

A Decade of Making a Difference

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Bartow Relay For Life

April 8-9

We Welcome Ralph DeVitto, Florida's American Cancer Society's CEO, to our Relay.

We hope you enjoy your visit to our small town and a fantastic Relay.

Bartow-Ft. Meade Cancer Survivor Celebration Dinner

The Cancer Survivor Dinner was held at the Bartow Civic Center on March 24 with the theme "Another birthday is a gift in itself". Sponsored by Watson Clinic and its affiliates and the American Cancer Society, the dinner is held annually and is attended by cancer survivors and their caregivers. This year close to 300 attended. Chair of the event was Priscilla Quina who was assisted by Pat Calandros and Dr. Karen Lindblad. Entertainment for the night was the dance team known as the Showstompers and the Reverend Dan Brockman who sang. Mr. John Hutto introduced the celebrity servers, who consisted of men and women from various walks of life. Following dinner, Dr. Saco, CEO and Chairman of Board of Watson Clinic and Dr. Vugman, Center for Cancer Care & Research, spoke to the guests concerning their fight against cancer. The dinner concluded with a birthday celebration consisting of cake and candles, singing, and gifts.

***IT'S ALMOST HERE...** Yes, that's right, the Bartow Relay For Life is set for April 8-9...here are a few reminders to assist in making your night successful in case you missed the March newsletter.*

1. Decorations for team site: Remember that our theme is all about the "Decade"...choose any decade you value and decorate accordingly ...the "Roaring" 20's, the "Poodle Skirt" 50's, the "Flower Child" 60's, the "Disco" 70's or any decade your team selects...just be prepared with your decorations...and don't forget the scissors, scotch tape, thumb tacks, and any other supplies.

2. Having an on- site fundraiser....Don't forget to have your own cash for change.

3. Team banner with the name of team, theme, message.

4. Lawn chairs, card table, cards, games ,frisbees, nerf balls(the night grows long)

5. First aid packet...Band Aids etc.

6. Camera...don't forget your charger or fresh batteries.

7. Flashlights, lanterns, lighter for luminarias, trash bags, spending money .

8. Tent (if you aren't renting one) umbrella, blankets, sleeping bags, pillows, jackets (yes, it's Florida, but it's only April...nights are sometimes cool) If you are renting from ABC Rentals, you must book it and pay for it before Friday, April 8.

9. Costumes and props for special contests or laps.

10. Set up begins at NOON...vehicles should all travel in the same direction on track.

*11. All vehicles **MUST** be off track by 4:00pm.*

12. We are guest at the Bartow High facilities...please be aware of that fact and clean up your area before you depart.

13. No one is allowed in the stands until after the luminaria ceremony.

14. Remember: We are all there for the same great purpose.

*15. No **animals** or **alcohol** are allowed at Relay.*

16. MAKE A LIST AND CHECK IT TWICE BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT RELAY!

17. Then, relax and have a great time!

We are thankful to John Calandros for accepting the position of Honorary Chair for our Relay For Life 2011. John will be speaking at our opening ceremonies, leading the survivor lap, and joining us in our closing ceremonies. Diagnosed with Hairy Cell Leukemia in 2005, John's illness has its ups and downs, but he continues to have a positive attitude that one day a cure for all cancers will be found.



Bartow/ACS Relay for Life 2011

- 4:30 – 4:45 Bartow Middle School Chorus
- 4:45 – 5:15 Bartow Middle School Band
- 5:00 -7:00 **BBQ Dinner**
- 5:15 – 5:35 Floral Avenue Elementary Chorus
- 5:35 - 5:55 Bartow Elementary Academy Chorus
- 5:55 – 6:15 Highland City Elementary Chorus
- 6:15 – 6:30 Survivor Speaker (no entertainment)
- 6:30 – 6:45 First Methodist School Chorus
- 6:45 – 7:30 **Opening Ceremony**
- 7:30 – 7:45 Survivor Lap (led by BHS Drum Line)
- 7:45 – 8:05 Politically Correct Band (Wayne, Brady & David)
- 8:05 – 8:30 Bartow High School Jazz Band
 - 8:30 – 8:40 Bartow First Assembly Kids Choir
 - 8:40 – 9:00 Bartow First Baptist Church Worship Team
 - 9:00 – 9:30 **Luminaria Ceremony**
- 9:30 – 10:00 410 East Band
- 10:00 – 10:30 Isai Yuhas Christian Holy Hip Hop
- 10:30 -10:35 **Showstompers**
- 10:35 -10:50 **Brandon Pickard**

BITS AND PIECES TO KNOW FOR RELAY

- Bank will be located inside RV parked behind the Command Center on field.
- Bank hours are scheduled in one hour periods
8-9pm.....11-12am.....6:30-7:30am
- BBQ Dinners are \$6.00.....get yours before they are all gone.
- Blood mobile will be located at the east end of the field.
- Please help us control the noise during the luminaria ceremony...it is an event in memory of those no longer with us and in honor of those who have survived.
- Our goal for this year is \$178,000.....LET'S DO IT!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING TEAMS

- Floral Lakes for reaching \$1,000
- Team Ashland for receiving the “Traveling Trophy” for raising over \$1,500

Recognition

As we prepare to recognize “A Decade of Making a Difference” on April 8,9, we would be remiss if we did not honor one of the beginners of what has become one of the biggest Relays in the state. Mr. John Hutto was one of the original planners of the Relay in Bartow and the person who persuaded Watson Clinic to sponsor our Cancer Survivor Dinner, which we hold every year at the civic center. He continues working tirelessly even after a “decade” of Relays, and he is the man behind those sponsorship names you see on the back of your tee shirt. We thank him for continuing to make our Relays a top priority.

Remember... there is no finish line until we find a cure.

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