



# Chemo-Kemosabe



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## 2018 Living Angel Award

The American Cancer Society's Life Savers Ball, held the first weekend in March, is in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year. Co-founders and co-chairs for the past 23 years are Dr. Alexander and Marie Zolli. It is a prestigious, black-tie celebration for participants/donors of fundraising events that occurred throughout the year. At the Life Savers Ball, the Living Angel Award is presented by Dr. Alexander and Marie Zolli, founders of the award.

The Living Angel Award nominees "are individuals in the community who have a direct, personal or professional involvement in the field of cancer. Nominees may include volunteers, nurses, researchers, social workers, physicians and cancer patients". Nominees typically put others before themselves, and possess much faith, hope and courage. They are motivational and inspirational to family, friends, co-workers, and others.

This year, the 2018 Living Angel Award was awarded to our founder of Power 4 Pink, President Marcy Calvert. Marcy's cancer involvement is personal. Her battle with breast cancer began in January, 2008 with her diagnosis of Stage 3 breast cancer. From the beginning, her doctor and team of other physicians decided the best treatment plan would be to first shrink the tumor, so that surgery could be possible. Marcy had 18 months of intense chemotherapy, followed by 38 radiation treatments. On the day of her surgery, the tumor was removed and sent to the lab. The test results were astounding – the tumor contained no active cancer cells. The treatment plan was successful.

She was grateful to have a good job and very good insurance to help her through her treatments. But it was also during this period that she realized that other patients are not as fortunate, and how do these patients make ends meet and pay for their lifesaving treatments. It was then that she was determined to do something to address that issue, and Marcy founded Power 4 Pink, a 501(c)3 charitable organization. The organization's focus was/is 'to form a relationship between healthcare professionals and the residents of Lorain County who are diagnosed with breast cancer to ensure that those residents receive the necessary education, resources, and care to enjoy a healthy life.' Power 4 Pink is grateful to be in its 10<sup>th</sup> year.

## PLEASE JOIN US, UPCOMING EVENTS:

Golf Outing at Fox Creek Golf Club – Sunday, July 15, 2018. 4 person scramble, 3 divisions of mens, womens, and mixed. There will be many raffles, 50/50, and our infamous Bra Challenge! Early-bird entries available! Save the date! Go to our website at [www.power4pink.com](http://www.power4pink.com) and print off the registration sheet. Send your completed form to Power 4 Pink, P.O. Box 1034, Amherst, Oh 44001.

Poker Run – hosted by Wellington Eagles Riders, August 11, 2018. The Wellington Eagle Riders hosts this event to benefit charitable organizations. Power 4 Pink has been fortunate to receive their support over the past several years. Come join us on motorcycles or in vehicles for this fun event! First motorcycles are out by 11am from the Wellington Eagles, and return to the Eagles between 4-4:30pm for a cookout and prizes for the best and worst poker hand! Look for more information on the Wellington Eagles website at [www.foe2051.com](http://www.foe2051.com).

Car Show/Cruise-In – Sunday, August 19, 2018 from 1-4 pm at Rebmans Recreation Center north parking lot, located at 5300 Oberlin Ave, Lorain. This 4<sup>th</sup> annual, free entry event will have food, drinks, Chinese raffles, bowling, and more. Join us for a relaxing afternoon!

- Officers:**
- Marcy L. Calvert, President
  - Mary Feakins, Vice-President
  - Mary DeVinitz, Secretary
  - Kristen Marx, Treasurer
  - Kathy Harcula, Sgt-At-Arms

## SURVIVOR SPOTLIGHT

In 2007, Bob was retired and his wife was a paramedic with South Lorain County Ambulance. Bob also worked there a few days a week. After work one day, while playing with his dog, Bob's black lab hit him in the chest area. It was sore, but he didn't think anything of it. However, when the same thing happened a second time about a month later, there was pain. This time he checked his chest. He felt and saw a slightly raised, small lump. Bob called it his "Black Lab" test! Yes, Bob has a sense of humor!

After going to his doctor, Bob was scheduled for a sonogram, and then a mammogram. When the test results came back, Bob was set up with an oncologist. The lump had been verified. When Bob was scheduled for his biopsy, he was sent to a very busy Outpatient Surgery Center. Upon check-in, and some discussion, the receptionist told him he needed to go to Womens Health. It doesn't happen very often that a man gets sent to Womens Health for a procedure!

Due to the size of the lump, his doctor stated that Bob had Stage 2. Bob had undergone surgery within 4 weeks of his diagnosis. Lymph-nodes were tested, and they seemed to be clear. However after further testing, Bob received a phone call that his doctor wanted to see him right away. Pretty scary to get a phone call like that. His doctor had found traces of cancer cells in his lymph-nodes. His doctor told him that he could undergo surgery to remove the lymph-nodes, or have 5 treatments of chemotherapy. It was a difficult decision to make. However, Bob's doctor was heading to a cancer conference in Arizona, and had Bob's permission to present his case to the doctors attending the conference. The decisions of those doctors was just about 50% for further surgery and 50% for chemotherapy.

Bob opted for the 5 treatments of chemotherapy, every 3 weeks apart. Bob's treatments were very aggressive. Each treatment, three potent chemo drugs were used. Treatments were on Fridays, then Saturdays he'd return for the 'nausea' shot. Bob didn't get ill, but he did lose his hair.

In about 19 weeks, Bob was cancer free. Even though he had support from his 4 children (one lived out of state), friends, and other employees at South Lorain County Ambulance, it was his wife that kept Bob calm and well informed through it all, and made sure he kept a good attitude.

More recently, Bob's daughter contracted breast cancer. Bob consented to a blood test to test for the BRAC1 gene. His test result was negative. His daughter has also had the same test, and results were also negative. The doctors are perplexed since there is no history of cancer in the family.

## ARE YOU BATTLING BREAST CANCER? MAY WE ASSIST YOU?

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 Chemosabe to those survivors dear to us!

If you are in need of financial assistance, please go to our website at [www.power4pink.com](http://www.power4pink.com) and click on Resources, click on Financial Assistance, and print the Financial Application form. Follow the instructions and mail your information to Power 4 Pink, P.O. Box 1034, Amherst, Oh 44001 or email your completed form and paperwork as an attachment to [power4pink@frontier.com](mailto:power4pink@frontier.com). We review all financial applications at our monthly meetings and will contact you by a mailed letter to advise you of the outcome of the review.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We are continuously looking for volunteers to help with events, attend monthly meetings and share their time and talent, ideas and perspectives. Please contact us at 440-654-8420 and leave a message with your name, phone number, and a good time to call you back. Thank you!

**Our Mission:** To form a bond between residents of Lorain County and health care to ensure the residents receive the necessary testing and care to enjoy a healthy life.

Your Fight is **OUR** Fight.

**IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SUBMIT OR SHARE  
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