

# The ROCKWOOD Miller

## Eramosa fights cancer

By Denise Paulsen

April is the month of hope for the Canadian Cancer Society. Canvassers will be going door-to-door, raising as much money as they can, to fight the deadly disease that an increasing number of people are all too familiar with.

Betty Storey, Canadian Cancer Society Chair for the Eramosa/Erin rural township is a champion for the cause. Almost beyond belief, Storey has chaired the door-to-door fundraising campaign in her area for the past 35 years – since 1975!

"I've been expecting you," is a common statement made by the generous supporters in

Storey's division who donated a whopping \$10,900 in 2009. Twenty-three canvassers visit as many as 300 rural homes in Erin/Eramosa.

"When I take the total and divide it by the number of homes visited, our average donation last year was \$35 per household. However, many people can't afford to donate that much, but that's fine. One of our new canvassers was delighted last year when a man gave her a cheque in the amount of \$500. He had recently completed successful treatment for the disease. He was more than happy to give back," Storey said.

The campaign will start in earnest today – Thursday, April 1. The longest

serving canvasser in Storey's area is a woman who retired her duties in 2009 – Ida Matthews. For 31 years – since 1979 – Matthews worked tirelessly raising funds in the annual effort to beat cancer.

"We believe that it can make a difference," Storey said. At the end of April, the 23 door-to-door canvassers' efforts will be applauded at a coffee party hosted by their local fund-raising organizer, Betty Storey.

The Cancer Society's canvassing campaign in the village of Rockwood has its own Area Captain – Mary Zaborowski – who co-ordinates the routes for 35 volunteers.

"Last year was good. Our canvassers collected a total of \$5,000 – which was up from the previous year. We expect a steady climb in donations, year over year," Zaborowski said.

She has been the Rockwood area's canvassing captain for almost two decades. Zaborowski has 40 routes, with 35 covered. She would be happy to hear from anyone willing to help with this year's campaign. "The most common financial donation we're likely to receive in Rockwood is \$20 – although some homeowners, who know that we're coming, will hand over a cheque for \$100. At almost every home we visit we hear a story from someone, who has been affected in one way or another, by this disease," Zaborowski said.



**VERY COOL:** Skaters at the outdoor ice rinks in Guelph/Eramosa Township are grateful for the efforts of local ice rink volunteers who were thanked at a recent Guelph/Eramosa Township meeting when Mayor Chris White congratulated six dedicated volunteers who clear outdoor skating rinks in the Township. Happy to receive recognition were from the left: Matt Stiehl, George Kennedy, Rick Dopheide, Lisa Meecham, Danny Kelly and Ken Cornelisse. - Denise Paulson photo

## Township Digest

### Ice makers thanked

The 30-plus volunteers who spent many shivery cold nights making ice at five outdoor ice rinks in Guelph Eramosa Township were honoured with certificates of appreciation at last week's council meeting.

The community volunteers – many of them youths – were thanked for providing the rinks that Mayor Chris White called "Canadian culture." White noted that the volunteers persevered during a "bumpy bureaucratic ride" with the Township's insurance company, reportedly over daily rink maintenance report procedures.

The volunteer groups apply to the Township to construct, maintain and inspect the outdoor ice rinks, including ones in Eden Mills, Marden and three in Rockwood – Lloyd Dyer, Max Storey and Valentino – the last two in the subdivisions south of the village, on either side of Highway 7.

In an effort to promote community spirit and a healthy lifestyle, the Township helps the volunteer ice rink makers with improvements/re-

pairs to the lighting and water service within its means, by clearing snow, doing weekly safety inspections and posting if the rink is open or closed as required.

It also supplies each rink with hoses and nozzles, two shovels, two hockey nets, access to water, two benches, storage shed and a first aid kit.

### Brucedale speed limit reduced

Brucedale residents will be happy that Township councillors agreed to their request to lower the speed limit for safety sake in the hamlet.

Residents complained that recent construction on the Fifth Line caused the volume and speed of traffic to increase "dramatically," causing safety concerns for school children waiting for the bus in the area and for residents getting in and out of their driveways.

At last week's council meeting, a bylaw was passed to lower the speed to 50-km/hr from 80-km/hr from the intersection of Fifth Line and County Road 24, northward for 600-metres to the Brucedale hamlet limits.

The new signs, mounting brackets and posts will cost \$558, plus labour and equipment time.

### Feeder road speed limits

Commuters using three Guelph Eramosa Township rural roads as a back way to Guelph will have to slow down.

Township Council, at the request of ratepayers who submitted three separate petitions, voted to reduce the speed limits to 60km/hr from 80-km/hr on Fife Road from County Road 32 to the city limits, on Speedvale Avenue East from Jones Baseline to the city limits and on Watson Road from County Road 124 to the city limits.

In a report to council, Ken Gagnon, manager of public works said the Township is in a unique situation as it surrounds a major urban centre on three sides, increasing the number of cars on some township roads.

He said to decrease the risks to residents along the local feeder routes, the Township developed a policy for setting speed limits to 60-km/hr on roads within two-kilometres of city boundaries.

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For the following:

**Quote PW 2010 – 01**  
Supply of Street Sweeping Equipment

**Quote PW 2010 – 02**  
Supply and Application of 35% Liquid Calcium Chloride

**Quote PW 2010 – 03**  
Supply and Application of Maintenance Gravel

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