



Jim Fraser of Etobicoke and John Gibson of the Canadian Amputee Sports Association made a special presentation to Terry Fox at the Halton Hills dinner held in his behalf at the Lions Hall last Tuesday. Other presentations were made on behalf of the Kinsmen Club, McDonald's and

Freida Keddy of Streetsville. The cancer society estimates that Terry will have raised about \$25,000 in Halton Hills for cancer research by the time the pledges and donations are tallied.

(Herald photo by Lori Taylor)

Honor banquet hushed as Terry tells his story

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Terry Fox ran through Halton Hills last week, and things may never be the same around here.

Terry made an early appearance at a banquet held in his honor last Tuesday at the Lions Hall, and received three standing ovations from the crowd on hand. Outside the hall, children in swim suits from the adjacent Licata pool lined the fence waiting for Terry to come outside and sign autographs.

The formal part of the banquet, consisting of presentations to Terry and his remarks to the audience, was kept fairly brief so Terry could return to his motel room for some badly-needed rest.

PALSY VICTIM
Terry also received a special donation from Freida Keddy of Streetsville and her son Bradley. Mrs. Keddy said Bradley has cerebral palsy and will have to undergo surgery to correct his legs. Following the surgery, he will have to wear a body cast for three or four months, and learn to walk again.

Mrs. Keddy says Terry has become a symbol to her son of what he can accomplish. In thanks for what Terry has done for her son, Mrs. Keddy has canvassed for two weekends on Terry's behalf, and intends to continue canvassing. So far she has

raised \$2,000, which she and Bradley presented to Terry at the banquet.

Terry was also presented with a "Proud to be Canadian" pin from Kinsmen past president Bob Malcolmson and a scroll signed by all those who made donations to the "Marathon of Hope" fund at McDonald's.

Terry, who celebrated his 22nd birthday Monday, told the audience the story of his struggle with cancer, which began while he was a freshman at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia.

LEG PAIN
Terry was playing basketball on the freshman team when he developed a pain in his leg. Because he wanted to finish out the season, he ignored it for a while. When he visited the doctor, he was given some pills which the doctor said would kill the pain. He woke up the day the prescription was finished, and couldn't move.

Terry went into hospital in Vancouver, expecting an operation and a fairly quick recovery. But after a day of tests, his doctor told him he had bone cancer in his leg, and that the leg would have to be amputated in four days.

"I didn't know what cancer was," Terry told the hushed crowd. "When he told me I had a malignant tumor, I asked him what it was. I cried all night, but I was never depress-

ed again after that night." The night before the operation, his former high school basketball coach brought in an article describing a man who had run a marathon in the United States on one leg. "I didn't know if I'd ever walk again, let alone run," Terry said.

ACROSS CANADA
That same night, Terry had a dream of running across Canada, something which he didn't think of again until much later.

"Losing a leg was nothing compared to the year and a half when I was taking chemotherapy," Terry said. The nausea and other problems which accompany chemotherapy were not the main problem, however.

"When you go through a year of being told you have a 50 to 70 per cent chance of living, it's a mental strain, more than the sickness from the chemotherapy," Terry said.

"Losing my hair was harder than losing my leg," Terry said with a grin. When members of the audience chuckled he added, "I didn't laugh at it then, but it turned out alright, because I have curly hair now, and I didn't before."

CANCER SUFFERING
It was while he was taking chemotherapy and was in contact with other cancer patients that Terry again considered the possibility of running across Canada to focus attention of the suffering of cancer patients, their determination to beat cancer, and the need for cancer research.

Following the time spent in chemotherapy, Terry went into training for 14 months for his run.

"I feel the important thing is my attitude on the run," Terry said. "I never get depressed, and I'll never give up. No matter how tired I am, I'll never give up."

Some people have said his revised goal of \$25 million for his "Marathon of Hope" fund

is unrealistic, but Terry doesn't think so.

"That may seem high, but out of 25 million people in Canada, there isn't one person who can't give a dollar, whether they're on welfare, or unemployed, they can afford one dollar."

Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy, who chaired the meeting, thanked Terry for attending the banquet, and for his efforts on behalf of cancer research.

"You're not only an inspiration, you're a national institution," the mayor told Terry, as the audience rose to its feet for the third time to applaud the young man's courage and determination.

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Bradley Keddy got to shake the hand of his hero, Terry Fox, last week at the banquet held in Terry's honor at the Lions Hall. Terry has become an example of courage to Bradley, who will be undergoing surgery and confined to a body cast for three or four months. In appreciation for what Terry has come to mean to her son, Freida Keddy, shown here with Bradley and Terry, has canvassed on Terry's behalf and raised \$2,000.

(Herald photo)

TERRY FOX IN HALTON HILLS

Confusion over schedule left hundreds disappointed

"After three weeks of planning and all the preparations we'd made, to see Terry jogging down the hill into Georgetown, virtually alone, it was so heartbreaking," Claudette Smith said last week.

The Canadian Cancer Society's local spokesman was commenting on the confusion surrounding Terry's times of arrival at various locations along Highway 7 in Halton Hills, leaving many citizens disappointed and annoyed that they had missed a chance to witness history in the making.

Although Acton citizens fared better thanks to a mobile sound system which broadcast news Tuesday night of Terry's imminent arrival from Rockwood, the next morning numerous Georgetown and Esqueping residents were left confused by erroneous loudspeaker reports and the Marathon's failure to follow a predetermined schedule.

The anticipated times of Terry's arrival in Acton and later Georgetown were tentative from the start, particularly after an initial, two-day postponement prompted by Terry's desire to address prominent Toronto businessmen at a Wednesday luncheon. Additional schedule changes followed adding to the confusion, and an out-

right "breakdown in communications" among Cancer Society personnel prevented any clarifications.

"As Terry reached the western edge of town (early Wednesday morning), we were receiving a lot of conflicting information," Mrs. Smith told The Herald last week. "There was a Society person accompanying his entourage, but we had a complete breakdown in communications."

"If the whole thing had gone ahead on schedule Tuesday, we would have all been high, but there were so many changes in timing and disruptions which were beyond our control."

Mrs. Smith noted that even the resumption of Terry's run Thursday morning followed the Toronto luncheon could not be properly scheduled in advance because of the runner's tentative commitment to share an interview with Bobby Orr on CTV's Canada AM show that morning. Since the former hockey star couldn't make the interview, Terry got started on his run bright and early.

Erroneous information was broadcast three times in Georgetown by a mobile sound unit, initially informing residents at about 8 a.m. Wednesday that Terry would be jogging through the com-

munity between 9 and 11 a.m. Even organizers from both the Society's Wesleyan Street office and from touring cars, were unsure where Terry was and when he would be coming by.

"Terry made it all worthwhile," Mrs. Smith acknowledged, "but it was a very frustrating experience for many people in Halton Hills, and also for many Society workers, volunteers who'd responded wholeheartedly to our call for assistance and then never did get to see him."

Asked about scattered complaints from the public and media that Cancer Society functions throughout southern Ontario are exhausting Terry, Mrs. Smith acknowledged that the run thus far and the lengthy jog

through this area seem to have taken their toll on the young man.

"He did look exhausted when I saw him," she said. "When we shook hands, I thought to myself, 'he's going to break'; there seemed to be so little substance to him - I guess I was expecting a much bigger man."

Mrs. Smith again pointed out that "the timetable was his choice". "He just didn't anticipate the sheer press of population in southern Ontario," she said. "And the heat, too, was having its effects. But before Ontario, you know, the Quebec division of our Society just didn't give him the support he should have received: at one point, Terry ran 100 miles for total donations of \$37. Here in Ontario, it's been a matter of 'the devil and the deep blue sea'."

Visit a success story for local cancer unit

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received the Society's utmost appreciation and T-shirts bearing the inscription "Terry Fox - the \$10 million run".

A second committee co-chairman, Claudette Smith, had much praise for other volunteers who helped coordinate various aspects of Terry's visit here. Dee Butwell, the third co-chairman, arranged pre-publicity

for the event and also accompanied Terry along much of the route, taking the time after Terry decided he'd had enough Wednesday morning to drive into Georgetown and alert citizens still waiting along the roadside for a glimpse of the Marathon.

Contributions of citizens everywhere notwithstanding, the reward for a job well done came Tuesday evening during the chapter's special honor banquet in the Georgetown Lions Hall. Terry remarked during his speech how sincerely impressed he was with the

enthusiasm shown in Halton Hills' reception.

His friend and travelling companion, Doug Alward, made similar comments two days later as the Marathon moved out of town, expressing his admiration for the public and the Cancer Society chapter of Halton Hills.

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