



Women's Cancer Task Force

Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center

June/July 2002

Mission Statement: Empowering women, through knowledge and support, to gain optimal health.

Secret Sister's Society Luncheon & Style Show



Don't miss this exciting event sponsored by the **Women's Cancer Task Force of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center**. This event will also kick off the membership in the "Secret Sister's Society".

Have lunch with your friends, enjoy a wonderful style show, take home some "goodies" and be among the first to join the "Secret Sister's Society"

WHEN: Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Time: Twelve O'clock noon

Where: The Athletic & Convocation Center
University of Notre Dame

Costs: Tickets
\$25 per ticket/Tables of eight

Where to get tickets or reserve a table??

Call the Women's Task Force Office at 574-472-6095 for more information.

Visit our Website at www.womenstaskforce.org or visit the SJRMC "To Your Health" store at University Park Mall after September 1st.

Co-emcees for the Style Show

Tricia Sloma, WNDU
TV/Morning show

Dr. Michael Method, Director of Oncology
Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center

Chairperson

Linda Stewart-Herter

Honorary Co Chairpersons for this event:

Bette Clark, breast cancer survivor & wife of Bobby Clark, N.D. Men's Soccer Coach

Kim Willingham, Wife of Ty Willingham,
N.D. Football Coach

All the models in this style show are cancer survivors. They are actively involved in their communities and are anxious to show you the latest fashions from the following retailers:

Ann Taylor
Casual Corners
Lane Bryant
Petite Sophisticates
Banana Republic
Victoria's Secret
Inspired & Fired

A special thank you to Atria II Salon for the hair designs for the models and to L.S. Ayres and Clinique, Lancome, Este Lauder and Perscriptives for the model's make-up. There will be special "goodie- bags" for all the attendees.

Underwriting Update

We had set our underwriting goals for the event at \$50,000. As of July 31st we were at \$22,400.

A special gift of all the printing has been generously donated by **Express Press**, Brian & Sandy Clauser, owners. Sandy is a member of the Women's Task Force.

Major Underwriter

Gaska Tape, Inc.

Jack Boyd Smith, Jr.
Judy and John Bond

Wisdom Sponsor

(gift of \$5,000)

Juan Garcia, M.D.

Northern Indiana Oncology Associates

Knowledge Sponsor

(gift of \$2,500)

University of Notre Dame
Rev. Timothy Scully, C.S.C.
Executive Vice-President



Awareness Sponsors

(gift of \$1,000)

South Bend Medical Foundation

The Alumni Association of the University of Notre Dame
Breast Cancer Awareness Project.

Jeanette Burkhart-Miller

Patron Tables

(gift of \$500)

- University of Notre Dame-Rev. Richard Warner, C.S.C
- Cressy & Everett
- Press Gainey Associates- Mel Hall
- The Robert & Kathleen Welsh Foundation
- Cramer Masonry -Larry & Patricia Cramer
- 1st Source Bank
- G. Thanos Properties-Gus & Terri Thanos
- Daniel White, DDS. P.C./ Dan & Nancy White
- Key Bank

Survivor Table

(gift of \$300)

- Saint Mary's College /President Marilou Eldred
- The Hickey Group, Inc.
- Notre Dame Department of Athletics/ Bubba Cunningham
- Teachers Credit Union
- Place Builders, New Construction/ Andy Place
- OB Gyn Associates of Northern Indiana P.C- Dr. Mark Harmon
- X-Ray Consultants, Inc.
- Troeger & Associates

Please Note: These supporters have donated so that survivors may attend free of charge. We are targeting all cancer survivors who would like to attend but perhaps cannot do so because of cost. Please contact Florita Fonacier at 574 233-9156, Bernice Freeman 574-234-3406 or the Women's Task Force desk 472-6095 with names and addresses so that we may arrange seating. You may also e-mail us at Lennon j@sjrmc.com

Proceeds:

This event will raise funds to assist women in receiving mammography services in our community. Targeting women who are underinsured or without health insurance, we have learned that a growing number of women do not qualify for those early detection services through other assistance programs.

**Women's Task Force Partners
with Community Services of SJRMC**

The Women's Cancer Task Force has been working closely with the Saint Joseph Health Center, the Healthy Families Center, the SJRMC Family Practice Residency Program, the Edison Lakes Women's Health & Resource Center, and The Center for Women's Health, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, and To Your Health at University Park Mall. Representatives of these programs have been serving on the steering committee of the Task Force as we plan for our September event and will be instrumental in accessing clients who can benefit from the mammography services. We are most grateful to Carla Bice, Norma Napoli, Peggy Heibel, Becky Gudorf, Julie Moore, Patty Marquardt and Michael Bovee for their dedication to the underserved in our community. They truly reflect the commitment of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center to the mission of service. We are most grateful for their support of the task force.

Join the "Secret Sisters Society"

The Secret Sisters Society is a special opportunity to sponsor a woman and perhaps save a life. The secret Sisters fund will allow women in need, who don't qualify for existing programs, due to age, income or other guidelines, to receive mammograms. These are women who may be working but don't have access to health insurance...newly divorced women or widowed women without insurance for the first time or women who simply can't afford the insurance coverage available to them. These women are at great risk, because early detection is the key to survival. By donating \$50 to help underserved women get mammograms; participants can become a Secret Sister and receive special benefits.

Membership Benefits

- ❖ Sponsorship of a mammogram for a sister in need
- ❖ Secret Sisters Society T-shirt
- ❖ Special invitations to classes and events at "To your Health"
- ❖ Subscription to the SJRMC Women's Cancer Task Force Newsletter

The Secret Sisters Society is a program of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center's Women's Cancer Task Force. It is open to everyone in the community! See the last page of the newsletter for information on how you can join.



TASK FORCE COMMERCIALS

The commercials regarding early signs of Ovarian Cancer continue to run on local stations and cable, now as Public Service Announcements (PSA's). As we look toward September (Gynecological cancer month) and October (Breast Cancer awareness) the Women's Task Force with Dr. Method's direction has been working to develop a new video, which would target misinformation relating to women and cancer. In the planning stages with Lou Pierce of Big Ideas Company, many of the ideas and content of this video are based on concerns women on the task force have expressed concerning the "myths" and "misconceptions" which keep women from early detection. If we believe in the goal as expressed by Dr. Method in our April/May Newsletter, "to reduce the cancer burden in our community", then "empowering women through knowledge" is essential.

To this end, we need your ideas on commonly held misconceptions that you personally experienced or that you have heard expressed by friends. Perhaps it was something that kept you from an earlier detection of cancer. Lou & Dr. Method are asking for our ideas. You may fax them to me at 237-7999 or call the task force office. You may also bring them to our September 4th meeting. If not incorporated in the video, they will be used on our expanded website www.womenstaskforce.org.

GYNA-GIRLS OVARIAN CANCER SUPPORT

The Gyna-Girls are working on an initiative for gynecological cancer month. September 6 & 7th the Notre Dame Women's Rowing Team will join both Gyna Girls and the Life Goes On support group in distributing information on Ovarian Cancer and early detection. This is a N.D. home football game and the groups will be working from a location at the Eck Center Visitors Center (next to the Bookstore) on the Notre Dame Campus.

They will be distributing ovarian cancer information, "teal" pins, and N.D. cookbooks donated by the Alumni Association. In addition, the women's team will have a shell and a simulator to draw visitors over to the informational tables.

The N.D. Women's team has a special interest in this cause, since one of their former coaches passed away after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer.

The Gyna-Girls have also put the finishing touches on their packets for newly diagnosed patients. Becky Morris has been working hard on this project and has enjoyed the cooperation of Dr. Method's office staff in this endeavor.

Nancy White will be meeting with Mary Jo Halbritter to have more aprons in additional colors ready to be sold at the Secret Sisters Society Luncheon in September.

What Cancer Cannot Do

*Cancer is so limited...
It cannot cripple Love
It cannot shatter Hope
It cannot corrode Faith
It cannot destroy Peace
It cannot kill Friendship
It cannot suppress Memories
It cannot silence Courage
It cannot invade the Soul
It cannot steal eternal Life
It cannot conquer the Spirit.*

Author Unknown

FUTURE MEETING DATES

All meetings are at 12 noon and in the Radiation Oncology Conference Room, Suite 100, Pavilion II, 707 E. Cedar)

- Wednesday, September 4th
- Wednesday, October 2nd
- Wednesday, November 6th
- Wednesday, December 4th

VISION

The Women's Cancer Task Force is made up of women cancer survivors who have come together to raise awareness and develop initiatives regarding women's health issues. Initiatives include recommending and implementing programs that relate to women and cancer, promoting early detection, explaining treatment options, providing supportive care and celebrating survivorship.

SECRET SISTERS SOCIETY



Sponsor a Woman – Save a Life

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MEMBER INFORMATION

**\$50.00 minimum donation

- I want to be a part of the Secret Sisters Society.
- I want to purchase a Secret Sister Society membership as a gift.
- I am joining in honor of... _____
- I am joining in memory of... _____

Name of Secret Sister Society member:

Name of Purchaser *(if different than member)*

Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- Please notify this person of this gift
(no amount will be mentioned)

- Check or Money Order Visa Mastercard Discover American Express

Account Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Please make check payable to **Saint Joseph Women’s Cancer Task Force, 707 E. Cedar St., Suite 150, Pavilion II, South Bend, Indiana, 46617.**

Through the Saint Joseph Care Foundation, we are qualified by the IRS to receive charitable gifts for Saint Joseph. Your gift is fully tax-deductible as provided by law. Value of Secret Sister Society benefits is \$20.00.