

*Cancer month kick-off*

# Georgetown unit thanks its many volunteers

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Staff writer

Georgetown unit of the Canadian Cancer Society kicked off their month long campaign in grand style as nearly 200 sat down to the annual Cancer Breakfast, Wednesday morning at North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Fundraising chairperson Elaine Chatten recognized many volunteers who had worked on special fundraising events over the past year. Bill Smith of the Bill Smith Golf Tournament thanked his volunteers for their help which has made it possible for the Smith Tournament to raise over \$190,000 for cancer research over the years.

Chatten acknowledged Neil Young, who has been the driving force behind the "Classics for Cancer" car show held every Father's Day in Cedarvale Park. The show, which has raised \$45,000 since its inception in 1988, is regard-

ed as one of the finest around, says Young. It features some very rare and expensive show vehicles, including early Ferraris and Duesenbergs.

Larry Scott, unit vice-president, told the group of the success of the Spectacular New Age Vaudeville Show last month and offered thanks to show organizer, Edgar Thatcher, and his partner Victor J. Hanson. Scott explained how Thatcher wanted to show his appreciation to the Cancer Society for their support at the time his mother died.

"We thought it might be a bit of a gamble back in 1991," smiled Scott, "but after the first year, we knew Edgar had a great idea, which not only raised much greater funds than he could have personally donated, but also gave local entertainers a chance to be seen on stage. On top of that, it gave everyone a great night of entertainment."

Scott said through the show, Edgar continues to say "thank you"

to the Cancer Society and already there have been requests for tickets to the 1993 show.

Chatten took time to thank a number of corporate sponsors of the breakfast, particularly Barry Kedwell and Sue Symington and the entire office staff of Curwood Packaging, who donate their time to mailing the invitations and receive the replies for the annual breakfast.

Graeme Goebelle, of the Georgetown District and Memorial Hospital spoke briefly about the hospital's expansion of the past few years and told the group how the hospital has been able to incorporate some cancer treatment into the facilities, allowing people to receive treatment and testing in Georgetown rather than travel to Toronto.

Cancer Society volunteer Pat Carr introduced the guest speaker, Cathy Hitchcock of Camp Oochigeas, a summer camp for children who have cancer. Started in 1984 with a five day session for 28 children and five staff members, the camp has grown to two sessions, two weeks in length for a total of 140 children with 130 staff members.

"We have a high staff to camp ratio, allowing the children excellent care," said Hitchcock, "And we also have a doctor from 'Sick Kids' on location at all times in addition to two nurses who volunteer for the two week session. The kids can even receive their chemotherapy at the camp."

The camp is located at Rosseau Lake College which is rented for the four weeks and is run entirely by donations. Hitchcock and her husband Paul, who live near Streetsville, run the camp.

The breakfast was the first of many upcoming events in aid of the Cancer Society. Other events planned in the near future include daffodil sales April 3-4 and the Classics Against Cancer car show, June 21, and the Bill Smith Invitational Golf Tournament June 22.



Diane Aplin, (right) owner of Videomatic at 140 Guelph St. Georgetown, was on hand Wednesday as she launched a program with Georgetown Unit Cancer Society fund-raising Chairperson Elaine Chatten. During the month of April, Videomatic will be donating 50 cents from every paid video rental to the Cancer Society. The video store is open 24 hours a day, and features self serve vending machines.



Blitz Night kicked off for Cancer month in Acton Wednesday at Trinity United Church. Mayor Russ Miller was on hand to help raise the flag with volunteers Linda Parker, Barb Robinson and Cathy Gerrow, unit president. Volunteers will be doing a door-to-door campaign this month, and have several fund-raising activities planned.

## CORRECTION NOTICE!

In our Wednesday, April 1st edition of the Georgetown Independent/Acton Free Press incorrect phone numbers appeared in the **METROPHONE ADVERTISEMENT**

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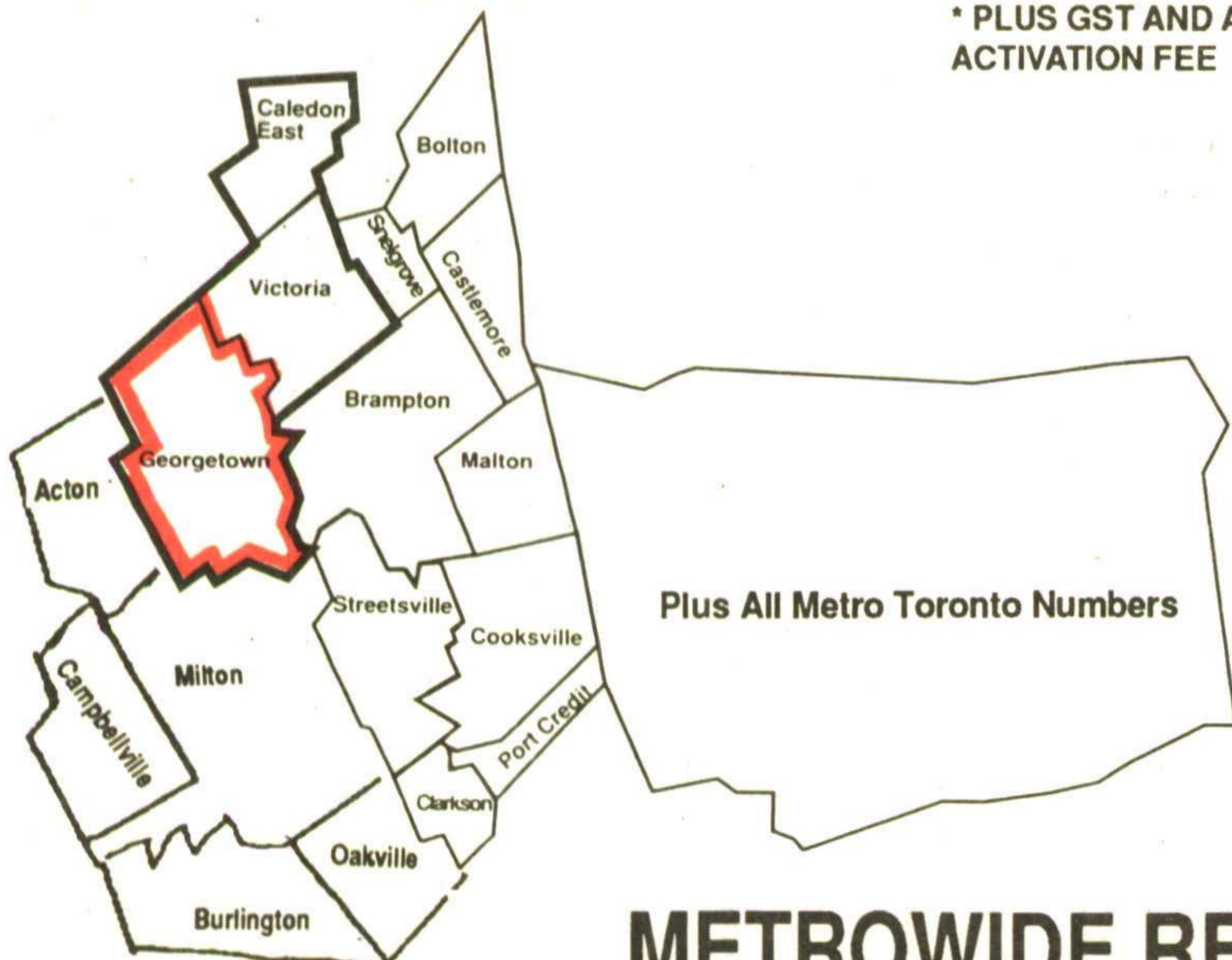
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