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Acton Rotary Club presents cheque to Rose Cherry Home for Kids



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The Acton Rotary Club, long known for its charitable works, recently presented a donation cheque to Rose Cherry's Home for Kids. Shown here are (Left to right) Herb Dodds, President of the Acton Rotary Club, David Bowker, Chairman of the Cedarbrook Society and Dr. Bill Sanford, President Elect of the Acton Rotary Club.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing to inform you about a local woman from Georgetown, ON, who is making waves in her community with her involvement in raising money for Breast Cancer Awareness. Sherry Louth will hold her 3rd annual 'KitchenAid Cook for the Cure' party at the Rotary Glen Banquet Hall in Brampton (1857 Queen St. W.), tomorrow night, October 5th, during breast cancer awareness month.

Last year, Sherry raised \$14,000 for the cause at her party. She will be having 165 female guests for a sit-down dinner at the hall, and it is completely sold out. Several local businesses donate such things as food, wine and flowers, and Sherry and seven of her friends do all the cooking, while their daughters do the serving. They also have a silent auction during the

evening. At each place setting there is information on breast cancer awareness for the guests to take home with them.

KitchenAid Cook for the Cure is a grassroots fundraising initiative that encourages Canadians to host KitchenAid Cook for the Cure parties where their guests will bring a donation for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation in lieu of a host/hostess gift such as a bottle of wine or flowers.

This is a wonderful local story and a great way for you to inform your readers about what is going on in their community. It will also give people an idea about what their neighbors are doing, and perhaps they will put it in their calendar to attend next year's party, or have one of their own.

Sincerely,
 Alana Rosenfeld,
 Harbinger

LITTORAL VIEW by: Jeffrey Mueller



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EDITORIAL

Of Badgers and Men

A badger is defined as being a nocturnal quadruped midway between a weasel and a bear. It is renowned for its ferocity when attacked and it was a popular sport in medieval England to put a badger into a pit and worry it with a pack of dogs. This worrying gave rise to the term "badgering".

I was reminded of the sport this past week. It seems that some people are unfamiliar with the first law of journalism, which states that no one outside the paper should be allowed to rewrite articles. That's not to say that we don't verify facts and we always give people the opportunity to give their side of the story, but they absolutely cannot dictate the content of the newspaper. This is designed to ensure the freedom of the press and if we are feeling overly grandiose and pompous we might even claim that it protects democracy itself.

Anyway, if we allowed interference of this kind, it would give us a disjointed and abysmal publication that we would have difficulty in marketing.

For some reason, one of our journalists has been pressured over the last month by four separate groups to allow them to preview her articles and in two cases they actually re-wrote parts.

My response is quite simple. Any article that is touched up by people outside the paper is never run, no matter how well written the final version is. If people want things in their own words then they can always run an advertisement, where, within the strictures of the race-hate laws they can pretty much say whatever they wish. Seems simple to me but I'm sure that some will want to debate the issue and call me.

As any newspaperman will tell you, badgering of journalists is a sporting privilege reserved for editors.

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Welcomes letters to the Editor

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