

**Volunteer Karen Harrison**

**Enjoys meeting people**

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It is a tough job that not everyone likes to do. But cancer canvasser Karen Harrison does not mind pounding the pavement and knocking on doors asking people for money.

For the past eight years the Georgetown resident has been an area chairman, captain and canvasser for the April Cancer Campaign.

She is in charge of the section of Georgetown which stretches from Clabbarke Terrace to Moore Park. The area is divided into six captain sections under whose direction canvassers work.

In 1980, when Mrs. Harrison became a chairman, canvassers collected \$3,063 in her area. This figure has increased \$3,969 in seven years to \$7,074 collected in 1987.

The figures show the growth of Georgetown, Mrs. Harrison said. There have been a number of new houses built in the city.

Generally most areas have had the same captains, the chairman said. It is kind of a challenge for the captains to beat their figure for the next year.

Canvassers are asked to visit at least 10 houses, although many do more. "I find I get very few refusals," Mrs. Harrison said.

Cancer is something that has touched everyone in some way, whether through a family member or friend.

The chairman asks canvassers to fill out a card so the Cancer Society can keep track of who has been involved.

"Most people are familiar with the daffodils," she said. Families who donate are given a facts pack filled with tidbits of information about cancer.

Mrs. Harrison has been involved with canvassing since high school.



Karen Harrison

At that time she was involved with campaigns with the Retarded Children's Association.

Someone was probably a member of the Cancer Society and asked if she would join, the Georgetown woman said.

"I have always been a joiner. I always feel someone has to do the job and not everyone wants to."

Mrs. Harrison does not mind canvassing. "In general I like meeting people and I do not mind knocking on doors and asking for things."

Mrs. Harrison has also been involved with a number of campaigns, such as the Retarded Children's Association, Red Cross, March of Dimes, Heart Foundation and United Way.

In her area, Mrs. Harrison is responsible for approximately 900 houses, two large apartment buildings and three small ones.

In general, the chairman said, people are generous. When she first started canvassing, the Georgetown native found most people gave one or two dollars.

At that time five dollars was a big deal, Mrs. Harrison said.

Now she finds the average donation ranges from \$10 to \$20, with some reaching as high as \$50 or \$100.

It is exciting for canvassers, Mrs. Harrison said. It spurs them on.

The cancer campaign uses the team approach. "It is a lot of people pooling their time," Mrs. Harrison said. It is not just one person.

During the campaign, the chairman donates approximately 10 hours a week to volunteer work.

As the captain, Mrs. Harrison will correlate all the results of her area, put everything into one box and the Cancer Society will make the deposit.

The daffodil has come to represent the symbol of hope and faith that cancer can be beaten.

In the early '50s, when April was adopted as the cancer month, teas became a popular way to raise money.

One afternoon volunteers decorated the tables with daffodils, which created an atmosphere of faith and hope that cancer can be beaten.

In 1966 volunteers began giving restaurant patrons daffodils for the generosity, when they donated.

From there they realized the sale of daffodils could generate additional money.

Daffodil day is now the world's largest user of daffodils. Growers in British Columbia, where the daffodils come from, have to arrange their schedule to satisfy the Cancer Society's need.

As well as working for the Cancer Society and keeping up with her two sons, who are both heavily into hockey, Mrs. Harrison is a special education teacher at Harrison Public School.

Mrs. Harrison, who was born and raised in Georgetown, has lived in the city for 45 years.

**Home prices increase in Georgetown**

Who are these buyers of Georgetown houses, and why are they making home prices skyrocket?

According to a spring '88 housing report issued by Royal LePage, the price of Georgetown homes has increased an average of 19.2 per cent over 1987.

A two-storey home now sells for \$175,000. That's a whopping 35 per cent increase over last year's \$130,000 price tag, and \$35,000 more than three months ago. Compare this to Burlington, where a two-storey home is \$155,000, or Brampton and Mississauga, where the same home would sell for \$158,000.

"The increase in price is probably because of supply and demand - the influx population from Toronto and Mississauga," said Georgetown Century 21 realtor, Dave Barrager.

Housing tax might also be an issue. The average Mississauga homeowner pays about \$2,000 tax per year - Toronto residents pay about \$2,500. Paying about \$1,490 tax per year, Georgetown residents are

luckier or smarter.

Executive two-storey homes in Georgetown average \$225,000. The same house in Brampton would go for \$212,000 and in Milton for \$205,000. Milton's overall increase in housing prices is a third of Georgetown's increase, at just over six per cent.

Georgetown is not the most expensive place to live in Ontario. Its detached bungalow prices are lower than Brampton or Mississauga. Georgetown bungalows go for an average \$158,000. In Mississauga you'd pay \$172,000, in Brampton, \$169,000.

Townhouses, at \$125,000, are a cheaper buy in Georgetown, than in Mississauga, but are more expensive than Brampton, where the average townhouse goes for \$122,000. Milton townhomes are priced at \$115,000.

Rentals in Georgetown tend to be higher than those of other towns and cities outside Metro Toronto. Bungalows in Georgetown rent for an average \$1,000 a month, making

it the most expensive Ontario rent outside metro.

Executive homes go for \$1,250 a month, townhouses for \$850.

In all rental categories, Georgetown rates in the top three most expensive rentals in Ontario (excluding Metro Toronto).

"People coming out of the large, cosmopolitan areas want to live in a rural, well-facilitated town. People don't mind the drive from Georgetown because you're only 22 minutes from the airport," said realtor Dave Barrager.

**Open to learning**



A ceremonial ribbon-cutting was held at Stewarttown Middle School last Tuesday to celebrate the new renovations and addition to the school. The evening program also included entertainment from the recorder club, school choir and the cast of the school play Annie. Seen here cutting the ribbon are: (from left) Kim Peasgood, Trustee Arlene Bruce, Lorena Durrant, Trustee Dick Howitt, Principal Ray Morrison and Jennifer Huzal. The three students represent the different grades at the school. (Herald photo)

**Vehicle struck**

April 21 at 6:55 p.m. a 1980 grey GMC, driven by a 48-year-old Georgetown woman, was reversing southbound out of a driveway at 109 Raylawn Cres. The GMC turned too wide and hit a stationary 1988 red Ford parked across the street.

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Peter Blundell, Manager of Royal LePage, will be guest speaker. Before entering the Real Estate Business Mr. Blundell was involved with the York Region Tourism Committee. This committee started with a \$3,000 budget and now spends over half a million dollars on Tourism Promotion.

One of the key ways of squeezing more from your advertising dollars

is co-op advertising. The Seminar will feature a variety of methods of combining a number of advertisers to make a larger impact in various media.

Steve Dawkins of The Olde Hide House will present the Committee's plans for co-op advertising. The Olde Hide House is the largest advertiser in Halton Hills, whose ads appear in all types of publications, radio and TV. They successfully bring in over 300,000 customers annually which attests to the effectiveness of their advertising.

If you own or operate a business in Halton Hills you owe it to yourself to attend The Tourism Marketing Luncheon, May 2, at noon, at The North Halton Golf Club. To reserve a space call 877-7119.

**Farmers speak on SHARE**

The women of St. John's United Church, Georgetown held their Easter Thankoffering meeting on April 11. After delicious desserts and coffee the meeting opened with the worship service. The theme of the devotional was the Resurrection of Nature.

Special speakers were three representatives of a very worthy local organization of farmers in Peel and Halton Counties, namely SHARE (Sending Help And Resources Everywhere). Mr. Neil Armstrong of Mayfield, Peel County, gave a general explanation of the aims of SHARE.

Through their generosity the SHARE Agricultural Foundation has given agricultural assistance in South and Central America and in Africa to people of the lowest possible economical level who are willing to help themselves.

For example, one initial project was the very valuable gift of a herd of purebred Holstein cattle to the people of Colombia and the overseeing of their introduction to the reci-

ipients and the follow-up supervision of cross-breeding programs to improve the production of local animals.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Beaty, Milton area farmers, spent two years living among people of Colombia, donating their time and expertise to getting the SHARE program off the ground. They gave an excellent slide presentation and talk illustrating the way they take trips of up to six weeks to areas where projects are under way.

Church leaders, schools or orphanages are beneficiaries of SHARE's assistance. All money donated to SHARE is directed to their special projects. CUSO gives some assistance in checking out the progress of projects.

Through their participation in the SHARE program the native people have experienced better nutrition and an improved standard of living.

Gail Collett expressed sincere thanks of St. John's women and presented an envelope donation in appreciation.

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