

PURPLE WARRIORS

FIGHTING FOR A CURE

January 16, 2017

- CORRECTION: WE HAD 12 TEAMS SIGNED UP WHEN WE STARTED 2017! As of the writing of this newsletter we have 13 teams and 30 participates. Welcome back Victorious Fighters 4-Life. We are so glad to have you back!!!
- THERE ARE 15 DAYS LEFT IN JANUARY. If we can register 1 team a day that would give us 28 teams. How about this for an incentive? The national organization is running a challenge that rewards recruiting new team members. The top 10 Relay events with the **largest overall growth of participates** registered online between Monday, January 16 – Sunday, January 22 will be eligible to win an Inflatable Relay Arch. According to the rules set up by ACS we qualify for their rule of having 10 participates by January 16 but we have to have **at least** 100 people registered by January 22 to qualify. Let's get those teams registered and get your team mates to register. Greater Fort Bend can do this!!! LET'S GET THAT ARCH!!! And there are other incentives. See more at <https://relaynation.relayforlife.org/leaderboard>.
- 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 are at just over \$6,000 now. We can beat that goal!!
- THANK YOU TO OUR 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. Be sure to thank them if you ever use their services or if you are just passing by.
- DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE A SPONSOR? Or do you know a business that might be interested in sponsoring? If so please contact Lydia Bourg (lbourg@omsi.net). She will be happy to get a sponsorship packet to you.
- OUR FIRST TEAM CAPTAIN MEETING was January 14 at 10:00. Thank you to Sophia Schmidt our ACS Partner for joining us. Thank you to Team Captains: Marlana Banco – Team Aleheh, Susan Davenport – Team GREGG, Trish Guerrero – JB and Me, Rhonda Johnson – Victorious Fighters 4-Life and Roslyn Lockett-Boyce – Team Boyce for taking time out of your Saturday to attend. WOW! Was it a great meeting! Here is what came out in the meeting:
 - 1) The general consensus was that we hated the last year's stormy weather but loved the venue.

- 2) There were several suggestions regarding our Emcee and the volume of the microphone system that will be taken to the ELT at our next meeting. We will try to fix those issues.
- 3) The games that teams set up were great fun for the kids. We need to do more of these.
- 4) We need to have our team tents closer to each other so there is more socializing with each other. Maybe everyone start setting their camps closer to the stage and work down the field.
- 5) Since this year we are Purple Warriors Fighting For A Cure we need to educate participants and visitors about cancer. In order to accomplish this goal each team is asked to pick a cancer and have information at their camps about early detection and treatment of that cancer. Along with the information each team is asked to purchase beads in the color of that cancer to be given out to Relay participant and visitors. A string and purple bead will be supplied by registration to get people started. People then can come by a team's campsite and play games or shop and pick up a bead to be added to their string. At the same time they can learn about the cancer your team has chosen. Having games at your booth encourages people to stay and talk. Please send you cancer choice to KarenRFL@dlkeh.net (A cancer /color chart and sign-up sheet will follow the calendar.)

I told you it was a great meeting!

- 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.
- 3rd ANNUAL PAINT YOUR WORLD PURPLE DANCING FOR A CURE is 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 by local amateur and professional dancers. Dance to ballroom, swing, salsa, country, and more. Advertising space is available in the program for the dance event. Please contact Karen at KarenRFL@dlkeh.net for more information on advertising or tickets.
- BARK FOR LIFE. Is your dog registered for Bark for Life yet? 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. Party to our DJ (by Best Entertainment), get your face painted or a fun balloon from our balloon artist. Enjoy performances by Houston Disk Dogs. Hurry, get your dog signed up today at relayforlife.org/barkriverstonetx. Use coupon code BARK2017 to get \$5 off of your registration fee. Or register yourself and adopt a dog for the event. Fort Bend and Missouri City Animal Shelter will be there with dogs to adopt for the event or forever.
- WELCOME BEST OF SHOW SPONSOR – Houston Disk Dogs! They are joining our Top Dog Sponsor – Lake Olympia Animal Hospital, Bow Wow Sponsors - Woof Gang Bakery of Sugar Land and Best Entertainment and Sponsor - Riverstone to our sponsor list.

Welcome to our kennel! Be sure to thank our wonderful sponsors if you ever use their services or if you are just passing by.

- TEAM ALEHEH GARAGE SALE will be held in March. Currently they are accepting donations for their garage sale. Contact Marlana at johnine_blanco@hotmail.com for more information
- WE HAVE A FUNDRAISER SCHEDULED for January, two in February and one coming in March. 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. There are lots of different ideas for fundraising. Give back dinners are only one. Don't forget when you schedule a date to send the information to KarenRFL@dlkeh.net so it can be included in this newsletter. Fundraising couldn't be easier!
- 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.
- GREAT DAY HOUSTON is giving our Bark For Life a spot on their show. Watch for future announcements for the date and time..
- WE HAVE A LUMINARIA AND CEREMONY LEAD!!! WELCOME PREMJIT ROY!
Premjit, we are so glad to have you on our 2017 Event Lead Team (ELT).

We still needs your HELP! In order to have a successful Relay your ELT needs you. Unfortunately, we need volunteers for the following ELT positions: Marketing, Online & Social Communication Lead (this could be 3 different people), Community Champion, Team Ambassadors, Experience Lead and Mission & ACS CAN Lead. As you can tell we really need a lot of help. We 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. 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 or Karen Humphrey at KarenRFL@dlkeh.net to volunteer. We would love to have you join us.

- 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.
- 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. Team captains and team participants are welcome to submit pictures of family, friends, or coworkers. Please let your team know we are doing this. Email your photo to KarenRFL@dlkeh.net in jpg, tiff, or png format by March 18. Please include the persons name with each photo. DVDs from last year are available for a \$5 donation - just drop a note to 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.
- DON'T FORGET SIGN UP YOUR TEAM BEFORE JANUARY 22! LET'S GET THAT INFLATABLE RELAY ARCH!!! LET'S MAKE 2017 OUR BEST RELAY EVER!! WE CAN DO THIS!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
January 28, 2017	6:30pm – 2:30 am	Team Furious 10 Fundraiser	New Maharajah, 3711 Hwy.6, Houston
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
March, 2017	TBA	Team Aleheh Garage Sale	TBA
March 1, 2017		DEADLINE FOR LUMINARIA LANTERN ORDERS	
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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

CANCER COLORS

TYPE OF CANCER	COLOR	TEAM
ALL CANCER	LAVENDER	
APPENDIX	AMBER	
BREAST	PINK	Team Boyce
BLADDER	MARIGOLD, BLUE & PURPLE	
BRAIN	GRAY	
CERVICAL	TEAL & WHITE	
CHILDHOOD CANCERS	GOLD	
COLON	DARK BLUE	
ESOPHAGEAL	PERIWINKLE	Team GREGG
GALLBLADDER/BILE DUCT	KELLY GREEN	
HEAD & NECK	BURGUNDY & IVORY	
KIDNEY	ORANGE	Mommas in Pajamas
LEIOMYOSARCOMA	PURPLE	
LEUKEMIA	ORANGE	
LIVER	EMERALD GREEN	
LUNG	WHITE	
LYMPHOMA	LIME	
MELANOMA	BLACK	
MULTIPLE MYELOMA	BURGUNDY	
OVARIAN	TEAL	
PROSTATE	LIGHT BLUE	
PANCREATIC	PURPLE	
SARCOMA/BONE	YELLOW	
STOMACH	PERIWINKLE	
TESTICULAR	ORCHID	
THYROID	TEAL, PINK & BLUE	
UTERINE	PEACH	

Oriental Trading post has a large selection of beads at an inexpensive price