

# Search for a cure

*The fight is on for the 'be-all and end-all cure.'*

With daffodil sales, a door-to-door canvass and a fashion show, the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society will raise money to help find for a cure during April's Cancer Month.

The Acton Branch of the Wellington Unit kicked off its campaign last Wednesday at Knox Church with thanks to volunteers for their "hard work and dedication" from Wellington Unit manager Lorraine Skarratt. "I know you do that through the month of April, but I also know you do it year round," Skarratt said, adding the "incredible" Acton Branch members deserve thanks for staging a successful campaign each year.

Skarratt said everyone has a story and has been deeply and harshly affected.

Through your support of the daffodil sales, the residential campaign, or by wearing a daffodil pin, you're showing people in the Acton community that they can count on us for support in the fight against this terrible disease.

Words of hope came from

guest speaker Nelson Ho, a researcher and PHD candidate at the University of Guelph. He is studying colon cancer cell energy, his interest in the "nasty disease" sparked by the death of his father six years ago of liver cancer.

Ho's presentation was heavy on science – the slides of cancer cells that they inject into lab mice were unnerving – but also hopeful that research into the energy produced by cancer cells will lead to the ultimate treatment and, "the one thing that you can kill all cancer cells while leaving normal cells untouched, and it would work on all patients," Ho said.

He said scientists have found drugs to kill cancer cells and are now looking for the "be-all and end-all cure", research made available by money from the Canadian Cancer Society. "You guys made all the difference in the world. Without you, people wouldn't know about these fundraisers that will raise the money needed," Ho said.

Acton Branch PR spokesperson Pat Kentner said it was wonderful to see what the Canadian Cancer Society does with all of the

money raised in Acton. "And to hear that you're actually thinking that their might be a cell that you can find to get rid of this horrible disease, is actually a wonderful thing," Kentner said.

Acton Branch president Cathy Gerrow thanked the campaign volunteers for their "collective energy" that helps make the local campaign a success each year. Gerrow asked the crowd to raise their hands to indicate how long they'd been working on the local campaign.

Several have 50 years of volunteering, including Rena Arbic, who helped recruit members of the Dublin Women's Institute, including Barb Wilson, who also marks her 50 years of canvassing this month. "I started on the Fourth and Fifth Lines, Nassawaweya, from 25 Side Road down to 15 Side Road," Wilson said last Wednesday, adding 50 years ago she'd collect a couple of dollars at each house, and now she often gets donations of \$25 or even \$50.

Anyone who can donate a couple of hours to help with this month's canvass can call Cathy at 519-853-1424.



**DAFFODIL HOPE:** With the firm belief that Cancer Can Be Beaten, members of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society kicked off this year's annual campaign for funds last Wednesday at Knox Church. The volunteers, holding Daffodil Pins which are for sale, include, from left: Shirley Dyc, President Cathy Gerrow, Karen Turner, Liz Bailey, Pat Kentner, Barb Robinson and Rena Arbic. – Frances Niblock photo

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The Acton Fire Fighters Association would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for helping us to make the 2012 edition of the Fire Fighter's Ball another success.

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*We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves and we look forward to seeing everyone again at next year's ball on Saturday February 23, 2013*

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