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The Taberer family pose for a shot in Washington DC in front of the War Memorial. From left to right are Vanessa, Joanne, Kim, Jackie, Ashley and James.

## Georgetown runners compete in Marine Marathon

By Mike Zrostek

Seven men from the Georgetown Running Club recently competed in the 18th annual Marine Corps Marathon in Washington DC with one of the runners qualifying for the grand daddy of marathons.

Jim Fisher, Bob Hirst, George Perdue, Brian Markham, Colin Royce, Kim Taberer and Jo Cleary all went to Washington for the 26-mile and 385-yard marathon along with 13,000 other runners from around the world.

Royce, 50, finished the marathon in 3 hours and 29 minutes enabling him to qualify in his age category for the Boston marathon that takes place next April.

Jo Cleary was running his second marathon in less than two weeks after competing

in a marathon in Chicago finished the race in 4 hours and 32 minutes.

Kim Taberer, 38, who was running in just his second marathon says Cleary's accomplishment is something special.

"After running a marathon you're really not supposed to do anything for two weeks to allow your body to recover but Jo was out there running."

Markham ran the race in 3:26 while Fisher and Hirst finished the marathon in 4:37 and Perdue in 4:50.

Taberer has only been running marathon distances for two years (his first was this past May in Buffalo) and really enjoys himself, as well as the camaraderie with the rest of the group of Georgetown runners, but says at first it was a little

intimidating.

"It seems like a lot of hard work at first, you just go from challenge to challenge. At first I ran 10 kilometers then 15 and from there it just continued."

"I really enjoy it. I work shifts, so sometimes I'll go out at 3 a.m. and go running. Right now I run three times a week on a 13 km course."

Taberer and the rest of the runners in the club all decide on one marathon they would like to run in, this time seven of them wanted to go to Washington.

"It was a really good marathon. A good show of people and we stayed in a couple of nice hotels and the families went to all the places to see in Washington."

Taberer recalls a humorous episode that happened to them as they ran through one part of Washington.

"We all had on our Georgetown clothing and

there's a city in Washington named Georgetown. As we ran through, we got a huge round of applause from the people watching the race."

The group had such a good time and were treated so well, they plan on going back again next year.

Next up for Taberer will be the first marathon at Disneyland in Florida Jan. 27 and Taberer says he jumped at the opportunity when he got the chance.

"There was a limit of 9,000 so soon as I heard about it, I signed up. The race is really getting plugged with some high profile runners attending, it will be fun for the family as well."

For now Taberer and the rest of the group will continue to run at Georgetown District High School and around the rest of Georgetown every Sunday at 9 a.m.

## Saving Money

By Andrew Mackenzie, B.B.A.

Have you ever thought about saving money? By this I mean the psychology of saving money. For those of you who save money, you will know what I am talking about when I say that saving money becomes a passion. I compare saving to running, it is hard to get yourself to do it and it takes a while to get used to it. But, like running, once you get used to saving it becomes a matter of pride and makes you feel better about yourself.

An article written by H.A. McNeerly says it best. Here it is:

Your savings, believe it or not, affect the way you stand, the way you talk, the tone of your voice. In short, your physical well-being and confidence.

A person without savings is always running. They must. They must take the first job offered, or nearly so. They sit nervously on life's chairs because any small emergency throws them into the hands of others.

Without savings, a person must be too grateful. Gratitude is a fine thing in its place, but a constant state of gratitude is a horrible place in which to live.

A person with savings can walk tall. They may appraise opportunities in a relaxed way, have time for judicious estimates and not be rushed by economic necessity.

A person with savings can afford to resign from their job, if principles so dictate. And for this reason they will

never need to do so. A person who can afford to quit is much more useful

to their company, providing the benefit of their most candid judgments.

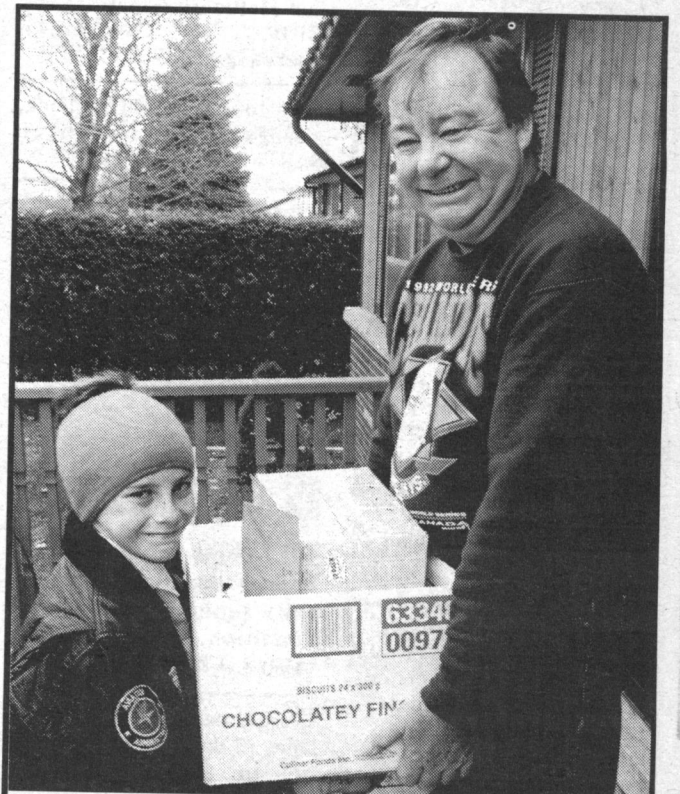
A person always concerned about necessities, such as food and rent, can't afford to think in long-range career terms. They must dart to the most immediate opportunity for ready cash. Without savings, they will spend a lifetime of darting, dodging.

A person with savings can afford the wonderful privilege of being generous in family or neighbourhood emergencies. They can take a level stare into the eyes of any friend, stranger, or enemy. It shapes his personality and his character.

The ability to save has nothing to do with the size of income. Many high income people, who spend it all, are on a treadmill darting through life like minnows.

If you don't need money for college, a home, or retirement, then save for self-confidence. The state of your savings does have a lot to do with how tall you walk.

If you have any questions regarding saving money or any other financial planning concerns, Andrew can be reached at 877-5495 or at Investors Group at 450-1500.



Ten-year-old Gareth Davis of Acton 3rd Cubs, had his arms full last Saturday when he received a generous contribution from Robert Harris of Jeffrey Avenue in Acton, which went to the food drive that was coordinated by Acton Scouts, Guides, Brownies, and Cubs for Acton Foodshare. photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW