

# PURPLE WARRIORS

## FIGHTING FOR A CURE

- FASHION FOR A CURE was a success! Special Thanks to The Middle Spoon in Town Square which donated \$420 of the proceeds to RFL. It was a lovely evening. The food was good and Middle Spoon is a nice place to go have a quiet drink. Thank you, John Henson, for organizing the event.
- YEAH, WE HAVE 11 TEAMS! We are off to a great start this year! We closed 2016 with 10 teams registered before the end of the year and another registered right after the new year. Welcome to the MEA Angels and Cooking for a Cure teams! We are so glad you have formed a team and joined us. Welcome back to our returning teams; Furious 10, Boot Scootin' Boobies, Team Aleheh and Team GREGG. We are so glad to have you back!!! Check out this newsletter for information on some of the upcoming fundraisers these teams already have schedule.
- THE GREATER FORT BEND RELAY is just 3 short months away! The website is up and running, so get yourself and your team registered. Relay For Life 2017 is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2017, at Mercer Stadium, 16403 Lexington in Sugar Land. Once again we will be relaying from noon to midnight.
- THIS YEAR'S GOAL is \$100,000. We can do this!!
- RELAY FOR LIFE SPONSORS – Gold Sponsor – National Forum for Black Public Administrators, Silver Sponsor – MD Anderson, and Signature Sponsor - NC Pipe Precast Products in Needville. We are thrilled to have you on our team. Be sure to thank them if you ever use their services or if you are just passing by.
- RELAY FOR LIFE OF GREATER FORT BEND came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in our division for new sponsors! Thank you so much to Lydia Bourg, Nick Deacon, and Sophia Schmidt for all of their hard work getting sponsors! It isn't too late to sponsor our Relay. If you have a business or you know a business that might be interested in sponsoring please contact Lydia Bourg ([lbourg@omsi.net](mailto:lbourg@omsi.net)). She will be happy to get a sponsorship packet to them. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> place award gets RFL of Greater Fort Bend a special banner to display at our event.
- FIRST TEAM CAPTAIN MEETING is January 14 at 10:00 AM at Karen Humphrey's home, 1719 S. Medio River Circle, Sugar Land.
- TEAM FURIOUS 10 is inviting you to join them for an evening of dinner and dancing on January 28 at the New Maharajah, 3711 Hwy. 6 in Houston from 6:30 PM – 2:30 AM. Check out the attached flyer for more details.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL PAINT YOUR WORLD PURPLE DANCING FOR A CURE is scheduled for Saturday, February 4, at Dancesport Club Houston, 11758 Southwest Freeway, Houston. The Momma's in Pajamas will be hosting this fun evening of dancing and entertainment. Enjoy dance showcases of some of some of Houston's award winning dancers. Dance to ballroom, swing, salsa, country, and more. Advertising space is available in the program for the dance event. Please contact Karen Humphrey at [KarenRFL@dlkeh.net](mailto:KarenRFL@dlkeh.net) for more information on advertising or tickets.
- BARK FOR LIFE. Is your dog registered for Bark for Life yet? Mine is! This is an event for you and your best friend. Bark For Life will take place at The Club at Riverstone from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on February 25, 2017. Bark For Life families and their dogs will come together to celebrate, remember, and honor cancer patients (human or canine). Each dog will receive a bandana for participating in this fun event. Enjoy parting to our DJ (by Best Entertainment), get your face painted or a fun balloon from our balloon artist. Hurry, get your dog signed up today at [relayforlife.org/barkriverstonetx](http://relayforlife.org/barkriverstonetx). Use coupon code BARK2017 to get \$5 off of your registration fee.
- ALONG WITH OUR Top Dog Sponsor, Lake Olympia Animal Hospital, we welcome Bow Wow Sponsors Woof Gang Bakery of Sugar Land and Best Entertainment and Sponsor Riverstone to our sponsor list. We are so happy to have you in our kennel! Be sure to thank these wonderful sponsors if you ever use their services or if you are just passing by.
- SURVIVOR LUNCHEON. Mark your calendar for March 18. All of our survivors and one of their caregivers are invited to join us for our annual Survivor Luncheon at Cross Creek Ranch, 6450 Cross Creek Bend Ln., Fulshear, Texas 77441. Food will be provided by Italian Maid Café. More information will be coming in the next newsletter.
- WE HAVE A FUNDRAISER SCHEDULED for January and two scheduled for February. Would your team volunteer for a fundraiser in March? April? Yes, we can continue having fundraisers after our Relay event. To help you, ACS has teamed up with local restaurants to hold Give Back Dinners. Give Back Dinners are simple ways for your team to raise funds. Go to <http://www.groupraise.com/sugarland> to check out participating restaurants. Simply choose a restaurant/date and schedule a fundraiser. Then, invite friends and family to eat and 15 - 33% of the sales will be donated back to Relay For Life of Greater Fort Bend. Don't forget when you schedule a date to send the information to [KarenRFL@dlkeh.net](mailto:KarenRFL@dlkeh.net) so it can be included in this newsletter. Fundraising couldn't be easier!
- THE holidays are over but there are still lots of great ideas for fundraising before our actual Relay event. For starters people need help getting all those wonderful Christmas decorations packed away; how about offering an "undecorating" service day? Valentine's Day will be here before you can turn around; how about a special heart shaped box on your desk at work to collect donations or maybe a special delivery service for balloons? Or maybe a Valentine's Pancake Breakfast at Church. There a lots of great ideas listed on Pinterest or think outside the box. Just don't forget to advertise in this newsletter. It' FREE! Send fundraising information to [KarenRFL@dlkeh.net](mailto:KarenRFL@dlkeh.net).

- REMINDER. Each team is asked to furnish a silent auction item for the night of Relay. Please start thinking about what your team might do. If you have any questions please contact Sylvia at [Harvestgreenld@nfcamenity.com](mailto:Harvestgreenld@nfcamenity.com).
- LUMINARIA CEREMONY VIDEO. It is time to start sending in pictures for our luminaria ceremony video. Send in pictures of loved ones who have survived cancer, are going through treatment, or who have died of cancer. If you have submitted a photo in the past of someone who has died it will already be included in the video, you do not need to resubmit it. All others must be resubmitted. I have no way of knowing if their status has changed. EVERYONE is welcome to submit photos of family, friends, or coworkers. Please include the persons name with each photo. Email your photo to [KarenRFL@dlkeh.net](mailto:KarenRFL@dlkeh.net) in jpg, tiff, or png format by March 18. DVDs from last year are available for a \$5 donation - just drop a note to [KarenRFL@dlkeh.net](mailto:KarenRFL@dlkeh.net) if you are interested.
- THIS newsletter is meant to share! Please share it with teammates, friends, and family. Let's keep everyone informed of what's going on. From January until Relay the newsletter will be published bimonthly.
- THE 2017 Event Lead Team (ELT) still needs your HELP! In order to have a successful Relay your ELT needs you. Unfortunately, we have lost a couple of key members of our team due to marriages and job changes. One person or a committee of people can hold these positions. At this time we need volunteers for the following ELT positions: Marketing, Online & Social Communication Lead (this could be 3 different people), Luminaria & Ceremonies Lead, Community Champion, Team Ambassadors, Experience Lead and Mission & ACS CAN Lead. As you can tell we really need a lot of help. Each of our current ELT members would also appreciate having help with their duties. Please reach into your heart and volunteer to help us create a great event. Contact Nick Deacon at [ndeacon@riverstone.com](mailto:ndeacon@riverstone.com) or Karen Humphrey at [KarenRFL@dlkeh.net](mailto:KarenRFL@dlkeh.net) to volunteer. We would love to have you join us.
- SNOWFEST Parade in Missouri City on December 3 was rained out. It looks like Missouri City has their parade the first weekend in December every year. Please pencil December 2, 2017, on your calendar to participate in next year's parade. As soon as we have a firm date I will let you know.
- LET'S MAKE 2017 OUR BEST RELAY EVER!! WE CAN DO THIS!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
January 10, 2017	6:30 pm	ELT Meeting	The Club at Riverstone 18353 University Blvd. Sugar Land
January 14, 2017	10:00 am	Team Captain Meeting	Karen Humphrey's home 1719 S. Medio River Circle Sugar Land
January 28, 2017	6:30pm – 2:30 am	Team Furious 10 Fundraiser	New Maharajah, 3711 Hwy.6, Houston
YOUR	TEAM	FUNDRAISING	EVENT
February 4, 2017	8:00 – 11:00 pm	Turn Our World Purple Dancing for a Cure	Dancesport 11758 Southwest Fwy., Houston
February 7, 2017	6:30 pm	ELT Meeting	The Club at Riverstone 18353 University Blvd. Sugar Land
February 11, 2017	10:00 am	Team Captain Meeting	Karen Humphrey's home 1719 S. Medio River Circle Sugar Land
February 25, 2017	9:00 am – 2 pm	Bark For Life	Riverstone Dog Park
YOUR	TEAM'S	FUNDRAISING	EVENT
March 1, 2017		DEADLINE FOR LUMINARIA LANTERN ORDERS	
March 7, 2017	6:30 pm	ELT Meeting	The Club at Riverstone 18353 University Blvd. Sugar Land
March 11, 2017	10:00 am	Team Captain Meeting	Karen Humphrey's home 1719 S. Medio River Circle Sugar Land
March 18, 2017	1:00 PM	Survivor Luncheon	Cross Creek Ranch 6450 Cross Creek Bend Ln., Fulshear, Texas 77441
March 21, 2017	6:30 pm	ELT Meeting	The Club at Riverstone 18353 University Blvd. Sugar Land
YOUR	TEAM'S	FUNDRAISING	EVENT
TBA	TBA	Bank/T-shirt Night	TBA
APRIL 1, 2017	NOON – MIDNIGHT	RELAY FOR LIFE PARTY TIME!!!	MERCER STADIUM 16403 LEXINGTON SUGAR LAND
TBA	TBA	Wrap up party	TBA