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How far will you go to find cancer cure?

Who can forget that mass of tousled hair and his look of steely determination on his freckled face?

Even if you were born after 1980, most Canadians instantly recognize the name of the young man who, for 143 days and 5,373 km, inspired a nation with his Marathon of Hope.

Terry Fox, despite having lost his right leg to cancer, wanted to raise both money and awareness of the disease that continues to claim so many lives.

While Terry was unable to complete his dream of running across the country, people in Canada and around the world have made sure his marathon continues. They honour Terry's memory by participating in Terry Fox runs.

The Ontario Terry Fox Run raised an incredible \$8.45 million in 2003, with 230 communities and more than 1,400 schools taking part. To date, the Terry Fox Foundation has raised \$342 million.

We're sure Terry would be overwhelmed with the response to his campaign.

The theme for this year's run is 'How Far Will You Go?' We all know how far Terry went, and we're encouraging members of our community to get out and support the run in Milton this Sunday at E.C. Drury High School.

Our Readers Write

Milton groups and individuals continue to show great support for Cancer Society

Dear Editor:

After another very successful fundraising year, the Milton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society would like to extend its gratitude to the community of Milton.

Once again, Milton residents have demonstrated their outstanding generosity in support of the eradication of cancer and support for Canadians living with cancer.

The Canadian Cancer Society remains a major source of financial support for cancer research.

Locally and nationally, the April sale of daffodils and door-to-door canvassing continue to provide the chief source of revenue. Over 85 per cent of these funds are applied

to research programs and patient services.

The Milton branch is also supported in a major way by the exceptional work of groups and individuals who organize fundraising events throughout the year. Over the past several years, Azzura Faggion and friends have hosted the 'Spring Dance for Life', a wonderful evening of dining and dancing.

Since the beginning, their selfless efforts have raised several thousand dollars. Participation is high among young people, with head shaving and other activities all contributing to support cancer research and patient services.

Other well-known events in town

include the Ladies Drive 4 Cancer and Golfing 4 Cancer. These tournaments have brought in considerable cash to breast cancer research and patient transportation.

The work of Milton and area volunteers over the years has helped produce donations ranking among the highest per capita in Ontario.

However, the need for volunteers continues to grow as the population of Milton grows. There are many ways volunteers can help — including information distribution, patient transportation and door-to-door canvassing. Those interested in helping can call (905) 322-0060.

Canadian Cancer Society,
Milton branch

Vendor teaches reporter life lesson via watch fobs

I didn't even know what a watch fob was.

Once again, I'm showing my age. But it's true. When I went to the annual Steam Era show a couple of weeks ago and saw display boards filled with what looked like metal key chains attached to leather straps, my curiosity was piqued. Was it jewelry? I decided to ask the elderly man behind the counter a few questions.

Those few questions turned into more questions, and I ended up having a conversation I'll remember for a long time with a 67-year-old gentleman named Eddie Kunkel.

It wasn't so much the words he spoke that I'll remember, but the way his eyes lit up when I questioned him and he animatedly launched into his stories.

Watch fobs, I learned, have something to do with why many styles of blue jeans have a teeny-tiny pocket at the opening of the main pocket. In

fact, the denim skirt I was wearing that day had one, and Mr. Kunkel showed me how a watch fob was attached to a pocket watch and hung outside the mini pocket to make grabbing the watch — safely stored in the pocket — easy.

The metal fobs had logos and pictures of various brands of farm machinery and, I was told, were given to customers as a form of advertising. It's one of those 'now-you-know' stories I hope to impress my denim-clad friends with one day soon.

Mr. Kunkel then talked about all sorts of things, from how Milton looked in 1972 when he first started attending the Steam Era, to how he feels about today's computer age.

He seemed only too happy to have a captive audience and told me how much it meant to him when kids stopped and asked him questions at the



with STEPHANIE THIESSEN

Around town

Steam Era about his display. That's the best part of the show. Unfortunately, he added, there aren't many who want to know.

At the end of our conversation, he took my hand in a charming manner and thanked me for listening and showing interest. He also commented on the fact that I don't have any tattoos, which he seemed to like. ("Not like many young people

these days," he said.)

He then handed me a fob and an old pocket watch and told me I was sure to be the centre of attention wearing it back at the office.

While I don't know if my fob was actually noticed by anyone, I felt good walking around the Steam Era wearing it. I knew I had made someone happy by showing an interest in his stories, but also knew I was the one who had benefitted the most listening to what Mr. Kunkel had to say.

I was reminded that there's so much to be learned in life — if we'll only ask. Curiosity can often make the difference between a ho-hum experience and something truly memorable.

As kids begin to settle into their new routines for the school year, we should remember that though classroom learning is important, so are real-life experiences that are enhanced by asking questions.