

Bartow Relay For Life Newsletter

November 2010

2011 Relay...April 8-9 at Bartow Memorial Stadium

Summer is Over and Fall is Here...Time to get in Gear!

We are so pleased to announce that our Relay Chairperson for 2011 is Mr. Joe Hall, Bartow's very own police chief. He comes to us from Panama City. Joe became our police chief in July, 2009, and we are looking forward to a fantastic year under his guidance. He has appointed Theresa Deneve Pickard as his vice chair.



TEAM NEWS

It's that time of year when we are focusing on upcoming holidays, but let us not forget that it is never too early to think "RELAY" and what our teams will do to raise that valuable money. Here's an idea of what some teams have done in order to get a jump start on fundraising.



1. "Chili Can Make a Difference" team held a "Paint for the Cause" event in Oct. David Collins, Paint Along Studios in Lakeland, donated the evening's proceeds to the team. It was an evening of fun, food, and art.

2. "Cancer Can't Tucker Us Out" held its annual Low

Country Boil on Nov.6...lots of food and fun...a great time and a great fundraiser.

3. Bartow Police Department held a giant rummage sale on Nov. 5 & 6.
4. Sassy Sole Sisters was at the Fall Festival with its own tent of crafts.
5. Martha Jones team had a weekend of fundraising with food and crafts.

IMPORTANT DATES

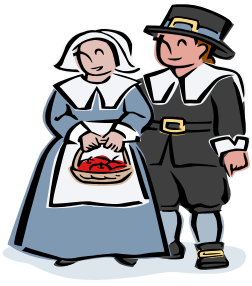
Nov. 15...Kick-Off
Jan. 10...Team Party
Feb. 7....Team Party
Mar.14..Team Party
Mar.24 ...Survivor Dinner
Apr. 5...Team Party
Apr. 8-9...RELAY
Apr. 25...Wrap UP

**HELP
WANTED**



NEED HELP WITH SOME FUNDRAISING IDEAS? HERE ARE A FEW!

1. Online Fundraising...you will find ideas for setting up this project in the team captain's packet.
2. "Shirt off your Back"...Donors pay a fee to write their names on the back of the shirt that is worn for 24 hours.
3. Auction off a prime parking spot for a week at your workplace.
4. Haircuts...Ask local salons to sponsor a cut-a-thon with proceeds going to Relay.
5. The "ole" yard, porch or garage sales...lots of items can be gathered up by a whole team.
6. Brainstorm...Have a team meeting (with dessert, of course), put on your thinking caps, and brainstorm for new ideas.
7. Poker Plays Pay...Invite 10 people over for a round of charity poker. Send invites explaining your Relay fundraiser and Request that everyone bring \$25 or more of mad money...Don't like Poker...Try Bingo or another game.



Need new members for your team? Remember, a church team doesn't have to have members only from the church...a business team doesn't have to have members only from the business...a school team doesn't have to have members only from the school...teams can include family members (cousins, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, etc.) or friends from all walks of your life...sometimes all it takes is the question, "Would you like to join my "Relay For Life" team?" soon an entire conversation begins and you have new members for your team.

WHAT ABOUT THE TEAM? Well, a Relay For Life team is like any other TEAM whether it be football, baseball, a work team, a church team, a social team, or a family team. If everyone on the team is not working toward the same cause, the team will not be as successful as it could be. The team captain is there to offer advice, encouragement, and assistance. He or she is not there to do all the work or make all the decisions, and if that is the case then there is no team, just a captain doing it all. Team members vote on what the team wants to do. There is no "I" in team...just a lot of people pledging to work together to end cancer. **Be a team player...not a team boss.**

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



That question has several answers...here is one! THE HOPE LODGE

Facing cancer is hard. Your dollars help the ACS provide a Hope Lodge offering cancer patients and their families a free, temporary place to stay when their best hope for effective treatment may be in another city. Not having to worry about where to stay or how to pay for lodging allows Hope Lodge guests to focus on the most important thing: getting well. A Hope Lodge offers so much more than just free lodging. It provides a nurturing, home-like environment where patients and caregivers can retreat to private rooms or connect with others who are going through many of the same experiences. Simply put, Hope Lodge is a place created to ease the burden of cancer treatment – a place where we give hope a home. Currently, there are 30 Hope Lodge locations throughout the United States. In Florida, we have two, one in Tampa, pictured here, and one in Gainesville.



Editor: Pat Calandros patty244@comcast.net **Circulation:** Pris Quina sunrise1790@comcast.net

HELP WANTED: Send your club news and pictures to us so that we can share it with others!!! This newsletter will be sent each month via email to team captains...please share with your team members.

Helpful contacts: relayforlife.org/bartowfl (ACS online); pkehoe@polkcountydemocrat.com (local paper);

bartowrelay.com (local website); Bartow Relay (Facebook)



CELEBRATE

REMEMBER

FIGHT BACK