriage Licenses Issued in 2010: Toronto 252, Mississauga 16, Brampton 4, Newmarket, Sarnia & Waterloo, 1 respectively.

Birthplaces of Individuals Married at Applewood in 2010 - Summary (10 and over)

Top 4 Ontario 89, Poland 47, Nigeria 42, Ukraine 39, Jamaica 21, Albania 18, Brazil 17, Mexico 14, Haiti 12, Portugal 12, USA 12, Philippines 11, St Vincent 10, USSR 10.

Religious Backgrounds of Individuals Married at Applewood in 2010 - Summary (10 and over)

Top 3 Catholic 160, Not provided 114, Christian 100, None 54, Orthodox Christian 16, Muslim 10

APPLEWOOD MAKES AN ORGAN DONATION

When Applewood reacquired Isabel Bishop's piano from Wally Bishop's Estate in 2009, it was decided to put it in the Parlour in place of our 1870's Bell organ. We moved the organ downstairs for temporary storage then called Ann Lawlor, Facility Administrator at Devereaux House near Georgetown. We thought Devereaux House was an ideal setting as it is a beautifully restored 1860's Victorian brick farmhouse very similar to Applewood. Ann was delighted to make a home for it. So last spring, Applewood volunteers, Lawrie, John and Rob delivered the organ and moved it into their Parlour where it fits in perfectly. For those members wishing to learn more about Devereaux House, this house operates as a non-profit community centre/museum and is open on Thursdays and for special events. Further details are available on their website: www.devereauxhouse.ca, and by phone (905-877-1861).

The picture below is Devereaux House in all its glory. The picture on the right is Ann Lawlor and our past president, Lawrie Crump, proudly standing in front of the organ.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS UPDATE



In 2010, we donated a total of \$1,475 in scholarship awards to one student attending Woodsworth College at University of Toronto and one student at Humber College. Since inception of these two scholarships, a total of almost \$7,500 has been awarded to deserving students at these two colleges. At the Humber College Awards Night on November 11, 2010, Applewood volunteers Odile and Lorraine were on hand to present our Applewood/Grace Proconier scholarship to Erica Agur as shown in the adjacent photo.

THE GARDENER'S JOURNAL

Spring has arrived on the 21st of March. Ha! Just to keep us on our toes winter came back this way with a beautiful, heavy snowfall on the 23rd. But, the sun is warmer, the days longer and so we are hoping for real spring soon - my hands need to feel the soil again. Canada Blooms was a welcome site and scent, so many flowers and greenery, and so many very friendly people it was a pleasure to volunteer there.

At the Homestead, our Christmas-in-the-Bag was again a big success, over 280 people participated in the draw, the crafters were happy and the visitors loved the show. The lady who won the draw was very happy with the large gift basket. Already half the tables are reserved for this year's show. This sale is becoming more and more popular. If you have any extra plants, flowers in your gardens this spring, we would love to have them for our fundraising plant sale in conjunction with Doors Open on May the 29th. They can be dropped off at the Homestead any time during the month of May. Thank you.

Wishing you all a happy spring and summer.

Odile Sahl

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TWILIGHT CONCERTS-IN-THE-PARK AT APPLEWOOD

We have scheduled four summer concerts featuring the Etobicoke Community Concert Band and the Toronto All Star Big Band. Although not confirmed yet, we also expect the Scarborough Pipe Band will return again this year. We are pleased to welcome back Origin Evergreen as our Corporate Sponsor. Thanks to Carolyn for scheduling the bands and preparing our concert brochure again this 17th season. We look forward to seeing you for this free series of big band and military music. . It's music for all ages and stages, suitable for children, families and seniors. The setting is spectacular, the ambience is festive, and the admission is FREE!



Applewood Volunteers at the concert in 2010
Seated - James, Emily and Rob. Standing - Ann, Doug, Odile and Gay

Please mark your calendars, and plan to join us at Applewood this summer as our wonderful musical tradition continues! ***Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on.***

Volunteers are needed for each concert night! Please call the office: (416) 622-4124

- See further details on the Schedule of Events in this newsletter and our website.

Please note: We ask for **donations, and non-perishable food items** at all our Twilight in the Park concerts, and hope to support the Daily Bread and other food banks.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - 2011

1) **AGM** - Wednesday April 20th - Reception 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.

2) **Social Events:**

- **Earth Day** - Friday, April 22 from 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
- **Doors Open Toronto & Plant Sale** - Sunday, May 29 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **Twilight Concerts In-The-Park** (Wednesdays starting at 7:00 p.m.)
 - June 15 Donna Cansfield Picnic in the Park BBQ at 5:00 p.m.
Etobicoke Community Concert Band at 7:00 p.m.
 - July 6 Etobicoke Community Concert Band
 - July 27 Etobicoke Community Concert Band
 - August 3 Toronto All-Star Big Band
- **Woodbine Day-at-the-Races** - Sunday, October 23 from noon - 5:00 p.m.
- **Christmas In-The-Bag Craft Sale** - Sunday, November 27 from 10:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m.

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WOODBINE DAY-AT-THE-RACES - 2010

Last October 17th, some 60 Applewood members and guests again enjoyed a beautiful afternoon of horse racing at the Woodbine Racetrack. After a fine buffet lunch in the Post Parade Room, we settled back to watch the races and bet on our favourite horses. Judging by the cheers and groans there were obviously lots of winners and whiners in our group that day! Partway through the afternoon, Peter Peachey took us down to the marshalling area to watch the horses get saddled up and the jockeys get on board just ahead of their race. This fundraising outing continues to be a popular annual event and this year we again invite our members and guests to join in the fun on Sunday, October 23rd.



Carolyn & Mike McGee with friends, Michael & Jane



Lawrie and Carol Crump, with friends John and Irene

CHRISTMAS IN-THE-BAG CRAFT SALE

Applewood again hosted a hugely successful Christmas Craft Sale last November 28 with crafters renting 22 tables and some 300 people attending this annual fundraising event. Odile, who served as our chief organizer, deserves a great deal of credit for our best Christmas Craft Sale yet. Thanks also to all our loyal volunteers, who enthusiastically joined in to move furniture, set up tables, erect signs in the neighbourhood, make coffee and who actively shopped for Christmas treats. Food donations were collected for the St. James Church Food Bank and out of 281 draw tickets submitted, a very grateful lady won the Applewood gift basket. The photo shows Odile cutting our Applewood 30th anniversary cake in the midst of this very merry event. Great job Odile!



ANNUAL SHAVER FAMILY REUNION

This year, the annual Shaver Family Reunion will take place on Sunday, June 12 at Bowman United Church, 880 Garner Road E., Ancaster, with registration at 11:30 a.m. A potluck lunch will start at 12:00 noon., followed by the family photograph. For more information contact 905-648-1330

G. HAROLD SHAVER - 1920-2011



Hazel and Harold Shaver at Harold's 90th birthday, 2010

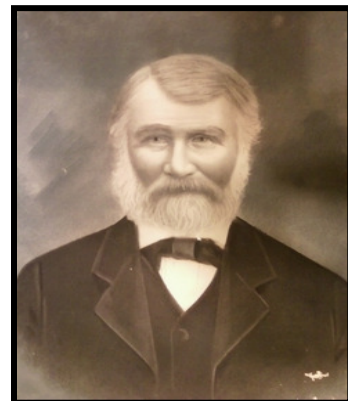
Harold Shaver, great-grandson of Peter Shaver, passed away on January 21, 2011 at the age of 90. Harold married Edna Muriel Scott in 1948 and built their home on Burnhamthorpe Road at the front of his father's farm (George Shaver). Harold and Edna had four children - Sandra, Leslie (died 1957), Cathy and Debbie. They were blessed with four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. In 2004, they moved to Stirling Heights Long Term Care Centre in Cambridge, Ontario. Edna died in 2007. A tree planted in her memory and a park bench in Harold and Edna's memory give a lasting legacy to their stay at the Centre.

Mystery Portrait

Lawrie came across this large (14" x 18") black and white portrait in the upstairs hall storage cupboard a few months ago. While its obviously old, we have not been able to identify who it is and who donated it to Applewood.

If any member can help us, it would be appreciated.

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If you have forgotten to renew your membership for 2011, please consider doing it now before the busy summer season. We would be happy to send you a membership renewal form or drop by Applewood anytime. Your support is greatly appreciated

We are also Calling All Volunteers Are you interested in heritage, community involvement, and working with other dedicated volunteers in a beautiful Victorian setting? Then how about helping us at Applewood? If you or anyone you know wants to learn more, please give us a call - we'd love to hear from you!

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We plant, upon the sunny lea
A shadow for the noontide hour,
A shelter from the summer shower,
When we plant the apple tree
William Cullen Bryant