

# Acton man rewarded for blood donations

By DIANNE CORNISH

Having been a blood donor for 20 years or more, Acton resident Glen McKenzie is used to giving, however, at last Thursday's Red Cross blood donor clinic in Acton Legion Hall, he was pleased to be on the receiving end.

McKenzie was presented with a certificate congratulating him on reaching somewhat of a milestone — donating 75 units of blood. He accepted the award from Geoff Moon, convenor of the Acton clinic and Barbara Vivash, co-ordinator from the Toronto Blood Centre which looks after Red Cross clinics throughout Central Ontario, including Halton Region.

After receiving his award, McKenzie joined the line of donors and donated his 76th unit.

Moon, who has been convening the Acton clinics since January, 1992, said McKenzie's support of the event over the years is indicative of the "kind of community spirit that Acton is known for."

Time and time again, Acton residents have shown a deep commitment towards supporting community activities, he added.

One prime example was the spring clinic which collected 173 units. "That was a record!" Moon said enthusiastically.

Last week's clinic attracted 132 donors. With four deferrals, 128 units were collected during the evening.

"That's a very, very good number for this time of year," Moon observed. "We're pleased with the results."

Acton's next clinic will be held Sept. 24. The event is held four times yearly: September, December, March and June.

"We used to have 12 beds (for donors); now, we have 15. We hope to see 18 beds soon," Moon said of the steadily growing clinic.

Much of the clinic's success can be attributed to a hard-working crew of Acton and area volunteers, who man the registration desk, work in the kitchen, phone other volunteers or put up signs around town advertising the event. Alice Schreiber and Joan Ford are among volunteers boasting the longest terms of service.

"I've been helping out at clinics for 16 years-plus," Schreiber said. "Jean has been a volunteer even longer."

A former convenor of the clinic for 10 years, Schreiber said organizers are generally pleased with a turnout of 130 people, and last Thursday's clinic met that objective.



Acton resident Glen McKenzie donates his 76th unit of blood after receiving a congratulatory certificate for reaching the 75-unit mark from Barbara Vivash, co-ordinator from the Toronto Blood Centre and Geoff Moon, convenor of the Acton clinic.

## Suspects sought in beating

Halton Regional Police are looking for three suspects after a Georgetown man was beaten and had his car stolen, early Sunday morning.

According to police, the victim, a newcomer to Halton Hills, was out drinking at a downtown Georgetown tavern when he met a group of people.

At about 3 a.m. the victim invited three members of the group back to his Rexway Dr. apartment for a drink when the attack took place.

Police said the man tried to defend himself but was overpowered and struck about the head, face, ribs and groin.

After the attack the suspects took the victim's keys and a case of beer and fled the scene in the victim's car.

The 1981 Lincoln was later recovered stuck in the mud on 17

Sideroad west of the Fourth Line, Georgetown.

The suspects are all male white. The first suspect is approximately 25 years old, 250 lbs., with shoulder length hair. The second suspect is 5'8" tall with a skinny build and short blonde hair. The

final suspect is about 6'1" with shoulder length blonde hair, and thick glasses. He also has a skinny build.

Anyone with information about the suspects is asked to contact Halton Regional Police at 878-5511, ext. 2115.

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