



**SMASHING SUCCESS:** Liz Bailey, campaign chair of the Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society, accepts a cheque for \$270 from Acton Auto Tech management and employees, the receipts from a car smashing fundraiser at their grand reopening July 11. Guests paid \$1 to take a sledge hammer to a car and Auto Tech matched what was raised. Left to right, Liz Bailey, Trevor Gardener, Richard Leslie and Craig Russell.

## Acton Cancer Society raises over \$28,000 in home canvass

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The New Tanner

Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society raised well over \$28,000 in their very successful residential campaign again this year, campaign chair Liz Bailey revealed this week. "It's an increase of over \$1,000 for last year," she noted as canvassers covered Acton and district homes.

"We had the best weather (for the campaign) we've had in years," she said, starting with the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 1 when the highest attendance ever was recorded.

"It was wonderful," she said. "Trinity Activity Group provided the chili, Sweet Dreams Café the buns, Mr. Muggs the doughnuts and Tim-Bri a door prize. There were lots of other prizes, too." And the campaign just picked up the momentum from the dinner. First Acton

Pathfinders put the kits together for the canvassers.

Mrs. Bailey explained the town is divided into four zones with a captain in each while the rural areas are canvassed by the three Women's Institutes - Nassagaweya, Dublin and Bannockburn. Captaining the town zones were long time stalwarts Flo Fryer, Barb Robinson and Liz Bailey while new recruit Linda Richmond was the fourth. In the rural areas with the houses so far apart the canvassers did a "tremendous job," Mrs. Bailey said. Dublin W.I. was captained by Marj Britton, Nassagaweya by Sharon Anderson while Ruth Linham, who retired this year, was the Bannockburn captain. "Ruth has done an excellent job for the Cancer society over the years, raising thousands of dollars, and she deserves our thanks," Liz Bailey said. Needless to say they are looking for a replacement for

Ruth who has moved. "We're always looking for help," Liz says, even those who can only give an hour or so. Anyone interested can contact Liz Bailey at 853-0585 or the Cancer Society office in Georgetown.

Acton Cancer Society not only has the successful residential campaign but they receive funds from golf tournaments and other activities such as the recent Auto-Tech smash-a-car event. "It's just another way Acton and area people think of this charity." Liz noted the Acton branch will also be sponsoring another antique show next year after the "very successful" one this spring. "Only next year it will not be on the long weekend," Liz says. "We brought something new to Acton and it has become a major fundraiser. We hope we've ironed out all the wrinkles and it will take off on its own."

Funds for the Cancer So-

ciety go to research, patient care, family support and education but the target these days is the top three cancers: (1) lung, especially among men and on the rise in young women, much of it attributable to smoking.

(2) Breast for women and prostate in men, "It's being caught earlier and we're seeing light at the end of the tunnel."

(3) Colo-rectal, which is common among both males and females.

It all goes to defeat the disease which affects almost one in four people in Canada.

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