

*Editorial*

# Run for Terry (and others)

It has been 23 years since a one-legged young man from British Columbia captured the hearts and imaginations of this country as he attempted to run across the nation in support of cancer research.

While to many of us Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope remains a vivid memory, an entire generation really has no idea who the man was or why he embarked on such an inspirational journey.

For those who have a difficult time understanding the significance of Fox's quest, we ask that if you can't run for Terry this Sunday, then run for someone you love or know in the 22nd annual Terry Fox Run.

Both Acton and Georgetown will hold runs once again this year. Acton's event will be held at the Acton High School from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. while the Georgetown run will be held at Georgetown South Community Park between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Participants can traverse the course by using roller blades, wheelchairs, bicycles, strollers, walking or running. Pledge sheets are available at various banks, variety stores, Georgetown Market Place stores, Tim Hortons, Canadian Tire, Home Hardware and schools or participants can make a donation the day of the run.

Advancements are made every year in the area of cancer research and it is largely through fund-raising events such as this those advancements can continue.

Take the time this weekend to run for Terry, and, more importantly, for future cancer patients.



## Letters to the editor...

### Hospital made a mistake joining Osler group

Dear editor,

I am writing regarding the conditions in Georgetown Hospital. I believe everyone should be made

aware of how badly things in the wards have become.

Recently I had to spend a day and night in our hospital and was appalled at how badly the conditions there have deteriorated in the two years since my husband was in the hospital.

The toilet in my room did not flush so it just kept filling up. Although I told the nursing staff and was told it had been reported, when I left the next evening it was still not working.

There were Kleenex, discarded bandage wrappers and other paraphernalia all over the floor. The food was absolutely inedible and the poor woman in the next bed was unable to even reach hers due to the fact she was bed-ridden and the tray was almost always left where she could not reach it.

From the uncared-for condition of the wards it looks to me as if they are getting ready to close them and use the hospital for outpatient surgery or as a clinic and

send us all to Brampton or Etobicoke if we need to stay in for treatment.

We need some truthful answers to staff's intentions for our hospital. With the way Georgetown is growing and the number of people moving here it will be a big mistake if they do close down our services.

The biggest mistake ever made was for our hospital to have joined the William Osler Health Centre group. They are systematically destroying what was a very proud, well-served hospital. I believe steps should be taken to bring our hospital back to what it once was.

**Bernice Webster,  
Georgetown**

### Same-sex marriage opposed

Dear editor,

(This letter was sent to Halton MP Julian Reed. A copy was made available for publication.)

Dear Mr. Reed,

As a concerned citizen of Canada and a resident of Halton, I feel it is important that you know that I am completely against federal legislation that would legalize same-sex marriage and I am totally in favour of the traditional definition of marriage, as are many other Christian and non-Christian members of Canadian society.

I believe you should be acting on behalf of the wishes of the majority of your constituents—perhaps this should be put to a referendum vote so all Canadian voters may exercise their franchise in this democracy.

Please take the time to listen to all the people of your riding, not just the most vocal. I would appreciate an acknowledgement from you that addresses my concerns.

**Annmarie McDonald, Glen Williams**

### Perhaps it's time to scrap town's official name

Dear editor,

Re: Name change 'divisive issue' (Aug. 27).

There is one simple solution to the problem of changing street names in Acton and Norval. Perhaps we should consider going

back to our originally registered names: Georgetown, Acton, Norval, Glen Williams, etc., rather than be lumped together as Halton Hills!

**Dawn Livingstone, Georgetown**

#### Letters to the editor

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