

# EDITORIAL

with Frances Niblock

## Please be generous

Tumour.

Could there be an uglier word? Is there another word that carries such dread, that is so scary to hear? With cancer “picking a fight every three seconds with another Canadian,” it is a word now all too common to too many people, as the cancer statistics indicate.

Thank heavens the stats also show that for the first time, more people – 64 per cent – are living after a cancer diagnosis than are dying. That shift is due to earlier detection, better screening and new treatments that are able to attack the tumour, but not decimate surrounding tissue and organs.

The research that will lead to a cure is expensive, another reason to dig deep this month when a cancer canvasser comes to your door, asking for a donation to the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society.

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Please also be generous when the Scouts/Guides/Cadets come to your door early Saturday morning to collect donated food for Acton’s FoodShare food bank. If you can help feed the hungry, please leave non-perishable items outside your door by 8 a.m. for pickup. If no one comes to your door, call FoodShare at 519- 853-0457 on Saturday between 1 and 4 p.m. for pickup. For a complete list of needed items needed at FoodShare visit [www.actonfoodshare.com](http://www.actonfoodshare.com).

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Congratulations to Acton’s Julie Conroy who was named the 2012 Acton Citizen of the Year by the Rotary Club of Acton. Known for her quiet dedication to a lot of causes – the Acton Seniors Centre , the Acton Legion Ladies Auxiliary and St. Joseph Church to name a few – Conroy, like many previous recipients, doesn’t think she deserves the award, but she does. Congrats Julie.

### Looking Back

#### Ten Years Ago

- Hard work, a good attitude and a compassionate and caring soul earned Acton’s Greg Henry an Award of Excellence from the Halton Catholic District School Board.
- A second Bargains Bazaar – this one in the Sobeys plaza – opened with the owner’s promise the downtown location will stay open for loyal customers.

#### Five Years Ago

- The 16th annual Scout/Guide/Cadet food drive gathered 7,000-pounds of food for Acton’s FoodShare food bank.
- Local Earth Day celebrations included local Scouts planting of 25,000 native trees on Dufferin Aggregate land in Halton.



**A CROSS TO BEAR:** Members of the congregations of Acton’s churches gathered on Good Friday at Churchill Community Church for a Procession of the Cross. The group made its way through Acton, stopping for short prayers, hymns and a scripture reading at various churches, ending with a service at St. Alban Church. – Ted Tyler photo

## Letters

# CASHh is here for you

April is cancer month. What does that mean? We all know what research does and how important it is to improving the prognosis of this dreaded disease. It takes more than courage, love and support of family to live with it. That is where we, Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills, come in. We can, and do, provide second- to- none practical care for all of Halton Hills, which includes Acton, Georgetown and the surrounding rural areas. Exactly what is practical care? Practical care involves us provid-

ing free transportation to and from treatment centers in Toronto, Hamilton, Mississauga, Oakville and Brampton. Equipment, supplementary meal replacements, wigs, hats and many other services vital to helping you get better are offered to you at no cost.

Since 2001, we have provided these free services to more than 1700 patients, including 100 living right here in Acton. Our countless volunteer drivers, five who live in Acton, and one who lives in Rockwood, give freely and willingly of

their time; logging thousands of hours and kilometers each month. The April Residential Campaign is our major fundraising event . When someone knocks on your door or you find our literature in your mailbox please say “Yes I can help” – your future may depend on us. Please give and rest assured your donation stays in Halton Hills.

For further information please contact us at 905-702-8886 or visit our website [www.cancerassistance.org](http://www.cancerassistance.org)

Anna Mae Moore

# What’s in a name?

To the Editor,

There was recently a tempest in a teapot that really was much ado about nothing. About five weeks ago, a member of the community came to me and repeated a conversation to which he was privy. He told of a plot by someone to bring harm against my business by registering the name, Blue Springs Funeral Home, as their name.

I went to the Ministry and, sure enough, the fee had been paid and the name registered to their company. I, admittedly had been asleep at the switch. Registration of a

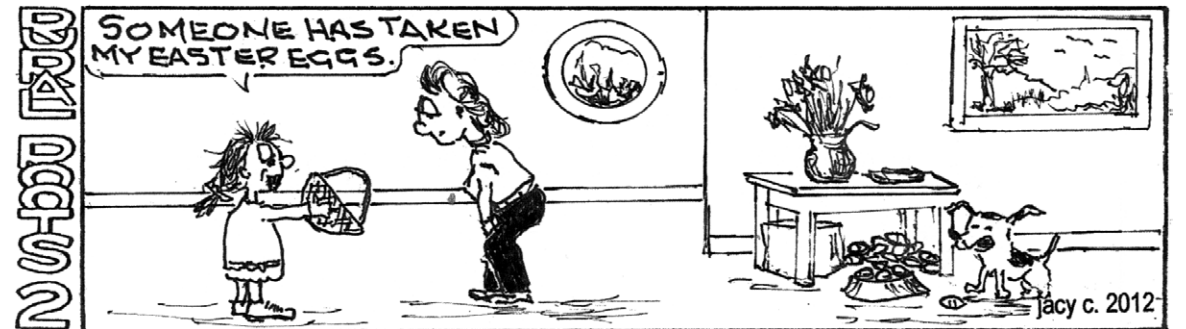
business name must be renewed, without notice, every five years, and shortly after my registration expired, the other person registered it. I, like most people, was misinformed. I believed the name belonged solely to who ever registered it first, and so I, not knowing what else to do, registered the new name “Blue Springs, the Acton Funeral Home.”

Interestingly, lawyer Margaret Chapman pointed out to me, it is not against the law for two people to have the same name nor is it illegal for two business to have the

same name. She said I should go and register the original name and continue to use it. So, I did and I will continue to operate as Blue Springs Funeral Home. As for the question, “Why would anyone register someone else’s name?” your guess is a good as mine, but, if imitation is the greatest form of flattery, I should be flattered that someone would want my name and the reputation that goes with it.

Yours steadfastly staying the course,

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