

PURPLE WARRIORS

FIGHTING FOR A CURE

March 1, 2017



Barkley leading the parade

- BARK FOR LIFE 2017 IS A SUCCESS!!!!
And so much fun! The current estimate is 100–125 dogs and 400-500 humans participated - fantastic for a first time event! At this time Bark raised just over \$4,000. We are hoping to see a little more money come in still. Congratulations to Nick Deacon, Sylvia Morgese and Sophia Schmidt! Great Job!

- THANK YOU AGAIN TO OUR BARK

FOR LIFE SPONSORS - Top Dog Sponsor – Lake Olympia Animal Hospital, Best of Show Sponsor - Houston Disc 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.

- MORE RELAY FOR LIFE TEAMS!!!! Welcome new teams, Alyssa Wins and Elisk Skills USA! Also, welcome back Exchange Club of Sugar Land. We are so glad to have you join the fight!!! With the addition of these three teams we have 21 teams and 59 participants. We are officially one month away from Relay so now is the time to hit the ground running! Register today at Relayforlife.org/greaterfortbend! 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.
- TOP FUNDRAISING TEAMS - Mommas in Pajamas \$1,423, Team Boyce of Covenant Glen \$719 and Team Aleheh \$615.
- TOP FUNDRAISERS – Karen Humphrey \$596, Jennifer Humrichouse \$405 and Joanne Rein-Heedles \$400.

- 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 offers 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, participants 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. At this time there have been no pictures sent in for the video. Please 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.
- EACH TEAM IS ASKED TO DONATE AN ITEM TO THE SILENT AUCTION. As in the past each team is asked to donate one or more items to the silent auction. Items **MUST** be received before March 18 so we can order tables. You are welcome to bring your auction items to our next Team Captain meeting or contact Sylvia at HarvestGreenLD@nfcamenity.com to make arrangements to deliver your auction items.
- 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
- WE WILL HAVE FOOD AT RELAY!! Double Dave's Pizza and The Water Ice Factory Texas will be at Relay this year. Please pass the word to your teammates. These businesses are supporting Relay, so lets try to support them. Please plan to purchase pizza for lunch and/or dinner and follow it with a wonderful Italian Ice treat. Yummy!
- FUN PLANS FOR RELAY! Solomon has been busy planning some great competitions and activities for this years Relay. Here are a few that you and your team may want to take the time to prepare for: Purple Warrior Costume Contest, Purple Warrior Booth Contest and a Driving Contest. Check out the list of fun things he has planned for us that has been attached to this newsletter.
- 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?

While out delivering information regarding Bark, I visited with Balloon 'N Novelty, 4611 S. Main in Stafford. They have several very inexpensive game rentals (\$10 - \$35) for a 24 hour period. There is also a "Bra" pong game sitting in the storage room at ACS that we can borrow if anyone wants to use it. Please contact me at KarenRFL@dlkeh.net if you are interested.

- 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, 7 AM – 5 PM at 2902 Meadowgrass Ln., Houston 77082. Currently they are accepting donations for their garage sale. Contact Marlana at [johnine blanco@hotmail.com](mailto:johnine_blanco@hotmail.com) for more information donating items.
- VICTORIOUS FIGHTERS 4-LIFE will be at Bistro on Cartwright Rd. and Cypress Point collecting money and promoting Relay on Saturday, March 18 12 Noon until they are tired.
- 3rd ANNUAL PAINT YOUR WORLD PURPLE DANCING FOR A CURE 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.
- DOES YOUR TEAM HAVE A FUNDRAISER SCHEDULED? Currently we have 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 10:00am. 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.
- WALK THROUGH THE STADIUM on Saturday, March 25 at 10:00 AM. We will have a final Team Captain meeting before Relay at the walk through. Please watch for more information on this meeting. We are trying to tie it in with T-shirt/Bank “Night”. If the t-shirts arrive early enough we will try to have them ready for Team Captains to pick up at that meeting. Our March 11 meeting and the walk through are very important meetings. Please plan to be at the them meeting.
- 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!
- 31 DAYS UNTIL RELAY!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
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	7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Garage Sale	2902 Meadowgrass Ln. Houston, TX 77082
March 18, 2017	1:00 PM	Survivor Luncheon	Cross Creek Ranch 6450 Cross Creek Bend Ln., Fulshear, Texas 77441
March 18, 2017	12:00 PM	Victorious Fighters 4-Life	Bistro parking lot Cartwright Rd and Cypress Point
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
TBA	6:30 pm	ELT Meeting	The Club at Riverstone 18353 University Blvd. Sugar Land
March 25, 2017	10:00 AM	Final Team Captain meeting Walk through at Mercer	Mercer Stadium 16403 Lexington 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	Victorious Fighters for Life
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

RELAY FOR LIFE ACTIVITIES

Competitions

- **Purple Warrior Costume Contest:** best costume awards
- **Purple Warrior Booth Contest:** best booth awards
- **Cancer Trivia:** answering question pertaining to cancer, Relay for Life, and the event.
- **Barkley Competition:**
 - 1) Three legged race, water balloon toss, gift unwrapping, hula hoop, red/light green/light
- **Frozen T-shirt Contest:** taking a frozen t-shirt a apart
- **Driving Contest:**
 - 1) Each team will need to make a car using a cardboard box.
 - 2) One person from your team will run a lap around the track with the box/car around them
 - 3) Points will go to first, second, and the third place winner
 - 4) The car that look the best will also get points



Activities

- Make some noise lap: each team will walk a lap around making as much noise as possible
- Walk with Barkley: taking pictures with Barkley while walking around the lap
- Line Dancing
- Balloon twist
- Face Painters
- Pie in the Face: this is the time where you will be able to show your Team Captain how much you appreciate them by giving them a pie in the face.
- Roller Coaster Ride