



Columbus Affiliate – Mar 11, 2009 Meeting

- 1) **Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be Wed, **April 8, 2009**, at 7pm (after Lobby Day!)
<http://www.pancan.org/Volunteer/oh/col/index.html>
- 2) **Welcome:** There are plenty of volunteer opportunities you can do from home!
- 3) **Volunteer UA** – report
- 4) **Alternative methods to encourage eating sought**
- 5) **Table at Worthington Farmers' Market** – Sat, April 25th from 10-1 at the Griswold Center (Joan Bird is contact) - **Merriane & Jessica** will be at the table. We will make half page **flier** about upcoming events for them to handout.
- 6) **2009 Planning:**
 - a) **Fundraising - not just big projects but smaller ones to diversify participants and one fundraiser per quarter.**
 - i) **2nd Annual 5K – Mark your calendars – our 5K will be Sat, Sept 12th!!** (for those interested, the OSU game isn't until 8pm that night).
 - **Please help us get ready for a successful 2nd event!**
 - small committee is needed to gather the names and contact information (usually the Community Relations or Human Resources departments) of businesses to send sponsorship letters. Please email Astrid astrid@pancanvolunteer.org if you are interested. You can gather information from home!
 - (1) Maggie will look find contact person for Cardinal Health, Andrea will look at Nationwide.
 - (2) Anthony Satariano's friend's band may play again
 - (3) Merriane will ask Carol in Dayton about ideas to get PSA the week before 5K on Ch 7
 - (4) Merriane will find contact for Saturn where she bought her car
 - (5) Carrie will check with her father about the manager at Ford
 - (6) Need to find volunteers like Scouts organizations to help direct walkers/runners on the course
 - ii) **April 7th dinner** – organized by high school seniors Libby Fischer and Frank Tice, Upper Arlington High School, 6-8pm. Food provided by Grinders and tickets \$12 at door, \$10 if ordered in advance by **March 16**. All proceeds go to PanCAN. Guest Speaker Dr. Marc Bloomston Director, Surgical Oncology Fellowship, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology. He will be speaking about his work in general as well as current research he is performing at Ohio State Medical Center.
 - **Who's interested? A group of us will be there** (Astrid, Maggie, Carrie, Cheryl, Merriane . **See flyer for more information.**
 - **Upper Arlington News** article on this will be out **this Thursday**, the 26th!!! **Great work Cheryl!!**
 - iii) **Worthington Garage Sale** - this will be our 4th year and the date is **Sat, July 18th**. Please begin spreading the word and collect items for the sale. Things we don't collect are clothes and large items such as furniture. Please also save bags for the day of the sale.
 - iv) **Wine tasting** – possibly in late Spring or early June with Wyandotte Winery. **Possible dates** are Thursday May 21st, June 11th or 18th. She has done wine & food pairings, murder mystery and is on Facebook.
 - (1) **Andrea** will check with friends on normal price for wine tastings
 - (2) **Cheryl** will check with owner Valerie Coolidge about dates.
 - v) **Winter** – do something kid-friendly such as having something like a Photo with Santa and Pet Photo with Santa at non-Mall site. Have vintage fire engine and games? Publicize as alternative to crowded malls. Andrea heard or saw something similar.
 - (1) Maggie's mom plays Santa
 - (2) Union local can do things with an antique fire engine. They have done fundraisers. Cheryl will check with the President of #1521
 - b) **Advocacy** – have one person interested and connected with Amy.
- 7) **Education Outreach**

- a) **You Seven Week Challenge** <http://www.pancan.org/swc/index.html> - we're in week 4 but its not too late. Sign up to do activities that take 2-5 minutes each week and you'll be eligible for weekly prizes while helping increase awareness of pancreatic cancer! This week the task was to customize a letter on the PanCAN web site to send to my membe of Congress Mary Jo Kilroy! Very fast and easy!!
- b) **First quarter goals:** Find Support Groups and Cancer Resources. Focus is on networking with other cancer resources in your communities. You're probably familiar with many of these organizations already, but we'd like to work on building our relationships with them and reaching more patients and families through them. The best part about it is that this month, you can do your research entirely from the comfort of your own home! For those of you experiencing sub-zero temperatures, this should provide a nice break from the usual pavement pounding you do in support of our organization.

**** If you have contacts in other organizations and/or would like to help with reaching out to such organizations, please let Astrid know at astrid@pancanvolunteer.org ****

- c) Upcoming events in our region include:
 - i) Nazareno Regalbuto Memorial Walk – Sewell, NJ (May 3, 2009)
 - ii) Cruisin' For A Cure - Canton, OH (May 9, 2009)
 - iii) Rhode Island Affiliate - Dinner Cruise For A Cause (May 30, 2009)
 - iv) Manhattan, NY Affiliate – Cookin' Up A Cure (May 2009 – exact date is pending)
 - v) Cleveland, OH Affiliate - PurpleStride Cleveland 2009 (June 27, 2009)

8) Other ideas, thoughts...

- a) Article on blood type and pancreatic cancer: "Study Links Blood Type and Pancreatic Cancer" , Source: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, news release, March 10, 2009
- b) Article on early detection: "Detecting Pancreatic Cancer Before It Begins", Friday, February 27, 2009 9:53 AM By: Sylvia Booth Hubbard