

# GEORGE M. EGOFF

## *Business and Community*



*Inducted: 2003  
Years at GCI & VS:  
1930 - 1934*

George M. Egoff was born in Massachusetts on February 22, 1915 but was raised and attended elementary and secondary school in Galt. He graduated from GCI & VS in 1934 and immediately obtained a position paying \$50 a month at Babcock-Wilcox and Goldie-McCulloch. George supplemented his income working evenings at the YMCA. About a year later, he accepted a 'temporary' position at Sheldon's Engineering which paid \$60 a month. Years later he joked that, as far as he knew, his position was still on a temporary basis.

Mr. Egoff's work at Sheldon's was interrupted by his military service with the Royal Canadian Artillery (Radar) during the Second World War. After the war he returned to Sheldon's where he worked his way up through the company to become President. Mr. Egoff continued as president until his retirement in 1976. He was called back in 1980 when the company was in some difficulty and helped the company to successfully resolve their problems. He was highly respected in the industry and took an active leadership role in a variety of trade and standards organizations. Mr. Egoff served as president of both the Canadian Fan Manufacturers' Association and the Air Moving and Conditioning Association of the United States. He also was head of a subcommittee to establish world-wide fan industry standards for the International Standard Organization.

Mr. Egoff was very active in other business ventures and organizations. He served for some time on the Board of Directors of the Gore Mutual Insurance Company and, in 1974, became Chairman of the Board. Since the Gore was without a CEO, he was called upon to serve as Chief Executive Officer. This occurred at a time of serious difficulty for the Gore and he was able to successfully lead the company through this period.

This very busy business leader also found time to make significant and unselfish contributions to his community. Mr. Egoff was involved with many boards, foundations and activities such as the Cambridge Memorial Hospital Board and Foundation, Freeport Hospital, Galt Library Board, the United Way of Cambridge, St. Gregory's Church, the Cancer Society of South Waterloo and the Cambridge and North Dumfries Community Foundation. It has been said that George Egoff provided steady stewardship for Cambridge, hallmarked always with reason, fairness and integrity.

At his retirement a friend stated "that George has and will always remain steadfast in his duty to his family, to his faith and to his fellow man".

