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My Journey Through Cancer!

Sharyn Woods, CEO & Founder of Links for Life

This is how I put my focus and attention in order to maximize my ability to arrive at my desired destination.

After the initial diagnosis of “you have pancreatic cancer” the panic and confusion that set in was astounding. Then the accompanied evaluation of a noted pancreatic surgeon at UC San Francisco, “Just go home get your affairs together and take a last cruise”.

I decided to start educating myself with everything and everybody I could find who would guide me to positive options of treatment. Jennifer Henry was the first one I called. She got me in touch with Dr. Francisca Hoehne and Dr. Dean Davis at the Florence R. Wheeler Cancer Center. Dr. Davis, whom I was acquainted with but did not know, he had studied under Mayo clinic’s pancreatic specialists in Chicago. He took on the challenge of the radiation treatment to get hold of that cancer and bring it to its knees. Dr. Hoehne is best friends with Dr. Farin Amersi from Cedar Sinai who had performed many successful pancreatic surgeries. Dr. Hoehne made a call to Dr. Amersi on Friday afternoon and I was in her office at Cedar on Monday morning. Dr. Amersi said if we can shrink the tumor then we have a good chance of taking it out. At this point I needed to hear something positive. *Continued on page 4*



October Events



Pink Ribbon Tying

October 1, 2009 - 11:00 am

This event takes place at the Liberty Bell on the corner of Truxtun and Chester Avenue and will highlight the proclamations from both the Kern County Board of Supervisors and Bakersfield City Council declaring October 2009 Paint the Town Pink month. The media intends to cover the event and breast cancer survivors will ring the Liberty Bell as a celebration of life. After the bell ringing, volunteers throughout Kern County tie pink ribbons on trees, lamp poles, etc. to celebrate life.



Lace'n It Up

October 1, 2009 - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Lace'n It Up for Links for Life will be a kick off walk to celebrate survivors, remember the individuals we have lost and encourage the ones just diagnosed with breast cancer. This year you may choose between two locations:

The Liberty Bell on the corner of Truxtun and Chester Avenue — with a walk throughout downtown.
The Park at Riverwalk — with a walk on the Parkway.

Participants can choose between two routes, a one-mile or a 1/2 mile path. A donation of \$10 provides you with a box lunch and small memento. The lunches will be available at the end of your walk and can be carried back to your workplace or eaten onsite with other participants.



Jazz & Jewelz

October 3, 2009, 6:30 pm-9:30 pm

This event is truly the talk of the town. Enjoy a delightful evening in an amazing Seven Oaks home with the sound of jazz while live models showcase an assortment of diamonds from local jewelers. Heavy hors d'ouvers will be served. Limited to 150 attendees.



"Color Me Mine" Painting Party

October 8, 2009, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Grab your girlfriends and join us for a fun evening of pottery painting at Color Me Mine at the Marketplace on Ming Avenue. Your \$30 donation includes studio fee-choice of a \$15.00 piece of pottery (may upgrade for a fee). Light refreshments will be served. For information and to pay for your reservations call Color Me Mine at 664-7366. Space is limited.



"Pretty Pink" Pedicure Party

October 11, 2009, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

This pedicure party benefits the Links for Life, Mary Anne Walz Scholarship Fund. The event will be held at "All About Nails & Tanning", 2720 Calloway Drive, Suite B. Your \$50 donation includes a Spa Chair pedicure, refreshments, finger food, and door prizes. Appointments are on the half hours with spaces limited. Paid reservations are a must! For more info and to book your appointment, contact Janis Varner, 587-8157.



The Petroleum Club Dinner benefiting Links for Life

October 12-17, 2009

The Petroleum Club of Bakersfield, 5060 California Avenue, invites you to join them in their charitable support while enjoying Bakersfield's premier dining facility, 12 stories above the city. During the week choose casual dining in the Sky Bar & Grille or fine dining in the Three Sixty dining room. Open nightly 5:30-9:00 pm, excluding Sunday. Please call 324-6561 for reservations & Board sponsored guest pass.



Paint the Town Pink Fashion Show

October 15, 2009, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

This year's theme for the event is "Give Breast Cancer the Boot" and will take place once again at the DoubleTree Hotel. This spectacular afternoon includes lunch, fashion show, and shopping galore. Reserve your table early—last year was a sell-out.



Christine's Bunco

October 20, 2009, 6:30 pm

Christine's will host its annual "Bunco to Benefit Links for Life." What could be more fun than a group of women throwing dice for a great cause? Paid reservations are a must—be sure to visit Christine's to sign up or call 834-3068. Refreshments and Brighton prizes complete the evening.

Victoria's "Kisses for Cures" Bingo

October 28, 2009, 6:30 pm

Victoria's, along with Bakersfield's finest firemen will host its annual Kisses for Cures Bingo to benefit Links for Life. Join us for a girls' night out, hors d'ouvers, prizes, and firemen! What more could a girl ask for? All in support of Links for Life. Be sure to reserve your spot in advance by calling 665-8300.



Lace'n It Up for Links for Life

Come join us for a walk & lunch
between the hours of 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

Kick off Breast Cancer Awareness month with a walk to celebrate our survivors, support those going through treatment, and remember those we have lost to breast cancer.

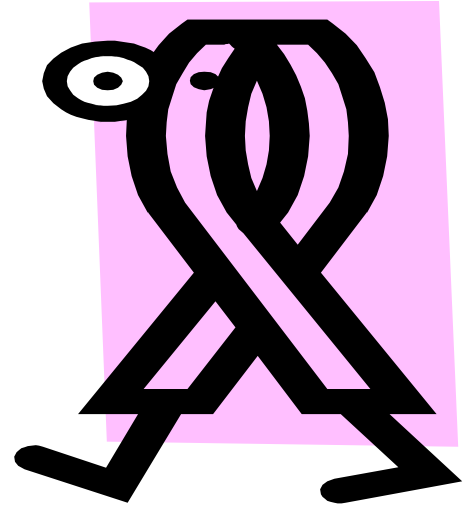
When: Thursday, October 1, 2009

Where: Two Locations
Liberty Bell, Downtown Kick-Off
Lunch after walk at Superintendent of Schools
1300 17th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301

AND

The Park at River Walk, West Side Kick-Off
Stockdale Highway at Buena Vista
Lunch after walk at the Park

Registration Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



Why: 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and, if diagnosed early, there is a 96% survival rate.

Minimum Donation: \$10.00 Due by September 21, 2009 to guarantee lunch.

We will meet at the Liberty Bell (corner of Chester and Truxtun) or The Park at River Walk for a brief program, and walk a route through downtown or the Park to kick off Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Bring your co-workers and an office banner to show your support. After the walk you will receive lunch and a memento from Links for Life as a thank you for supporting survivors and women we have lost to breast cancer.

For more information contact the Links for Life office, 322-5601.

Register online at http://linksforlife.org/Lace_n_It_Up_2009.html and be entered in our drawing.

Please feel free to duplicate this flyer

Registration for Lace'n It Up for Links for Life

Name _____ Breast Cancer Survivor (check if yes) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

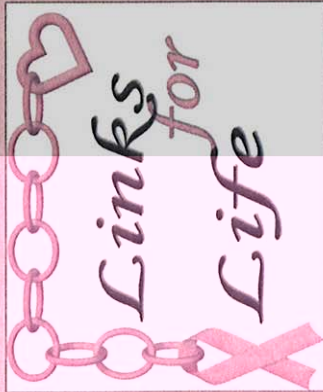
Company/Business Name _____ Walk Location: _____

Amount of Donation: \$ _____

For vegetarian lunch check here _____

Please return this portion with donation to the Link for Life office:
1706 Chester Avenue, Suite 200, Bakersfield, CA 93301
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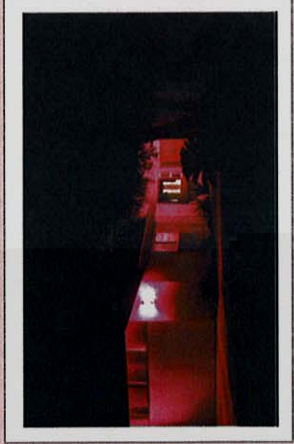


Light the Town Pink! October 1-30, 2009



**PINK DOOR SPLASH
PACKAGE A - \$20***

By covering your single outside entryway light with pink "gel," a 10" x 12" piece of translucent Links for Life pink plastic and tape from the "do-it-yourself" package, you will be showing your support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



**PINK SPLASH
PACKAGE C - \$100***

By covering your outside lighting with two pieces of 20" x 24" pink "gel," a translucent Links for Life pink plastic, you will be showing your support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



**PINK SPLASH WITH A RIBBON
PACKAGE D - \$150***

This package adds a specially printed gel that is placed inside your home or business to Package C. By simply leaving the light on at night, a special ribbon is shown out your window, commemorating this exciting event!



**BIG SPLASH WITH A RIBBON,
PACKAGE E - \$250***

If your home is a showcase home, this package is in addition to Package D and adds pink gel on all of your outdoor architectural lighting- on plants, trees, and ground entryway lighting.

**PINK DOOR SPLASH PLUS
PACKAGE B - \$40***

If you need more gel, this package adds four pieces of 10" x 12" gel for \$40. This package also includes the tape you need to set this "do-it-yourself" package.

HUGE SPLASH, PACKAGE F*

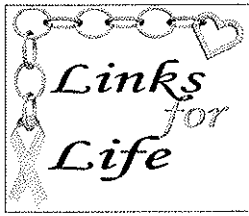
This customized package allows you to go all out! Trained professionals, volunteers for this event, will help you maximize your "Links for Life" impact. Custom packages come in different styles and price ranges. Let our lighting designer work directly with you! 661-322-5601

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To Place Your Order, or for more information, please go to www.lightthetownpink.org or call 661-322-5601.

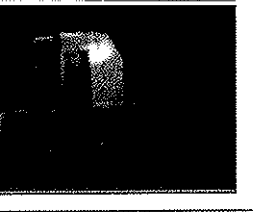
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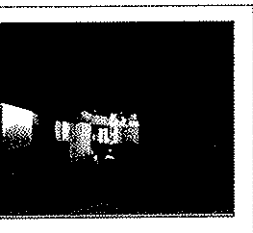
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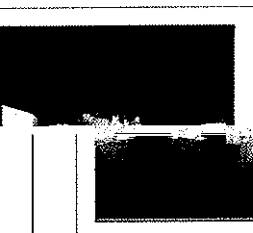
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"Do-It-Yourself" packages may be picked up from the Links for Life office at 1706 Chester Avenue, Suite 200 in Bakersfield starting September 28, 2009, at 11AM.

_____ If you would like a volunteer to set up your lighting package, please check here.

All the money raised
in Kern County stays

in Kern County!

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After you have signed up, come visit us at www.lightthetownpink.org to see your name on our

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please write the phone number that is easiest for us to get a hold of you during the month of the *Light the Town Pink*.
Visa Mastercard Discover # _____ Exp. Date ___/___ Verification Security # _____

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The completed form may be faxed to us at 661-322-5655.

Please make checks payable to Links for Life.



Pretty Pink Pottery Party

A "Fun"draiser for
Links for Life

Grab your girlfriends and join us for a
Fun evening of pottery painting

Thursday October 8th

6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Color Me Mine at the Marketplace on Ming Ave

Your \$30.00 donation includes

Studio fee-choice of \$15.00 piece of pottery
(may upgrade for a fee)

Light refreshments will be served

For information and **PAID** reservations call
Color Me Mine at 664-7366-Space is limited

100% of the proceeds benefit Links for Life

Victoria's
In the Marketplace

Kisses for Cures

Upcoming Events

Be sure to mark your calendar and tell your friends...

Friday September 25th, 2009 at 10am

*Your Feet and Friends
Are invited to a*

Pretty Pink Pedicure Party

*To benefit the Links for Life
Mary Anne Walz Scholarship Fund*

This "Fun"draiser will be held

Sunday October 11th 10:00 am—3:00 pm

*All About Nails and Tanning
2720 Calloway Drive Ste B (just North of Rosedale)*

Your \$50.00 donation includes

*Spa Chair pedicure-color of choice-lots of pinks
Liquid refreshments-finger food-door prizes AND
A donation to the scholarship fund*

Appointments are every half hour-Limited space

*Paid reservations a **MUST***

For further information and reservations call

Janis Varner 587-8157

Be pampered for a great cause



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Your donations, whether monetary or in kind are always welcome and deeply appreciated.
Links for Life Donation/Membership Form

Name _____
Address _____
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!

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