



## **Relay For Life of Centre County Team Kickoff Meeting Minutes 10-24-24**

**Welcome & Happy Moments:** Gail & Diane welcomed everyone. We had a great turnout and everyone shared a happy moment or Why they Relay.

**Mission Moment:** Sherri O'Donald reviewed statistics regarding breast cancer. Yearly mammograms are very important as breast cancer is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death in women. She mentioned that October is also liver cancer awareness month. You can go to Cancer.org for lots of information.

**2024 Awards:** Tom presented plaques to the Top Fundraising Team – Friends with Hope, and Best Site Decoration – Pleasant Gap Lioness Club. Top Luminaria Sales Team was Fightin' Back Friends with Deb Sinkus as their captain. Sadly, Deb lost her cancer battle recently. She will be greatly missed!

**2024 Certificates:** Tom also presented all teams with their Fundraising Club Certificates.

**Relay Date and Goals for 2025:** Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 11pm at Bald Eagle Area Alumni Field  
Teams: 32, Survivors: 80, Sponsors: 20, Net Fundraising: \$120,000, Participants: 250, Luminaria Bags: 950

**Current Numbers:** Teams:18, Fundraising: \$6882 (\$1771 turned in at meeting), Participants: 64, Survivors: 18  
Register your team and invite new teams to register at [www.relayforlife.org/pacentrecounty](http://www.relayforlife.org/pacentrecounty)

**2025 Theme Winner:** Cruising Through the Decades; Celebrating 40 years of Relaying.

### **ACS Updates - Tom**

- Poinsettia & Christmas Cactus Fundraiser – Due Nov 14<sup>th</sup> forms and instructions are on the relay page.
- \$350 Challenge – Raise \$350 between Nov 1 – Dec 3 and receive a 40-year anniversary Sweatshirt
- Forms & Sponsorship packets are available on the Relay website
- New team Recruitment – Gail is attending craft shows to distribute Relay information
- Lottery Tickets collection will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) from 4-6pm at Dunkin' on Benner Pike
- Daffodil information coming Soon

### **Discussion Topics**

- BIG fundraisers for the year – Diane discussed having a Duck Drop in the Spring. More info to come.
- We reviewed open committee positions and Pam Markel volunteered to help with Luminaria bags
- Team Recruitment – Share your reason to relay to recruit new teams and participants.
- Gail will contact Food Trucks for the day of the Relay.

**Holiday Shirts** – <https://www.bonfire.com/acsholiday2024/> Give HOPE for the Holidays – Second batch deadline is Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Please check the box to share the information with the organization to get team credit.

## **Fundraisers:**

**Line Dancing & Raffle** – Wingate Warriors Team having Line Dancing & Yeti Coolers Raffle at Snow Shoe Skating Rink – Sat., Oct. 26, 6-10pm, \$10 admission – BYOB, Food Trucks & Bubble Tea

**Cupcake Caravan** – M&M’s Team is having a cupcake decorating Dec. 3 at 6:30pm, \$25 – More info coming

**Goodwill Donations** – Need to take donation form

**Honey Baked Ham** – [https://www.honeybaked.com/fundraising/Relay\\_For\\_Life\\_of\\_Centre\\_County](https://www.honeybaked.com/fundraising/Relay_For_Life_of_Centre_County).

20% profit. Put team name in address. Any questions, ask Pam Markel, [prism8401@aol.com](mailto:prism8401@aol.com), 814-571-2945

**Poinsettia & Christmas Cactus** – Orders due to Melanie [mgm514@comcast.net](mailto:mgm514@comcast.net) by Nov 14<sup>th</sup>

**Gardner’s Candy** – Order Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 15. \$7 flat delivery fee per address (Orders over \$100 ship free. 25% profit. Website: [www.gardnerscandiesfundraising.com](http://www.gardnerscandiesfundraising.com) Use Group Code: 10-0864

**Marianna Hoagies** – Delivery Tuesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and need orders by Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Contact Gail for color forms

**Lottery Calendars** – Money & stubs due to Tom by December 12<sup>th</sup> for January 2025.

**Tentative Committee Meeting Schedule** – Third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm on zoom. Next zoom meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. No meeting in Dec. If you are interested in joining the committee, please let Gail know so she can send you the zoom link.

**Tentative Team Meeting Schedule** – Fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at Centre Hall Fire Company, 134 North Witmer Ave. No meetings in November & December – January 23<sup>th</sup>, February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 27<sup>th</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup>, May 29<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> Thursday to be closer to event)

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