



February, 2010 Volume 2, Issue 1 Power 4 Pink P.O. Box 1034

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President's Review of 2009

We officially became a Not-for-Profit organization and recognized by the State of Ohio on April 6, 2009.

Power 4 Pink was formed with a core group of people who came with purpose and served giving their all for the cause. This group of men and women are very dedicated and willing to do whatever it takes to help make this organization successful and strong in our community. It is because of their continued commitment that Power 4 Pink is a thriving and growing organization.

Three fundraisers were held during our 1st year: The bus trip to Windsor in Feb, our golf outing event in June, and finally the bowling event in Oct. As with any new organization, we have learned from our mistakes, which will only make us stronger. However, we got better in organization and presentation with each event. Our sponsors and participants were generous beyond belief.

Our website is in its infancy stage and will be available very soon.

Overall, the organization can only grow and improve because of the dedication given by our very dynamic group of individuals committed to this organization and our mission.

Our Mission:

To provide patients who are diagnosed with breast cancer support and resources to improve the quality of their life. To provide relief to this individual by arming them with a comprehensive list of available resources that will encompass all possible aspects of medical and personal care.

Logo Bags

The organization has "Support Bags" for those going through cancer treatment. The Bags include the newsletter, Power 4 Pink organization information, a journal, supportive and inspirational books, coupons for spa treatments, information on local wig stores, etc. The Bags will be given out to those in need by Dr. Beverly Paige. Power 4 Pink will continue to provide The "Support Bags" and the contents will continue to evolve.

Upcoming Fundraising Events Schedule:

2nd Annual P4P Golf Outing - Grey Hawk Golf Club - Saturday, June 26, 2010. Enjoy a 4-person scramble format of golf on one of Ohio's premier courses. For \$95 per person, you will enjoy continental breakfast, lunch "at the turn", dinner, and 18-holes of golf and cart.

Poker Run – For the motorcycle enthusiasts will be held late summer. Look for more information.

Survivor's Picnic – We are hoping to gather at the Community Hospital Cancer Center (previously Ireland Cancer Center) in the summer months. We will have more information as we approach the summer months.

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Officers:

- Marcy L. Calvert,
 President
- Lori Koethe, Vice-President
- Mary A. Feakins, Secretary
- Nikki Hamrick, Treasurer
- Lidia Ganobcik, Sgt-At-Arms
- Kathy Shupp, Director

Kemosabe Korner ----- a Co-survivor's thoughts....

The older I get, the more I experience breast cancer and other forms of cancer, the most recent being my brother's prostate cancer. And as of last week, he is 'cancer free'. However, when I first heard the news, I didn't "freak" out, probably because of the education and the information that is available to read. Obviously, hearing you have cancer is frightening, but my brother was amazingly calm throughout the entire process. The medical field has made great strides in this area, the doctors offering several options for eradicating his cancer.

But my first realization that cancer will affect "one in four" people hit me almost 11 years ago. One of my friends of 30+

years was diagnosed with breast cancer.

11 years ago, I wasn't very educated on the subject of breast cancer and I assumed I was going to lose a 'lifelong' friend.

However, through chemo and radiation treatments, and oral medications, I am happy to say that she is very much here and still enjoys giving me a hard time when she can.

Since then, there have been several people in my life, family and friends, whom have contracted cancer and have been conquering their battles. But this road is not an easy one. Education and support is important for anyone going through this disease.

That is what our organization has set out to do, help educate and support those people fighting this battle here in Lorain County. Join our cause. The more people we have involved, the more we raise awareness and share the information we have gathered.

Make your fight, our fight! We are here to help you.

Susan G. Komen designates a person affiliated with a cancer survivor as "co-survivor". Tonto, faithful friend to the Lone Ranger, called him Kemosabe. May we all be a <u>Chemo</u>sabe to those survivors dear to us!

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Upcoming Fundraising Events Schedule 2010 (con't):

Sunday, October 24, 2010 is the tentative date that Rebman's Recreation Bowling Center will be hosting the 2nd Annual Bowl-A-Thon to raise funds for the Power 4 Pink organization to be able to help people in Lorain County deal with breast cancer. Rebman's will be providing **three (3) hours** of bowling, a **food buffet**, bowling ball and shoe rental all for **only** \$25.00 per person, or \$15.00 per children 12 and under. Door prizes will also be available.

Tickets will be available from Power 4 Pink or Rebman's Recreation. For additional information, you can call Power 4 Pink at 440-654-8420 and leave a message. We will call you back as soon as possible.

The Vision

The beginning of my journey with breast cancer was extremely frightening. But, I had insurance, wonderful doctors, the very best care, and family and friends that people only hope to have in their corner when facing uncertainty.

Now that I have met the challenge of this life changing disease, I feel that I need to give back to those who may face this battle. The cost is earth shattering to say the least. I have great insurance, but waiting for approval for treatment is an interesting concept. I do not know what I would have done if my insurance company would have denied my treatment.

There are so many without adequate insurance or none at all. I believe that those without financial resources need to have the same ability to fight this disease as I did. As I sat in the cancer center, I began to envision the concept of the **Power 4 Pink**. It is my hope to first help prevent and educate about this disease and perhaps someday give women young, old, white, black, educated, or homeless the same fighting chance that I was so blessed to receive.

Marcy Calvert Breast Cancer Survivor



