

Links for Life Newslink

June 2008

Links for Life owes a debt of gratitude to our community for their support!



Harold & Kay Meek, Lin & Linda Frasier and Jessica & Ted Nicholas

April 12 & 14, 2008—The 15th Annual Gala and Cadillac Invitational Pro-Am Golf Tournament took place at the beautiful Seven Oaks Country Club. The weekend of events began on Saturday evening with over 250 folks enjoying a champagne reception. The bidding on silent and live auction items was a competitive sport that night with Links for Life being the ultimate winner. The highlight of the evening was a surprise special recognition of the first inductee into the Links for Life “Life Membership” ranks. The recognition was presented by Jim Fox and Karen Weaver to Sharyn Woods, who probably the first time in her life found herself speechless. Sharyn, CEO and Founder, was recognized for beginning the dream, creating a vision and working the mission that has resulted in the very successful organization of today that we now call Links for Life.

After a day of rest, volunteers and golfers arrived bright and early at the Seven Oaks golf course for a wonderful day of golf with each team being paired with a playing Golf Professional. Test drives were provided by Three Way Cadillac, putting contests were underway, and the day was filled with lots of birdies, pars and maybe a few bogies. After a spicy Mexican fiesta, the much anticipated moment finally arrived with the announcement of the winners and they are...

Winners of the Buck Owens KUZZ Links for Life trophy:

Les Pearsey, Lori Pearsey, Helen Thomas, Brady Baguio

Winners of the Cadillac Invitational trophy:

Dan Corriea, Mark Delmarter, Dave Werner, Will Hill

Top Playing Professional Prize went to: Mark Baker

The weekend event netted over \$100,000 which will be used to further the mission of Links for Life. A round of applause and thanks goes to all of the sponsors, players, and volunteers that helped make this a very successful event!!! It simply would not be possible without You!!!!

Celebrating a Local Hero



The 12th Annual BMW Ultimate Drive was held on June 3, 2008 when 25 gleaming white BMWs arrived at Bakersfield BMW for the purpose of raising awareness and funds for breast cancer research and community outreach programs. Two Signature Vehicles—covered with the names of thousand of participants as a testament of all who have joined BMW in the fight to end breast cancer—lead the 25 vehicles specially decorated with breast cancer key facts & statistics and available for test drives.

Each year the Komen Foundation celebrates a "Local Hero" to recognize the achievements of a local community member in the fight against breast cancer. This year's Hero is **Karla Jadwin**, an eighteen-year breast cancer survivor and long-time Links for Life Volunteer. Karla was honored at a special ceremony during the event at 12:30 pm where her picture was added, to the signature vehicle, along with other local hero's across the nation.

Links for Life would like to thank Karla for her tireless efforts in making the Wall of Hope in the Bakersfield Life Magazine so beautiful.

A Special Thanks for Susan

We wanted to share this note of thanks that Susan Escalante, our dear Office Manager received recently. The Links for Life office wouldn't be half as enjoyable without Susan.

To: Susan Escalante From: Mercy Pena

I just wanted to thank you for being so pleasant and helpful during this bump in my life. You and Links for Life have made such a positive outcome. I am kinda looking forward to loosing my hair, just to try something new with my head. How many women have you heard this from??? Even my kids are doing a weekly head check, to see when is a good time to start the wig, they are getting a kick out of it. All my kids liked it, they stated, "it looks just like your regular hair!" All the kids even tried it on when I brought it home just to see what is the big deal about the wig. It was a good laugh and I could see their doubts and fears about cancer somewhat eliminate and anytime we can laugh about it, it's a good thing.

Susan, again thanks and anytime you need a volunteer, just give me a call.

With love, Mercy

Please Note: More from Mercy in our next edition.

Links at the Blaze

On May 9-11, Sharyn Woods, CEO and other Links for Life Volunteers had a great time at the Blaze games — even throwing out the first pitch at each game. And what an opportunity drawing— 2 pink Nintendo DS's, pink custom-made jerseys and other pink items benefiting Links.

A special thanks to Shawn Schoolcraft, General Manager of the Blaze, Alicija Burnette Community Relations Manager of the Blaze and Don Douglas of Game Crazy for making this event a hugh success.

Association of Petroleum Wives

In December 2007, the Association of Petroleum Wives announced, at a luncheon attended by our CEO, Sharyn Woods, that Links for Life has been selected as the "2008 Non-Profit Organization" that would benefit from their fundraising activities throughout the year.

Here's a sampling of recent activities:

Pretty in Pink Bunco

On March 13th it was a packed house as APW women enjoyed dinner & dice rolling to raise money for Links for Life.

Clay Shoot

On April 18th at the Five Dogs Shooting Range over 30 teams enjoyed a day of shooting, lunch & prizes.

Hockeython 2008



Another huge success and a great time for all involved. 41 hours of non-stop hockey, starting with amateur teams competing all day and all night long at the ice rink, concluding with an exciting game between our very own Bakersfield Condors and the Fresno Falcons. This tremendous event raised over \$56,000 for Links for Life.

Thanks to all of the Condors and their organization. Special thanks to Kevin and Mikie Barrett for organizing this fundraiser and being such a wonderful support for our organization and the women who will benefit.

Thanks also to the wonderful volunteers at Links for Life who donated their time and support during the event—we could not have done it without any of you.

Paint the Town Pink

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and you can show your support by joining “Links For Life” and “Paint The Town Pink!”

In the 3rd week in October, join other volunteers and donors by lighting your business, home, or office in pink, and at the same time be giving a donation to provide free mammograms, ultrasounds, or needle biopsy for those in Kern County without insurance or who are under insured. In addition, your donation will also help to provide wigs for those who are under the affects of chemotherapy, provide a library of positive mental health, support groups, and seminars. Further, your donation helps to provide scholarships for those who are entering the nursing field and for health seminars.

How does this work? Once you have chosen your level of participation and your donation has been received, a volunteer will arrive at your business, home, or office with some very simple, pre-packaged lighting equipment during the week of “Paint the Town Pink.” That volunteer will set up the lighting equipment and show you the simple basics on how to turn on and off the lights. Once the event is over, the volunteer will return to pick up the lights.

The result is that you, your colleagues, friends, and neighbors will see that you support the fight against breast cancer and are supporting those that are fighting against it.

More information to come... in next month's newsletter





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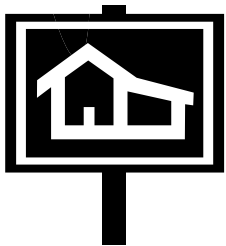
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City _____ State _____ Zip _____ () Yes, I would like to volunteer
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution Thank you for \$25 or more for membership!

Donations at Work

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Mammogram	43	24	45	42	44
Ultrasound	63	43	45	56	37
Needle Biopsy	6	5	4	1	5
Wig	18	24	19	32	24
Support Group	9	9	17	21	9
Information Call	274	328	313	267	164
Education Outreach	141	150	25	280	600

Links Wish List



Office Building
Downtown
Area

On the ground floor, handicap accessible and parking available!

Save the Dates

3rd Annual
Lace'n It Up
October 1, 2008

Paint the Town Pink Fashion Show
October 16, 2008

Always a sell-out—be sure to purchase your table early!



Links for Life would like to Thank this year's Golf Sponsors!



- ♣ **Ryder Cup Sponsor** – The Fox Family
- ♣ **Ben Hogan Sponsors** – KGET, JD Rush Company, Three Way Cadillac
- ♣ **Jack Nicklaus Sponsors** – The Bakersfield Californian, Buck Owens Productions, ELCO, Inc., Key Energy Services, Nabors Drilling
- ♣ **Arnold Palmer Sponsors** – Comprehensive Blood & Cancer Center, Chris Hayden, Robert Raskind Family Charitable Foundation, EIU Inc., Ira Cohen & Jay Ericsson – UBS, RHC Team, Tejon Ranch, Vintage Production California LLC, Work Force Staffing
- ♣ **Team Sponsors** – Bakersfield Family Medical Center, Colombo Construction, Power Quality Solutions, Jostens, Les Pearsey, GL Bruno & Associates, Kern Radiology, San Dimas Medical Group, UCI Construction, Wells Fargo
- ♣ **Player Sponsors** – Al Idolyantes – San Joaquin Bank, Ron K'Miller, Trulaine Woken, Dewayne Cade, Rich Gargan, Mitch Bronson, Rob McGill
- ♣ **Hole in One Sponsor** – Three Way Cadillac, Cadillac Invitational
- ♣ **Golf Lunch Sponsors** – GMAC
- ♣ **Cart Sponsor** – Advanced Industrial Services
- ♣ **Putting Contest** – PeakVision Sports
- ♣ **Team Photography** – Gary Bunk
- ♣ **Tee Sign Forms** – Optimal Hospice
- ♣ **Tee Sign Sponsors** – Aera Energy LLC, Kern Radiology, Epi Herrera DDS, UCI Construction, Wells Fargo Bank, WSPA Associates
- ♣ **Hotel Sponsor** – Four Points Sheraton
- ♣ **Golf Snack Sponsors** – Dole, Paramount Farms, Sparkletts, and Coca Cola

We would also like to thank the countless hours that were put in by our awesome Volunteers who made this event FABULOUS!



Links for Life would like to Thank this year's Gala Sponsors!



🦋 **Event Sponsor** – The Plank Foundation

🦋 **Champagne Reception Sponsor** – O’Leary’s Office Products

🦋 **Gala Photography** – Susan Heflin

🦋 **Live Auction Sponsors** – Café Med, Mike and Linda Burton, Darrel & Kathy Conner of Stockdale Jewelers, Tejon Ranch, John & Sonya Bush, Advanced Women’s Health Center, Johnny Ramos, Brooks Whitehead - Work Force Staffing, Links for Life, Dog Den

🦋 **Silent Auction Sponsors** – Leticia Winery, Skydive Taft, Johnny Ramos, Enviro Cleaners, Spanish Hills, Mike & Linda Burton, Kern River Golf Course, KGET, Renee Goodwin, Dr. Tom & Diana Gordon, Bakersfield Country Club, Chad Sorenson, Christine’s, All American Classics , Bauble , Cone’s Health Foods, Chris Hayden, Greg Bynum, Bernie LeBeau, Dan Panero, TL Maxwell’s, Cypress Ridge, San Dimas Medical Group, Colombo Construction, Bakersfield Condors, Seven Oaks Country Club, Three Way Cadillac, Jane’s Jewelers, Valdophye, Rio Bravo Country Club, Dog Den, Casa Moore Audio & Video, Pro Shop Golf, The Sak, Cruz Thru Express Car Wash, Pampered Chef, Sundale Country Club, Fagan’s Upholstery, Via Bella, Specialized Cleaning Technology, Susan Escalante, Susan Heflin Photography, Village Country Club, Bakersfield Symphony, Belladagio’s, Summer Cunningham, RiverLakes Golf Club, Stacy Crooks, Terra Del Sol, Zane Smith, Eagle Mountain Casino, Kern County Museum, CSUB, Cool Quenchers USA, Cadillac Invitational