

Vander Bent to open fourth Terry Fox Run

Acton Citizen of the Year Dr. David van der Bent will officially open the community's fourth annual Terry Fox Run Sept. 23 at the high school track.

Hoping to raise \$15,000 for cancer research, the local organizing committee is offering a host of special enticements to lure more participants for the run.

New from the national organizers are certificates suitable for framing which feature places to affix stickers for each year the recipient enters the Run. Stickers are now available bearing the dates 1981 through '84, and the certificate can hold stickers through the year 2000. The committee will be selling



Marathon of Hope buttons, T-shirts and newly-designed, full-color decals featuring Terry Fox's picture.

Local organizers will man a booth at the fall fair Sept. 14 to 16 in an effort to recruit participants. Organizer Jon Hurst is again making the rounds of local schools with a 30-minute film on the 1980 Marathon. And again, the involvement of Halton Hills councillors is being sought.

As in past years, the Acton Terry Fox Run will be part of a simultaneous chain of fund-raising runs taking place in some 1,200 centres across Canada. More than 200,000 citizens have annually paid homage to Fox's inspiring efforts during

the spring and summer of 1980, raising almost \$2.5 million last year.

While the original Marathon of Hope, which included a run through Halton Hills and a special reception for Terry in Georgetown, ultimately raised \$30 million for cancer research, administrators of the fund established in Fox's name have suggested that it may be depleted by 1989.

Grants to cancer researchers in 1983 exceeded \$9.7 million, according to the National Cancer Institute, or more than twice the amount raised in the previous year's Terry Fox Run. Applications for grants increase each year, although only

about a quarter are successful.

Acton participants raised \$10,549 in 1982 and another \$11,400 last year despite inclement weather, making the community one of the top per-capita contributors to the national fund.

Pledge sheets are now available at a number of area outlets. In Acton, all the banks and the Credit Union can provide them, as well as Becker's, the Olde Hide House, Village Variety, Ed's In 'n' Out, Jug City and all the schools.

You can also pick up the sheets at Jug City in Erin and at the general stores in Eden Mills, Speyside and Limehouse, plus R and M Shopette in Rockwood.

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Jelinek coasts to easy third re-election



He had thanks for his campaign chairmen, but re-elected MP Otto Jelinek was loudly cheered throughout his speech to party faithful in Oakville last night. He defeated nearest contender Oriena Currie of the Liberals by a huge margin.

It was an unusually reticent Otto Jelinek who mounted the stage to thank hundreds of supporters at his re-election victory party last night. He briefly expressed his appreciation to campaign area chairmen across the riding, then waded back into the crowd to bask in his biggest win ever.

As was widely expected, Jelinek, 44, won a third Halton re-election last night, albeit far more handily than anyone would dare guess.

He defeated first-time candidates Oriena Currie of the Liberals, Kevin Flynn of the New Democrats and Chris Kowalchuk of the Green Party.

Unofficial tallies final gave the incumbent Tory 26,483, more than half of the 44,000 votes cast. Currie garnered 9,864 votes, Flynn 6,793 and Kowalchuk 1,075.

Used to comfortable leads over his challengers, Jelinek rode a virtually landslide to victory in this race, flaunting a 6,500-vote margin over Campbellville businesswoman Currie.

Last time out, Jelinek was just over 5,000 votes ahead of the Liberals' Bill Perras, who himself mustered 10,000 votes more than did Currie.

For Jelinek, victory was complete at every Acton poll and most across Halton. His margins at Acton's 20 polls ranged from a low of 13 at Poll 256 to a high of 121 at Poll 242.

The MP bolstered his already solid local reputation as a man of strong words and no-nonsense determination by knocking on a lot of doors, paying a couple of grandstand visits and promising, with the direct support of Prime Minister-to-be Brian Mulroney, the reinstatement of VIA Rail service to Acton, which was deprived of the privilege by the Trudeau Liberals.

For these and other reasons, Actonians joined the millions across Canada in rejecting the Liberals outright and electing their strongest Progressive Conservative government since John Diefenbaker's 1958 win.

While Oriena Currie declined to even consider another run at the MP's seat in the future, Kevin Flynn, no doubt flushed by his party's slightly stronger showing, is already planning his next campaign.

He'll keep after the Halton candidacy, he told supporters, until he finally wins the riding for the New Democrats.

36 new jobs

Federal money behind Heller and Co. expansion

Frank Heller and Company has already begun hiring to fill the 36 new positions created by a recent federal contribution to its expansion.

Industry minister Ed Lumley announced last week that a \$232,300 contribution from the Canadian Industrial Renewal Board (CIRB) will "improve the company's position on the highly competitive split leather market."

The contribution represents a quarter of the \$614,000 investment Heller has made in modernizing production equipment and diversifying products at the Acton plant on McDonald Blvd. and its \$195,000 investment in its Georgetown plant.

Established in 1961, Heller and Company employs 122 people in Acton and five in Georgetown.

Company co-owner Don Dawkins told this newspaper Tuesday the government's announcement comes almost three months after the contribution was approved. Through the summer, he said, hiring began to fill the 32 new positions opened in Acton and four in Georgetown. Some of the new,

modern equipment is already installed.

The new positions are not restricted to any particular department or skill, Dawkins said.

CIRB contributed an initial \$20,175 to Heller and Company that covered the cost of hiring consultants to confirm the company's readiness to invest in its own expansion.

Dawkins said Heller now exports about 40 per cent of its products to the U.S., and the

number is rising, putting the firm well ahead of most Canadian tanneries in terms of exports.

CIRB was designed to promote the restructuring and modernization of the textile, footwear and clothing industries. Established by Ottawa in 1981, it strives to diversify economic bases that rely on those sectors and helps workers affected by changes.

Troop leaders needed

Guiding groups can't sign up new members

As many as 60 Acton girls may be unable to register in Brownies and Guides this fall because of a shortage of leaders.

Brownie leader Wendy van Vliet told this newspaper last week that one Acton Brownie pack and one Guide troop are unable to reform this season unless new leaders—any area women 16 years of age and up will be welcome—come forward at the last minute.

The local Guiding organization would normally be advertising the date of its annual open registration at this time, van Vliet said, but another eight leaders are needed before that can be considered.

Six new leaders would enable the organization to maintain its 1983-84 line-up of four Brownie packs and four Guide troops, she said. As it is, there will be three of each, plus Acton's first Pathfinder troop, which similarly doesn't have a full contingent of leaders.

Van Vliet said the organization is hoping local women 16 years of age and up will sign on as leaders and those 16 to 18 years will become junior leaders. Both are needed, and those interested can phone Commissioner Diana Thompson at 853-6513.

Brownie and Guide troops average between 20 and 25 members, van Vliet said, but without new leaders, girls who would be returning to the two closed troops will have

to be absorbed into the six remaining ones.

Any new girls seeking to join Acton Brownies or Guides for the first time will simply not be registered this year unless the leadership situation improves, she said.

Guiding doesn't demand much of its leaders in return for the gratification that inevitably comes from helping the girls "become better members of their community" and helping them "stretch their minds and abilities", van Vliet commented. Guiding leaders also discover opportunities to improve themselves, she said, through training courses and overseas trips.

Advance training is not necessary for leaders, although it is available at no charge. Leaders are required to spend about two hours a week supervising the girls' games and activities or teaching them basic skills. They also attend occasional planning meetings with other leaders.

The leaders are not responsible for the girls' transportation to and from gatherings, van Vliet said, and are not obliged to accompany the girls on field trips.

Guiding programs start this month and run through May, with a break at Christmas.

Not really that much to ask for, especially when one considers the kind of spontaneous thank you leaders receive routinely from their girls.



Almost hidden in the crush of well-wishers and reporters, Oriena Currie conceded her defeat to MP Otto Jelinek at about 10.30 p.m. on the floor of the hotel banquet room where ecstatic Conservative supporters were celebrating their party's landslide victory in yesterday's election.

Conservative rule won't ease our pain - Currie

By PAUL DORSEY

Someone forgot to pick up the liquor licence for the bar at the Halton Liberals' post-election party, but no one really seemed to mind. There was nothing to celebrate.

"It's a disaster," one man muttered to newcomers as he watched television coverage of the election. He was one of about 15 Oriena Currie supporters looking quite

lonely in the big, empty Knights of Columbus Hall of Oakville's Speers Rd. as early results trickled in.

Rented for a celebration, the hall instead housed a wake. By 10 p.m., almost 200 were on hand to compare notes on Currie's effort to become Halton's first woman MP since 1953.

She couldn't do what Sybil Bennett had done, thanks to a tidal wave of Tory votes that rose off Newfoundland and swept across Canada. Her campaign manager, Alan Wilson, had to acknowledge that the voters rejected John Turner and the continuing Trudeau legacy he represented to them. Currie was merely caught in the hail of bullets.

"Canadians have been hurting for the last three years," the candidate herself said between greeting well-wishers.

"We've had a global recession that's only now showing signs of recovery."

"By (electing a Tory government), they think the pain will stop tomorrow. I don't think it will."

Voters failed to recognize that economic recovery has been underway since the spring, Currie said.

Looking more dazed than tired, Currie commented that she'd like to have seen a closer race nationwide as well as in Halton. While her campaign team came to expect defeat in the final days, she said, there were "a lot of surprises."

Currie and Wilson huddled to watch new poll results marked into the charts. Wilson not-quite-kidding a friend that he was "too tired to sit down."

A sign on the wall added its little irony to the occasion. It advertised an "annual good luck dance" at the Galaxy Club. Guest speaker will be Ontario Liberal leader David Peterson.

Charge three in Rockwood thefts

Three Halton Hills men have been charged with theft in connection with the robbery of several parked cars and garages in Rockwood.

Guelph OPP made the arrests Thursday following an early morning report of another in a series of car break-ins. A Main St., Rockwood, resident was the latest victim.

Police recovered about \$600 worth of stolen goods.

The accused appeared in Guelph provincial court Friday for a bail hearing and were remanded in custody pending the outcome of a second hearing scheduled for yesterday (Tuesday).

Charged are Robert Reid, 19, of Margaret St., Georgetown, who was also charged with possession of a prohibited weapon, James Millen, 34, of RR1 Acton, and David Semple, 20, of Main St., Acton.



First-time federal candidate Oriena Currie and campaign manager Al Wilson watch poll results stream in as her supporters' post-election party begins at an Oakville Knights of Columbus Hall.