

# Murr memorial golf tournament aims for \$1-million fundraising goal

*Canadian Cancer Society accepts \$48,000 from this year's tournament.*

Lynn (not her real name) is alive and raising money for cancer research today because of advancements funded with dollars raised by volunteers – like the members of Acton's Paul Murr Memorial golf tournament, which Lynn joined eight years ago.

Three years ago Lynn was diagnosed with Stage Four Hodgkin's Lymphoma, and surgery left her paralyzed with a poor prognosis, yet last Wednesday, she was there – standing, walking and keeping track of sponsors and donors – as Murr committee members presented a cheque for \$48,000 to grateful Canadian Cancer Society officials.

For Lynn, being able to raise money to help save lives is both humbling and empowering. "I always believed in this (tournament) but I believe in it ten times more now," she said, adding she tells newly diagnosed cancer



**MURR MONEY:** Members of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society gratefully accepted a \$48,000 cheque from organizers of the Paul Murr Memorial golf tournament last Wednesday at the Legion. On hand were, seated from left: Cancer officials Shirley Dyc and Pat Kentner, Murr committee members John McNabb and Allan Hall. Back: Cancer President Cathy Gerrow, and Murr members George McPhail, Tim Wares, Ron Heller, Luke Vandermeer and Bev Mattocks. - Frances Learment photo

patients not to be afraid. "There are so many people out there that can help and every day someone is finding a new treatment to try. They're discovering

something new every day." Cathy Gerrow, President of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society, gratefully accepted

the cheque, marvelling that the Murr tournament group has raised almost \$1-million. "It's a lot of money – that's a lot of very generous people and

means more money for cancer research," Gerrow said. In fact, the tournament has raised a total of \$971,000 over 29 years.

Along with the \$48,000 of the Cancer Society, the Murr committee will donate \$5,000 from this year's tournament to CAShh (Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills).

Paul Murr was an original member of an Acton group which started the tournament. Before his death in 1988 from pancreatic cancer, Murr was told the event would be renamed in his honour.

After taking photos of the cheque presentation at the Legion, Murr committee members sat down to plot the 2014 event, which will mark the 30th anniversary and carries the ambitious goal to top the \$1-million mark. Committee chair Allan Hall said they would mark the anniversary with some type of special mementos for the occasion. He said two-thirds of the golfers participate every year, and the committee works hard to keep it fresh. "Paul would be really happy with the way this thing has evolved," Hall said.

The 2014 Paul Murr Memorial golf tournament is Monday, May 12 at ClubLink's Blue Springs golf club.

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