

PURPLE WARRIORS

FIGHTING FOR A CURE

February 15, 2017

- LOTS OF NEW TEAMS!!!! In the last 2 weeks we have had 4 teams register! Welcome Team Rich's, Houston Area Ghostbusters, Walkers and MD Anderson Sugar Land. We are so glad to have you join us!!! With the addition of these four teams we have 18 teams and 45 participants. If you haven't registered...what are you waiting for? You don't want to miss out on all the fun of Relay. This year's Relay will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017, at Mercer Stadium, 16403 Lexington in Sugar Land. Once again we will be relaying from noon to midnight.
- THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS! We are so glad you have joined us in our fight. Our 2017 Relay For Life Sponsors are – Gold Sponsor – National Forum for Black Public Administrators, Silver Sponsor – MD Anderson, Signature Sponsor – NC Pipe Precast Products in Needville, and Bronze Sponsors - Early, McClintic and McMillan and Baker Mortgage. Be sure to thank these wonderful people 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. Deadline for sponsors to have their names put on our event t-shirt is February 28.
- TOP FUNDRAISING TEAMS - Mommas in Pajamas \$455, Boot Scootin' Boobies \$400 and Team Aleheh \$390.
- TOP FUNDRAISERS – Joanne Rein-Heedles \$400, Lydia Bourg \$300, and Nick Deacon \$250.
- THANK YOU TO Susan Davenport with Team Gregg, Marlana Blanco with Team Aleheh, Lydia Bourg with Sugar Land Steppers and Nick Deacon with Riverstone Development for taking time out of your Saturday to attend the Team Captain meeting. Nick updated us on the Bark For Life event. We were so busy visiting that I forgot to do the door prize drawing until after everyone left. I have prizes for Susan and Marlana. I will give them to you at the next meeting. Sorry about that.
- A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SYLVIA MORGESE, our silent auction lead, for attending the Team Captain meeting. Sylvia updated us on the silent auction. Please don't forget that every team is asked to donate an item to the auction. Items MUST be received before March 18. Please contact Sylvia at HarvestGreenLD@nfcamenity.com to make arrangements to deliver your auction items.

- **GOOD NEWS!** Double Daves Pizza and The Water Ice Factory Texas will be at Relay this year. So plan to purchase pizza for lunch and/or dinner and follow it with a wonderful Italian Ice treat. Yummy!
- **LUMINARIA PURCHASES** are now available for purchase online. However, not all of the choices for our Relay are listed. There seems to be a delay in getting them on the website. The Fort Bend Relay is the following options: the White bag for \$10, the Purple bag for \$20, the Gold bag for \$25 and the Lantern for \$100. The bags will have the names of the person they are dedicated to printed on them and, when Relay is, over participates are welcome to take their bags home with them. Lanterns will have a wood plaque carved with the name of the person it is dedicated for. The plaque can be taken home by the purchaser at the end of Relay, but please leave the lanterns. The deadline to purchase the Lanterns is March 1. Attached you will find order forms for our luminarias. Please print the forms and offer these options to people.
- **LUMINARIA CEREMONY VIDEO.** It is time to start sending in pictures for our luminaria ceremony video. Send 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, you do not need to resubmit it; it will already be included in the video. All others must be resubmitted since 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.
- **CURRENT FUNDRAISERS PLANNED FOR THE DAY OF RELAY:** Team Aleheh will have a giant luminaria bag for you to dedicate a light for your loved one as well as chips and drinks. Sugar Land Steppers will be selling Tree of Life pendants and Pet Rocks to decorate. Mommas in Pajamas will be selling pillowcase and having a drawing for a quilt. What is your team planning?
- **WATCH GREAT DAY HOUSTON ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23!** GDH is giving our Bark For Life a spot on their show!
- **BARK FOR LIFE IS JUST A FEW DAYS AWAY!** Bark For Life is for you and your dog. Even if you don't have a dog, please join us at Bark For Life. The Fort Bend and Missouri City Animal Shelter will be there with dogs to adopt for the event (or forever). 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. Food trucks will be there for your dogs and yourself. Bark For Life families and their dogs will come together to celebrate, remember, and honor cancer patients (human or canine). Bark will take place at The Club at Riverstone from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on February 25, 2017. 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.
- **THANK YOU TO OUR BARK FOR LIFE SPONSORS -** Top Dog Sponsor – Lake Olympia Animal Hospital, Best of Show Sponsor - Houston Disk Dogs, Bow Wow Sponsors - Woof Gang

Bakery of Sugar Land and Best Entertainment and Sponsor - Riverstone. We are so glad to have you in our kennel! Be sure to thank our wonderful sponsors if you ever use their services or if you are just passing by.

- SURVIVOR LUNCHEON. 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 on Saturday, March 18 at 1:00 PM. Food will be provided by Italian Maid Café. (They provided the food for the VIP tent at the Taylor Swift and Bruno Mars concert.) Attached is a copy of the invitation. Please feel free to print it and pass it out to your survivors. We would love to have them join us.
- TEAM ALEHEH GARAGE SALE will be held Saturday, March 18. Currently they are accepting donations for their garage sale. Contact Marlana at johnine_blanco@hotmail.com for more information donating items.
- 3rd ANNUAL PAINT YOUR WORLD PURPLE DANCING FOR A CURE, originally scheduled for February 4, has been postponed. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 20, 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.
- WE HAVE A FUNDRAISER SCHEDULED for February, one in March and one in May. Would your team volunteer for a fundraiser in March? April? Yes, we can continue having fundraisers after our Relay event. Don't forget that ACS has teamed up with local restaurants to hold Give Back Dinners. Give Back Dinners are simple ways for your team to raise funds. You can go to <http://www.groupraise.com/sugarland> to check out participating restaurants. Give back dinners are only one way to raise funds. You can check out Pinterest for some great ideas. 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 can be easy and fun!
- THE NEXT ELT MEETING IS TUESDAY, MARCH 7. We still need your HELP! In order to have a successful Relay your ELT needs you. 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. 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.
- OUR NEXT TEAM CAPTAIN MEETING is March 11 at 10:00. Please join us for coffee and snacks at the home of Karen Humphrey, 1719 S. Medio River Circle. We are trying to make arrangements for a walk through at Mercer Stadium the week before Relay, but at this point we

have not heard from our contact at the school district. If we don't get the walk through, March 11 will be our final meeting before Relay. Our last meeting and the walk through are very important meetings. Please plan to be at the March 11 meeting.

- DON'T FORGET to pick out a cancer for your team to represent at Relay. I have attached a cancer /color chart and sign-up sheet following the calendar. Please send you cancer choice to KarenRFL@dlkeh.net
- 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.
- This year's goal is \$100,000. We are only just over \$8,600 now. We can beat that goal!!
- DON'T FOR GET SIGN UP YOUR TEAM!
- 43 DAYS UNTIL RELAY!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
February 23, 2017	9:00 am	Great Day Houston	KHOU Channel 11
February 25, 2017	9:00 am – 2 pm	Bark For Life	Riverstone Dog Park
March 1, 2017		DEADLINE FOR \$100 LUMINARIA LANTERN ORDERS	
March 7, 2017	6:30 pm	ELT Meeting	The Club at Riverstone 18353 University Blvd. Sugar Land
YOUR	TEAM	FUNDRAISING	EVENT
March 11, 2017	10:00 am	Team Captain Meeting	Karen Humphrey's home 1719 S. Medio River Circle Sugar Land
March 18, 2017	TBA	Garage Sale	TBA
March 18, 2017	1:00 PM	Survivor Luncheon	Cross Creek Ranch 6450 Cross Creek Bend Ln., Fulshear, Texas 77441
March 18, 2017		DEADLINE FOR SILENT AUCTION ITEMS TO BE TURNED IN	Sylvia at HarvestGreenLD@nfcamenity.com
March 18, 2017		DEADLINE FOR PHOTOS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR LUMINARIA CEREMONY	Karen at KarenRFL@dlkeh.net
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
May 20, 2017	8:00 – 11:00 pm	Turn Our World Purple Dancing for a Cure	Dancesport 11758 Southwest Fwy., Houston

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	Furious 10
COLON	DARK BLUE	
ESOPHAGEAL	PERIWINKLE	Team GREG
GALLBLADDER/BILE DUCT	KELLY GREEN	
HEAD & NECK	BURGUNDY & IVORY	
KIDNEY	ORANGE	Mommas in Pajamas
LEIOMYOSARCOMA	PURPLE	
LEUKEMIA	ORANGE	Team Aleheh
LIVER	EMERALD GREEN	
LUNG	WHITE	
LYMPHOMA	LIME	
MELANOMA	BLACK	
MULTIPLE MYELOMA	BURGUNDY	Sugar Land Steppers
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