

Independence day for Acton's Cancer Unit

The Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society entered its first meeting of the season as a branch of the Georgetown unit and emerged an independent unit.

Brent Carroll, planning development and nominating chairperson for the Ontario Division presented new president Arlie White with the charter last Tuesday evening, 25 years after the first organized aid to cancer victims was started.

First vice-president of the new Acton Unit, Hugh Patterson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Rena Arbie for all her years of hard work. In her absence, her sister Elma Braida accepted.

Immediate past president Susan Sale explained to the members and volunteers present, "We are here to celebrate a commencement—a new beginning—in the life of the Acton branch. And as like any graduation or commencement there is excitement along with the butterflies in accepting the new roles, expectations and challenges that lie ahead. We are confident that we have the dedicated and hard working volunteers that will meet these challenges."

"Many of our volunteers are here tonight, and we are so proud of them—for without their work we wouldn't be here to celebrate. It is at this level—the grass roots level—that the work of the Canadian Cancer Society is done."

In addition to the many volunteers present at the special meeting/party, Mrs. Sale also pointed out Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy was at the meeting as well as Councillors Terry Grubbe and Dave Whiting, and Halton Board of Education trustee Arlene Bruce. Councillor Ross Knechtel was unable to be present at the meeting, but sent a floral arrangement which sat on the luncheon table.

There were many representatives from the County and Provincial divisions of the Society at the meeting also, as



Brent Carroll of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Cancer Society presents Arlie White with the charter for Acton to become an independent unit of the Society. White is the new president.

well as members of other organizations in town such as the Red Cross, Jon Hurst, representing the group of people who organized the Terry Fox Run last month, and the Georgetown unit of the Society.

The evening also marked another occasion, the 75th birthday of incoming president White, who celebrated the next day on September 30.

As a new independent unit, the local organization will find life much the same as before, explained Carroll, but will be able to free up county and provincial funds faster, and have information and equipment more readily available to them.

Gloria Coats read the history of the organization. Mrs. Sale summed up the feelings of the ex-



Baines spends most to lose

Julian Reed may have won the ballot battle but he lagged considerably behind his main opponent in the provincial election last March, Fran Baines, when it came to spending money.

The Commission on Election Contributions and Expenses released candidate spending figures for all Ontario election ridings recently.

In Halton-Burlington Reed hung on against a strong challenge from Tory Baines to win his third straight election. New Democrat Chris Cutler was a distant third in the election.

But, when it came to spending money Baines was way out in front. The statement she filed on campaign spending and contributions under the Election Finances Reform Act showed she spent \$32,537.31 compared to Reed's \$19,094.28. Cutler spent \$4,883.51.

Reed polled 13,395 votes, Baines 12,877 and Cutler 3,500.

Acton Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society first executive was introduced at the group's charter meeting last Tuesday. Front row, left to right: vice-president and treasurer, Hugh Patterson; president, Arlie White; past president, (of the Acton branch of the Halton Hills Unit) Susan Sale; service to patients chairman, Jayne Telford. Back row: publicity chairman, Yvonne Courtine; secretary, Shirley Duncan; home visitation, Ciole Perkins; in memoriam chairman Elma Braida; co-campaign chairman, Sue Kuechler; activity group chairman, Joyce Walker; daffodil convener and second vice-president, Cathy McGillivray; and co-campaign chairman, Gloria Coats.

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