Cancer Society fights with flowers

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

While winter lingers, volunteers with the Acton Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society are thinking of daffodils.

Over 10,000 flowers—the Cancer Society's symbol of hope will be sold in Acton during the annual fundraising drive next weekend.

The flower sale also kicks off Cancer Month, and a small army of 175 dedicated volunteers is ready to go door-to-door to raise money for the Cancer Society.

Cathy Gerrow, president of the Acton Unit, said they hope to top

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last year's fund raising total of \$51,522.

"The money raised is all put into the big Ontario pot, mainly to be used for research and patient services, and then our local unit submits a budget to pay for patient services, transportation and education in Acton," Gerrow explained in an interview Thursday.

Last year local volunteers drove 25 Acton cancer patients to medical appointments and hospitals, racking up over 13,359 miles.

The Cancer Society also provides help with home care for patients.

The education program in Acton focuses on healthy food choices, sun protection, smoking and breast health.

The Acton Unit has two volunteers who are trained to give educational talks to community groups and schools and has resource information available including films and pamphlets,

In addition to the residential campaign and daffodil sales, local fundraising efforts include an annual fashion show, a golf tournament and a raffle.

"We also have a dedicated core of volunteers who knit and crochet lap robes and bed jackets for cancer patients and we have a volunteer who takes care of commemorative donations.

"Some of our volunteers have been involved here in Acton for more than 25 years and we would not be able to operate without them," Gerrow said.

Volunteer canvassers will stage a blitz night on Thursday, April 1, and the daffodils will be on sale at various locations in town that weekend.



NOMINATIONS, PLEASE: The Acton Lions Club is asking for nominations for its annual Citizen of the Year Award. Shown here are members of the nominating committee, from left, Dave Pyke, Dave Nakeff, Mike Albano. (Mike Albano photo)

Prospect Park land claim

The great-great granddaughter of a man who once owned a half-acre of land in what is now Prospect Park will be in a Milton Court Monday, April 5 to claim \$52,000 held by the court since the sale of the land to the Town.

Lucretia Rowe claims to be related to Christopher Row, a United Empire Loyalist who bought the land in 1851.

When the Town was assembling land for Prospect Park it found that the property never appeared on a tax roll.

It was entered on the roll and after three years, when taxes of \$828 were not paid, the property was put up for sale and a notice sent by registered mail to Christopher Row, General Delivery, Acton.

The Town bid \$60,000 for the land and the money was held for a year by the court, as stipulated by tax laws.

After that period the Town applied to get the money back, but before it received any of the cash, Lucretia Rowe made her claim.

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NEWSSHORTS

Youths charged with cash theft

Two Acton youths have been charged following the theft of \$440 from the Cango Gas Bar on Queen Street on Thursday.

An employee told police he left two youths, one of whom he knew, alone in the office while he serviced a customer. When he returned the money was missing.

All of the money was recovered by police and the two youths were charged with theft and possession of stolen property. Both appear in Milton Youth Court Friday, April 16.

Truck theft foiled

Police are investigating the attempted theft of a 1993 Ford truck from the garage of a Kingham Road house Saturday morning.

The owner told police someone entered the garage and tried to steal the unlocked truck by prying off the ignition switch. When that didn't work, they tried, unsuccessfully, to roll the vehicle down the driveway.

Police have one suspect and the investigation continues.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You've got to stand up for things you believe in and winning isn't the prize. I'm going into this to win, but I'm going into it as well, not just to change the leader, but to try to change the system."

- Garth Turner, MP and leadership candidate, Page 5

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