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OGCC RHONDA'S CLUB

Ovarian & Gynecologic Cancer Coalition

2014 Annual Report

A Message From Our Board Chair

Dear Friends,

In 2014, OGCC/Rhonda's Club commemorated its 18th year of battling gynecologic cancers. We celebrated with more than 50 survivors and friends at our third annual Survivors Tea to honor six founders of the gynecologic cancer awareness movement. Throughout the year, we have focused our activities on the following areas of need:

Patient Support

We distributed tote bags filled with medical information and comfort items to women newly diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

We made a \$10,000 grant to Washington Hospital Center to provide direct financial assistance to gynecologic cancer patients with financial needs.

Education

We reached out to the Washington metropolitan community at health fairs and conferences in 2014 through events at:

- Alfred Street Baptist Church
- Washington Hebrew Congregation
- Kettering/Largo/Mitchellville Health Fair
- Ovarian Cancer National Alliance
- Globeathon to End Women's Cancers
- Foundation for Women's Cancer regional seminar

We taught Survivors Teaching Students: Saving Women's Lives[®] to 440 medical students.

Support for Research

We pledged to raise \$25,000 over four years for Stand Up To Cancer's newly formed Ovarian Cancer



Rhonda's Club supporters at the Race to End Women's Cancers.

Dream Team.

We thank all of you who have given generously of your time, energy and funds. Together we will continue to work toward the day when all gynecologic cancers will be diagnosed at early stages, and women will have access to quality medical information and care and ultimately, a cure.

Wishing you good health,
JoAnn Symons



OGCC's Clare Donelan presents grant to Patricia Weeks-Coulthurst at Washington Hospital Center Foundation.

Survivors Celebrate at 3rd Annual Survivors Tea

September's events commemorating gynecologic cancer awareness month culminated with our third annual Survivors Tea on Sunday, September 14 at Ris restaurant in Washington's West End. We honored six founders of the gynecologic cancer awareness movement, both locally and nationally. Our honorees were:

- Clare Donelan
- Pat Goldman
- Ann Kolker
- Ann Mason
- Charlotte Naschinski
- Mary Jackson Scroggins

We applaud these women and those who joined them along the way to advocate for gynecologic cancer awareness, better treatments, financial and emotional support for survivors, access to quality medical care, and support for research.

Our thanks to Mid-Atlantic Gynecologic Oncology and Pelvic Surgery Associates for their generous support of the Tea. We also thank Ris Lacoste and her talented staff for preparing a delicious bounty of

The 3rd Annual Survivors Tea



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treats for us, accompanied by fragrant teas selected by Laurie Bell, a certified tea specialist with Great Falls Tea. Laurie gave an interesting talk about the history of tea. AJ Campbell, principal in the graphic design firm CoSynergy, designed the beautiful invitations.

Survivors Teaching Students: Saving Women's Lives®

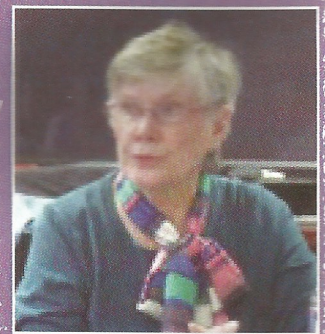
In 2014, OGCC/Rhonda's Club volunteers taught Survivors Teaching Students: Saving Women's Lives® to 440 third year medical students and physician assistant students in 18 classes at Johns Hopkins, Georgetown, and George Washington University medical schools.

Ovarian cancer survivors present their stories with the goal of helping students to learn to diagnose ovarian cancer in its earliest, most treatable stages. If you would you like to learn more about educating the next generation of health providers about ovarian cancer, contact us at ogccemail@gmail.com.

We would like to acknowledge the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance (OCNA) for funding the STS® program with support from the Entertainment Industry Foundation, Vermillion, and the Rosenthal Family Foundation.

Tribute to Fran Stolusky

Rhonda's Club lost a dear friend and colleague when Fran Stolusky passed away on November 4, 2014. Fran will always be remembered as an active and long standing member of the board of Rhonda's Club and as the trainer and manager of our Survivors Teaching Students: Saving Women's Lives® classes for many years. She mentored scores of women to share their stories of survival with medical students. Fran also participated in countless health fairs, fundraising walks, and conferences. Fran was there through it all, and she always got the job done. We all miss her deeply.



Race to End Women's Cancer

On Sunday morning, November 2, Team Rhonda's Club was proud to join the National Race to End Women's Cancer in Washington, DC. The 5K Race and one mile walk is an annual event sponsored by the Foundation for Women's Cancer. Survivors, their families and friends, surgeons, and other members of the community came out in large numbers on a windy morning to raise funds for awareness, educational resources, and research to end all gynecologic cancers.

Thank you to Team Rhonda's Club and our sponsors for your support!

Stand Up to Cancer (SU2C) Ovarian Cancer Dream Team

OGCC/Rhonda's Club has joined a national coalition of ovarian cancer advocates committed to raising \$6 million to fund a

new research initiative creating an Ovarian Cancer Dream Team under the auspices of Stand Up To Cancer



(SU2C). We have pledged to raise \$25,000 over the next four years. Our first contribution in 2015 is being given in memory of Toni Dvoranchik, a long-time Rhonda's Club volunteer and donor who raised thousands of dollars for ovarian cancer research.

The SU2C model brings together leaders from across disciplines, institutions, and specialties to compete against cancer instead of each other. Its accelerated three-year research plan is geared toward breaking through obstacles to early detection, better treatments, and new drugs. To learn more about SU2C, go to <http://www.standup2cancer.org/>.

To contribute to OGCC's pledge for the Ovarian Cancer Dream Team of SU2C, send a check payable

to OGCC with "SU2C" on the memo line to: OGCC, PO Box 12504, Arlington, VA 22219.

Survivor Education

One of OGCC's first programs was a series of survivor education seminars with local gynecologic oncologists and researchers about trends in the diagnosis and treatment of ovarian cancer. These sessions were invaluable to women searching for answers at a time when the Internet was just emerging as a source of medical information. Since then, advances in technology have brought webinars into our homes, offering both convenience and comfort to those seeking information. These online sessions offer medical professionals from across the country speaking on topics such as clinical trials, genetic testing, and new therapeutics.

To learn more, view a schedule of new webinars and those archived over the last few years at these sources:

- 1) Ovarian Cancer National Alliance (OCNA) at: <http://ovariancancer.org/resources/webinar-series/>
- 2) Ovarian Cancer Research Fund (OCRF) at: <http://www.ocrf.org/ovarian-cancer-research/ocrf-webinar-series-new-page>
- 3) Sharsheret webinar on "Researching, Accessing, and Participating in Clinical Trials" on February 25 at 8:00 pm (EST). For more information and to register, email webinar@sharsheret.org or call 866-474-2774.

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In 2014, OGCC had expenses of \$24,410. Total revenues were \$24,283 of which \$22,249 was given by generous supporters. We were honored to have received major contributions from the Independent Order of Oddfellows Grand Lodge of New Jersey and the Debley Foundation as well as the individuals and organizations on the following page:

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