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Teal Talks

Activities Galore Kick off National Ovarian Cancer Month

SLOCA Night at Busch Stadium



From left, Bob Garland, Jim Garland, Melanie Imber, Stuart Imber, Jack Imber, Jonny Imber, and JJ Imber

Help us turn the ballpark teal on **Friday, Sept. 9** as the Cardinals take on the Milwaukee Brewers. SLOCA will have 500 teal clothed fans cheering the Redbirds to victory. Tickets will go fast so order yours today online at sloca.org or by calling the SLOCA office at 314-966-7562. Seats are located in the right field and lower right field box and can be purchased for \$35 each, which includes a voucher for a free hot dog and soda. This event has sold out the past two years, so order your tickets early!

Cookie Baking for Survivors

Join us on **Sept. 6** at the Dierberg's Cooking School kitchen in Des Peres as we bake teal ribbon cookies to distribute to ovarian cancer patients and oncology nurses at gynecologic oncologist offices throughout the area. Please call our office in advance at 314-966-7562 if you are interested in volunteering.

Rise n' Shine, Yoga for SLOCA



Photo courtesy of Ray Meibaum

Take to your yoga mats **Sunday, Sept. 11** at Forest Park's World's Fair Pavilion for 108 sun salutations led by local area yoga instructors. Live music will be provided by Bradford Smith. Massages and raffle baskets will also be available at the event. Registration (\$35) and t-shirts (\$20) can be purchased online at www.sloca.org.

Teal Toes

Make plans to join us for the 4th annual Teal Toes event on **Wednesday, Sept. 14** at Nail Pro in Des Peres. Register today for your pedicure (teal color not required) to help raise money for SLOCA. A portion of all proceeds that day will benefit ovarian cancer research.

Steps to Ovarian Cancer Survivorship Series

Join St. Louis area oncologists, genetic, nutrition and mental health experts for a variety of educational sessions geared specifically to ovarian cancer survivors and their caregivers.

This program presented by SLOCA and the Cancer Support Community will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 24**, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at The Lodge at Des Peres. Breakfast, lunch and a snack will be provided. The program is free to survivors and caregivers. You may register online at www.sloca.org or by calling 314-966-7562.



James S. McDonnell Planetarium, at the Saint Louis Science Center, turned teal on September 4, 2015 for National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Day.

FamiliesROC 5k

The 10th annual 5k and 1 mile run/walk will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 25**, in Downtown St. Louis hosted by FamiliesROC. The organization is independent of SLOCA and was founded as a family legacy of Brenda Jorgenson, who passed away from ovarian cancer. SLOCA volunteers will hand out information on the early warning signs of ovarian cancer. For more information or to register for the event, visit www.familiesroc.com.

Wine Tasting

SLOCA will mark the end of its Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month events with its annual wine tasting, Celebrating Teal Success, on **Thursday, Oct. 20** from 6 to 8 p.m. at Grapevine Wines in Kirkwood. For \$25 per person you can sample 12 wines and 4 craft beer selections as you enjoy light appetizers. Come shop to your heart's delight as 10 percent of all wine and retail sales that evening will benefit SLOCA.

A Moving & Memorable 2016 Gala



From left, Past President Lisa Sienkiewicz, board member and gala chair Ellen Levine and board member Jannet Dieckgraeffe

SLOCA's "Living Out Loud" Gala took place April 16 in the Grand Lobby of the William D. Purser Center on the campus of Logan University. More than 300 guests attended the special evening, which featured a live auction, silent auction and fund-a-need segment. The guests had fun bidding on exciting trips, unique experiences and numerous silent auction items.



Heather and James Platzer

SLOCA raised a record of \$150,000 to support our programs. Featured speaker Kim Carney shared her poignant, yet uplifting story of her battle with ovarian cancer and her will to live while raising her twin daughters.

The Platzer family was also in attendance to receive SLOCA's first ever "Volunteer Impact Award" posthumously on behalf of their mother Barb Platzer. Barb, who passed away in May 2015 after a courageous nine-year battle with ovarian cancer, was passionate about spreading awareness of the symptoms of the disease.

SLOCA was pleased to present the "Teal Spirit Award" to its medical advisor, gynecologic oncologist Dr. David Mutch who has worked tirelessly for woman battling Ovarian Cancer.

Ellen Levine, SLOCA board member and 2016 Gala chairwoman commented, "The gala is always a highly anticipated event for all who support SLOCA's mission and goals. It's difficult to think of just one highlight, the entire evening was exceptional. From the beautiful and unique setting to the spirited and energetic generosity of our donors, we were treated to a night of energy. I'm thrilled that the results of the gala will allow the organization to grow in its reach and impact."



Marcia and Carl Moskowitz

Also, thank you to our event sponsors who helped make this year's event a smashing success. Participating sponsors included: Lockton, McCarthy, Summit Marketing, St. Luke's Hospital, Maritz Travel, FamiliesROC, SLUCare, Lewis Rice, Edward Jones, Emerson, EverBank, Curtis and Susan Finley, Graybar Electric, Myriad Genetics Laboratories, Siteman Cancer Center, Mannen Financial Group, Mercy, World Wide Technology, Nidec, Ameren, and an anonymous donor.

Thanks to all who attended and volunteered to help make our signature fundraiser successful year after year.

Mark your calendars for next year's Gala: It will be held on **April 8** at Meadowbrook Country Club.



From left, board member Elizabeth Mannen and guest speaker and survivor Kim Carney.

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Ms. Alice Scott

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Mr. Robert Stone

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SLOCA Bids a Fond Farewell

Saying goodbye is never easy, especially to these two people who have been an integral part of the SLOCA organization.

Jan Paul has been with SLOCA for more than 10 years, as a survivor, volunteer, and board member. She has been instrumental in our marketing and writing our Teal Talks newsletters.

Beth Hudson, a former president of SLOCA, praised Jan's commitment to the organization. "Jan put us on the map with her vision and creativity, from designing our first newsletter to redesigning our web site. Because of her work, we have 'spread the word' to thousands of people. She is a true friend of SLOCA."

As Jan heads to the mountains to be with her son, daughter-in-law and new granddaughter we wish her and her husband Jerry the best of luck. You will be missed!



From left, Karen Scheible, Jackie Joyner Kersee, and Jan Paul

Karen Scheible came to SLOCA through a special fundraiser she put together in memory of a college friend, a passion for the cause as well as experience with other non-profits. She has been a longtime SLOCA volunteer and board member.

Commenting on Karen's contributions, Lisa Price, VP-Volunteers, notes, "SLOCA was blessed to have Karen's expertise in her fundraising role as VP of Development. She truly took us to the next level. She was instrumental in making our Rise n' Shine yoga event a success each year. Karen was always there when a volunteer opportunity arose. Her hard work, dedication, and creativity will truly be missed."

As Karen heads to Park City, Utah to enjoy the great outdoors, be close to her daughter and start the next chapter of her life, we wish her all the best!

In Memoriam

Grace Katzenberger, a co-founder of SLOCA passed away April 26, 2016 after a short illness. She was 79.

Grace worked diligently to make SLOCA a success by serving in various roles on the board, as president, treasurer, and passionate volunteer. As an 18 year plus survivor she loved working health fairs and talking with church groups to educate people about ovarian cancer. Grace organized SLOCA's fashion shows, worked on the annual gala, and helped write grants for ovarian cancer research.

She had a special passion for promoting Ovarian Cancer Awareness Night at the Ballpark each year. She was an avid Cardinal's fan and worked many hours before the event selling tickets and organizing the throwing of the first pitch.

She also was an active member of the Cancer Together group at Barnes. Before her retirement, Grace enjoyed a long career at Southwestern Bell and later volunteered with its retirees organization.

She is survived by her four children, six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Her family is determined to stay involved with SLOCA so that Grace's spirit and legacy will continue.



Grace Katzenberger

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\$65K Grant Helps Fund Research

On March 20, the Foundation for Women's Cancer (FWC) presented the St. Louis Ovarian Cancer Awareness Research Grant award in the amount of \$65,000 to Deepak Nagrath, Ph.D., an assistant professor with the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Rice University in Houston, TX, for his proposed research on the "Combinatorial approach to target glutamine metabolism in ovarian tumors."



Dr. Deepak Nagrath

SLOCA has funded a FWC research grant since 2005, awarding \$304,000 to nine researchers, with the goal of mentoring and accelerating the success of young investigators.

This year FWC received 45 applicants for five research awards, which are one-year grants.

Dr. Nagrath and his colleagues hope that their study will uncover new roles of the tumor microenvironment in altering cancer growth and metastasis via the amino acid glutamine. Moreover, they hope to identify ovarian cancer treatments that use drug combinations to target the connective tissue cells known as stromal cells and the cancer cells in tumors.

Dr. Nagrath, 46, obtained his Ph.D. in Chemical and Biological Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, and did his fellowship at Harvard Medical School in Boston, MA.

Team SLOCA Partners With GO! For a Cause



From left, Alicia Allen, Chelsea Allen, Lisa Cannon Bearden, Lenora Donahure, and Roger Bearden

Our runners made us proud this year at the GO! St. Louis Marathon & Family Fitness Weekend. They showed up ready to compete in the marathon, half-marathon and 5k.

SLOCA was well represented both days, with more than 40 runners and walkers determined to finish their race, as survivors or on behalf of their family and friends who are affected by ovarian cancer.

Thanks again to all the runners and walkers who participated.

Kendra Scott Gives Back

Thank you to all the Friends of SLOCA who came out May 8 for World Ovarian Cancer Day to support our Kendra Scott event held at Plaza Frontenac. Shoppers sipped teal champagne and munched on sweet hor d'oeuvres as they browsed and enjoyed trying on beautiful necklaces, earrings and bracelets.

And a big thank you goes out to the staff at Kendra Scott, who donated 20 percent of its proceeds that day to SLOCA.

The first time event raised more than \$600.



Third from left, Executive Director Susan Robben and, far right, volunteer Karen Scheible, pictured with Kendra Scott staff

SLOCA salutes the STLMGAC

Each May the St. Louis Men's Group Against Cancer hosts a luncheon for the St. Louis cancer community. Since 1969 this organization has raised over \$4 million through sponsorships, donations and tributes. STLMGAC not only directs their funds to specific institutions, but also gives money for cancer research, care and prevention for men, women and children.

For the 5th consecutive year SLOCA was honored to be one of 30 recipients who received funds to benefit their organization. Executive Director Susan Robben and President Lisa Sienkiewicz attended this year's luncheon to receive the \$5,000 grant from STLMGAC.

"The St. Louis Men's Group Against Cancer has actively supported groups in St. Louis for many years. Our mission, to raise money for cancer research, care and prevention remains the same. We work to help the cancer community achieve their goals through grants. To date, we have awarded more than 4 million dollars to worthy recipients," states Executive Director Margie Price.

For more information on this wonderful organization visit their website at www.stlmgac.com.

