



Dear Captain and Committee Member,

Another Relay For Life is finished and we are very happy and proud of the results of our efforts this year. You will find the figures for the Relay in the enclosed Newsletter. We want to express our appreciation for your role in making this Relay a success. It is your work and enthusiasm in raising money that enables the American Cancer Society to distribute funds to various research programs that are working to find new treatments for the many different kinds of Cancer and, eventually, a 'CURE' for all Cancer. On behalf of the millions of people who find help from the medicines, treatments, and diagnostic tools that we have today as a result of research, thank you very much for your help.

We wish you a wonderful summer. It is our hope that you will take a breather, enjoy the Fall and Winter holidays and come back next year to resume the fight again. Don't forget about your team members during this break. Keep in contact with them and you can even work on some of your fund raising ideas and use the holiday season to enhance your projects. It is never too early to get started for the coming Relay year. Be watching for your invitation to the first Captains' meeting, but if you don't get one, please don't hesitate to contact us. We want ALL of you back. The battle to defeat Cancer is so very important to all of us and to our families.

Again, thank you very much for your continued support in our search for a CURE.

Sincerely,

Relay For Life 2003 Committee

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There is no finish line until we find a Cure.....



It's A Relay For Life

It's a Relay For Life; yes, it's a life's celebration,
People of various experiences are on the track;
No one considers a partition of sex, race or age;
Just one community, with a bond that won't crack.

The goal is the same whether one is young or old;
We work to raise money for the search for a cure;
We realize our reward as the Survivors walk their lap;
Yes, we will triumph in Victory; of that we are sure.

Friends walk with friends and mothers with children,
Sharing games, music, and food throughout the night;
Strangers meet on the track and cultivate friendships;
As we join to honor life with a flame burning bright.

It's a Relay For Life; yes, it's a life's celebration,
Twelve hours for us to honor, remember, and share,
When the morning sun rises, Relay comes to a close,
With emotional farewells to our comrades who care.



Mark Your Calendars Now!!!

Relay For Life 2004

June 4-5, 2004

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Thank You

2003 Relay For Life Proceeds

Total gross proceeds \$85,865.40

Sponsors: \$12,140.00
Golf Tournament: \$ 6,505.65
Team fundraising: \$67,219.75

Thank You Donna!

Donna Maskus nominated Mary Braden for the Hays All American Citizen Award for her work as Relay For Life Team Captain, Committee Chairperson and Sunrise Spirits team member. Mary was selected for this award and was presented a plaque at the Wild West Fest on Saturday, July 5, 2003. Thank you, Donna, for your Nomination. This is a special gesture for Mary and also for the Relay. The presentation at a public event such as the Wild West Fest was a great opportunity to promote Relay For Life.

The Relay For Life Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped to raise this impressive amount, to all of our Sponsors, to all of the team participants who worked so hard to make the Relay successful, to all of the Committee members who worked all year on the Relay and the Golf Tournament, and a special 'Thank You' to all those people who donated luminaries for honors and remembrances, and a special 'thanks' to the ACS staff who were there at the Relay to help and support us.

American Cancer Society Staff Members.

A new staff member has been hired to replace Gordon Pfannenstiel. Michelle Shoff was welcomed to our area at the July 8 Committee meeting. Hopefully, you will meet Michelle at the first Captain's meeting for 2004. With her help, maybe we can get our team count back to 60 next year. For those of you who knew her, Sabra Clarke announced her retirement from American Cancer Society effective August 2003. We wish Sabra lots of wonderful days in her retirement. We will miss her tremendously!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Some of the Relay For Life Committee members have stepped down after several years of service to the Committee. New members are needed right away. The Committee needs people to generate new ideas and give them a refreshing and new outlook on the Relay. If you think you might be interested in serving on the Committee, contact Faye Blubaugh at 628-9872 for more information. Those members remaining on the Committee for 2004 include Faye Blubaugh, Mary Rohlf, Patti Scott, Becky Kiser, Mary Befort, Preston Caprez, Nancy Foiles, Sandra Henningson, Jan Edwards and Marge Schumacher.

This year a new award is being presented to teams who raised at least \$1500. The Team Fundraising Club pin will go to sixteen of the 2003 teams.

Eleven individuals raised more than \$1000 for the 2003 Relay For Life. They were presented with a special green t-shirt. They were also given a cool tote bag made and donated by Sherry Schmidt.

*Stacy Pfannenstiel: \$4390

*Carol Frye: \$1865

*Susan Rajewski: \$1296.12

*Faye Blubaugh: \$1210.50

*Mary Lou Pfannenstiel: \$1205

*Mary Braden: \$1154.12

*Mary Hawel: \$1105

*Joyce Sack: \$1092.12

*Jan Edwards: \$1017.24

*Nancy Foiles: \$1004

*Brandon Befort: \$1000

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Gold Pin Club – Raised \$5000 to \$10,000

Stacy's Heroes (Heartland Lumber)
Stacy Pfannenstiel, Captain \$6420.00

Greg's Guardians (Adronics Elrob, Inc)
Sheryle Robinson and Jeanetter Dreiling, Captains \$5213.85

Silver Pin Club – Raised \$3000 to \$5000

SRS Sunrise Spirits (Farmland Auction & Realty)
Susan Rajewski, Captain \$4566.98

Horseshoe Heroes (Horseshoe Bar & Grill)
Judy Stegman and Rachel Albin Captains \$4174.50

North Oak Crusaders (North Community Church)
Carol Frye, Captain \$3455.00

Emprise Bank Team (Emprise Bank)
Rita Younger, Captain \$3165.11

Dr. Kelly's Crusaders (Christine Kelly, MD)
Becky Becker and Jan Edwards, Captains \$3075.00

Ellis County Flames (Heartland Lumber)
Alberta Klaus and Donna Maskus, Captains \$3036.00

Bronze Pin Club – Raised \$1500 to \$3000

Flamin' Dragons (Flame Engineering of LaCrosse)
Tammy Schmidt and Betty Moore, Captains \$2104.06

LFC Blockbusters (LaCrosse Furniture Co.)
Joan Dreher and Kim Peach, Captains \$2445.00

Social Security (Dean Ellner, Rocky Feltis, Agent)
Mary Hawel, Captain \$1847.00

North Oak Warriors (North Oak Community Church)
Jan Walter and Rita Kofoid, Captains \$1781.94

Eternal Flame (Miller Trucking)
Rita Liggett and Kristi Miller, Captains \$1638.00

Nightingale Express (Dreiling Schmidt Cancer Center)
Helen Windholz, Captain \$1623.00

Mary Befort (Dale Befort Construction)
Mary Befort, Captain \$1549.25

Insurance Planning Team (Insurance Planning)
Mary Ann Randa and Martha Culbreath, Captains \$1506.50

We Will Never Forget

Becky Becker was one of the strongest, most courageous persons I have had the pleasure to call a friend. Becky was not one to mince words; she let you know when she thought something needed to be done. She once told me, "I am not a victim and I don't want to be called a victim." Becky could never be a 'victim'; she was a 'fighter'. As I am challenged with hard decisions in the future, I will have the inspiration of Becky's Faith, Hope and Courage to lead me through. I wrote this poem as a message 'to' Becky in the hope that she would know she had people around her to support her. Here the poem is re-written as a 'tribute' to Becky. Becky will be greatly missed.

In Memory of Becky

*Her Courage gave her strength to continue on,
Not allowing worldly forces to rule her life,
Becky's courage was a model of fortitude.
That kept her vigilant in the face of strife.*

*Her determination wouldn't let her stop trying,
Her immense stamina fought woe and despair,
No matter how tough the course was to travel,
Becky tenaciously determined to persevere.*

*Hope gave her a faith that miracles do happen,
And that only One knows what life would bring;
She looked forward to each day with reassurance,
Becky's Hope inspired love in our hearts to ring.*

*With Faith she placed herself in the Father's hands,
She had complete trust in God's promise of love;
Her Faith was unyielding, confident and steadfast;
For Becky securely embraced the wings of the Dove.*

*Becky is the emissary God sent to inspire us,
Her strength is a symbol of His almighty presence;
We can find His Spirit in her Faith and Courage,
Her Hope leads us on to God's divine Excellence.*

-- joyce 2003