



CANCER FUNDRAISER: Local officials and members of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society took time from their browsing and shopping to pose for this photo to officially open the Society's antique show on the long weekend at the Acton Arena and Community Centre. From left: Acton councillor Clark Somerville, Kelly Ann Backman, Cathy Gerrow, Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson, Marilyn Forster Lo Turco, June Tribe, Pat Kentner and Acton councillor Norm Elliott. — Frances Niblock photo

'Stayin' alive' road safety theme

By **FRANCES NIBLOCK**
The New Tanner

Are you up for the challenge of sharing the road, or are you an aggressive driver?

That's the question Acton's Keith Black is asking as he prepares for Monday's kick-off of the Halton Hills Road Safety Challenge Week which runs May 31 to June 6.

Halton Hills is one of 23 Ontario communities to get provincial money for the road safety campaign and Black was chosen to chairing the event through his involvement with the Halton Hills Injury Prevention Committee.

Black, who said he sees aggressive and sometimes hazardous drivers on a daily basis, thinks the roads would be safer if people stopped competing when they get behind the wheel.

"We are trained to be competitive and we don't often, what I call, 'notch-up' to a co-operative model," Black explained in an interview on Friday.

"The co-operative model recognises that everybody is first and everybody is last and that you have to share the road and yield to the other situation," Black said, adding that it's not all bad out there.

"I do see people yielding and letting other drivers in and sharing the road, but I also see a lot of aggressive drivers who are really a hazard."

The theme of the road safety challenge is "Stayin' Alive" and although safe driving is a major focus there are also events scheduled in Acton and Georgetown all week dealing with drinking and driving, car seat safety, speeding and seatbelt and bicycle safety.

On June 2, CN Rail will present its Operation Lifesaver program to students at Robert Little school where the train tracks run the length of the playground. June 3, students at McKenzie-Smith Bennett school will take part in a bike rodeo. On June 4, parents can have their child's car seat inspected at a Child Car Seat Awareness Clinic at the Acton fire hall. The clinic runs from 3-7 p.m. and is by appointment only by calling 877-2238, ext. 8412.

The focus is on seniors

and teens on June 5 in Acton with three events scheduled. From 9:30- 11 a.m. there will be a seniors road safety presentation at the Acton Arena and Community Centre.

Acton High will hold an Arrive Alive-Don't Drink and Drive assembly at 10 a.m., and there will be a car extrication demonstration in the high school parking lot at noon.

Next week speeders who exceed the limit by 20 km/h may get a warning from police as a new a new road

safety initiative - a radar message board - is unveiled. The radar message which displays the speed of passing vehicles on a lighted board will be operated by citizens and community groups at various locations. Warning letters will be sent to those exceeding the limit by 20 km/h

In Georgetown you can check out the OPP Seatbelt Convincer at the Georgetown Market Place on June 2 and 3 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you're over 16 you can experience

the impact of wearing a seatbelt through a crash simulation. There's a truck safety clinic at the Alcott Arena on June 2, and a skateboarding and inline skating safety clinic, also at Alcott, on June 5.

Local, regional and provincial politicians, along with top police and fire department brass will officially kick-off the Halton Hills Road Safety Challenge Week on Monday May 25 at the Town's general committee meeting.

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Injustice theme for Daughters of Knox

Daughters of Knox had a very interesting meeting on May 4th, when the study material centered on "injustice", with members sharing their perceptions of injustices which are prevalent in the world today.

A very favourable report was received on the recent St. George's Day beef dinner and silent auction. The fall bazaar was discussed, and it was reported that a partially-completed quilt has been donated, and will be completed for the bazaar.

The June meeting will be a potluck dinner, with entertainment to follow.



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