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## Cancer Can Be Beaten!

By FRANCES NIBLOCK  
"Cancer Can Be Beaten" is not just an effective marketing slogan to Acton residents Lynda Bowen and Lorne Dobethein. Both are cancer survivors, alive today because of research paid for through the Canadian Cancer Society's annual April fund raising campaign that kicked off last night in Acton.

Thanks to research, one of every two cancer patients is a survivor. Fifty years ago the survival rate was one-in-five and research funded by the Society has also helped improve survival rates for three types of cancer including childhood leukemia, testicular cancer and Hodgkin's disease.

When a Canadian Cancer Society canvasser knocks at she will gratefully dig deep. Bowen has survived two bouts of cancer and knows that



LYNDA BOWEN

people look at her strangely when she says she's been blessed.

"I survived, and I thank the Lord every day. You tend to forget the worst of it (cancer treatment)," Bowen said in a recent interview. "My mother, who also had cancer, always told me to take the bull by the horns

and that's how I've dealt with it (cancer)," Bowen said, adding that Acton Cancer branch drivers made she life much easier when she had to get to treatments.

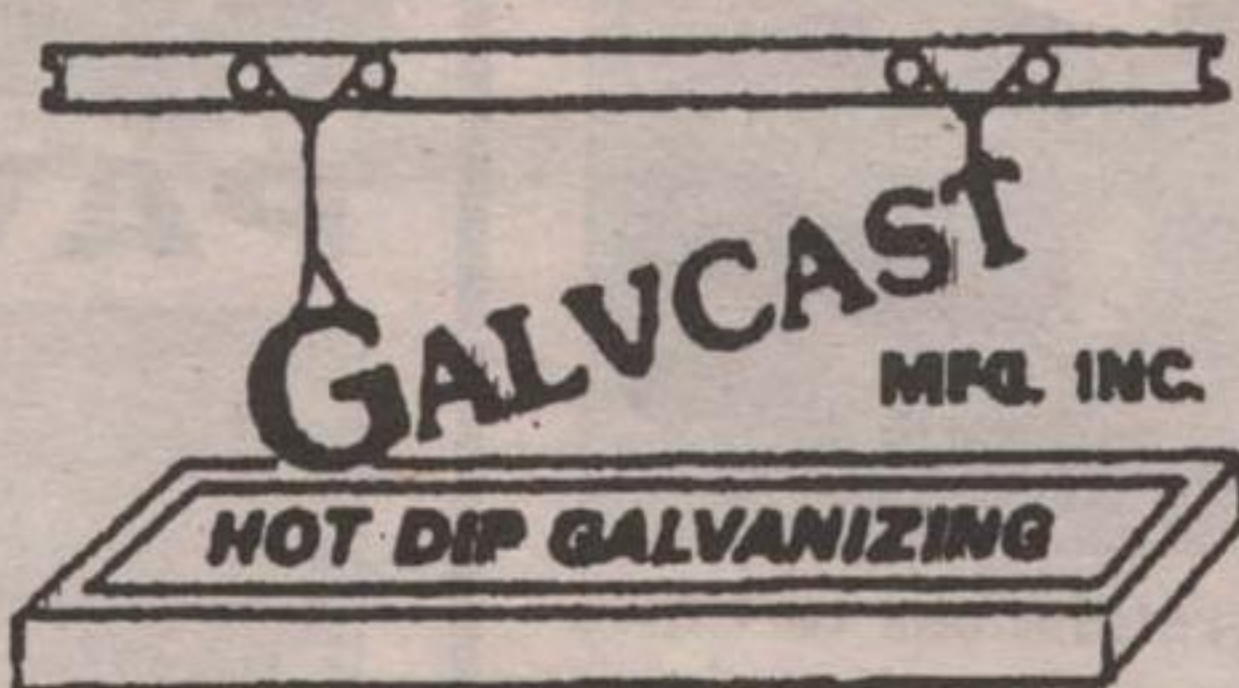
Lorne Doberthien lost a leg to cancer in 1974 and then under went three lung operations and a decade of check-ups.

"Hopefully, it's all behind me. It's been 24 years since I lost my leg so I'm a survivor," Doberthien said, adding that the canvasser coming to his door will be his wife, who has been an Acton branch volunteer for more than 10 years.

Approximately 160 volunteer will be out canvassing for donations this month, hoping to top the \$25,000 raised last year in Acton.

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