

Editorial

# Keep the dream alive

With the planned closing of the Georgetown Cancer Society office (and the subsequent bid by many people in town to keep it open) grabbing the headlines lately, it's not difficult to understand why perhaps the most important fund-raising event of the year for the Cancer Society has taken a back seat this year.

Of course, we're talking about the annual Terry Fox Runs planned for many Canadian communities this week, including Sunday runs set for Georgetown and Acton. (The Georgetown run will be held at the Georgetown South Community Park from 9:30-2 p.m. while the Acton run goes from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Acton High School. Local schools will also be holding runs in upcoming days).

It is mind-boggling to think this year marks the 20th anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope—a bid by this courageous cancer-stricken young man to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. Fox's trek captured the hearts of Canadians like no other event and to date close to \$250 million has been raised for cancer research in his name.

To be sure, locally, many residents have reason to be angry with the Canadian Cancer Society and its decision to close the local office. But this is Terry's weekend.

Run for him.



## Letters to the editor...

### Town will miss former Citizen of the Year

Dear editor,

Georgetown has lost a former Citizen of the Year award recipient and one of the town's outstanding volunteers. Trevor Williams passed away Sept. 7 at the McMaster Medical Centre. He was 81.

Trevor began volunteering by enlisting in 1940 in the Highland Light Infantry of Canada. Overseas from July 1941 to 1945, Trevor landed in France on D-Day, June 6,

1944 and fought in the Northwest European Campaign until he was wounded in the Battle of the Scheldt in October of 1944. He also volunteered to serve in the Pacific War against Japan.

Upon his return to Canada he married the former Norah Cleave and together they raised their family of three daughters and a son.

Continuing his volunteer efforts, he joined the fire brigade in Georgetown and later became a member of the volunteer ambulance service.

Trevor was a long-time blood donor, and fund-raiser and driver for both the local Red Cross and Cancer Society. He served as sports officer of Branch 120, Royal Canadian Legion, as secretary-treasurer of the fair board and held several positions on the board of St. John's United Church.

Trevor was widely known as an outgoing, friendly person who enjoyed meeting and chatting with one and all. He will be missed by many and forgotten by none.

He was a rare breed and a real nice guy.

His buddy,  
Bob McMenemy,  
Georgetown

### Proud to be a teacher

Dear editor,  
Today (Sept. 1) the teachers of the Halton Catholic District School Board attended their first professional activity day of the year.

Even though they face larger class sizes, drastic cuts to education despite the inclusion of a rapidly increasing number of children with multiple challenges, and more hours of work in their official 10 months than the 40-hour a week person does in a full year, they were enthusiastic and well prepared for the coming year and their new students.

I feel proud to be among these colleagues and in this honourable profession. I know the children of Halton are in good hands and there is hope for the future.

Gail Rutherford, Georgetown

### Ball tourney a huge hit

Dear editor,

Despite torrential rainstorms throughout the weekend of July 14-16, the Georgetown Ladies Powderpuff softball tournament was a huge success.

Twenty-four teams competed with one of our league's teams, Purple Wildberries, winning the consolation. The tournament would not have been the success it was if it wasn't for the hard work and preparation by tournament organizer Sue Subject.

Along with Sue and her tournament committee, were many others who helped out during the weekend. We wish to recognize these people for contributing to a great tournament with a special thank you.

In celebration of the tourney's 20th year a special raffle was held. Ten prizes were drawn with the lucky winner taking home a 20-inch stereo colour TV. Many thanks to the companies/suppliers for donating these prizes.

As an annual fund-raiser we keep a portion of the profits for the league's use and donate the rest to a good cause. This year the league donated \$1,000 to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation and \$500 to Localmotion, making it a tournament where everyone wins.

Georgetown Ladies Powderpuff executive

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