

NYOH New York Oncology Hematology

Cares

November 2015

Did you know that NYOH physicians and staff raise funds year round for the benefit of our patients? Money is raised in small and large ways, both for the NYOH Community Cancer Foundation and for various national fundraising events. Whether it's paying \$1 to wear jeans on Fridays, or enjoying potlucks and ice cream socials, staff throughout the practice find fun ways to raise money for the Foundation.

Then, come October, people strap on their walking shoes and participate in several national fundraising walks. This year, the NYOH Cares Team participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and the Light the Night Walk — raising \$1,990 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The NYOH Cares Team even braved SNOW at the Making Strides Walk and raised an impressive \$4,590.

Leading up to the Making Strides Walk, staff across the practice sites contributed to gift baskets to raffle off, raising \$864 for the NYOH Community Cancer Foundation. Thank you to everyone who walked, donated support and contributed to the gift baskets.



YMCA – Breast Cancer Awareness – Clifton Park Oct 7, 2015



Light the Night – Oct 10, 2015



Breast Cancer Benefit at Ruby & Quiri Amsterdam



Making Strides – Washington Park Albany – Oct 18, 2015



Pink Wednesday at Rexford office

Getting to Know... Pat Brady, PA-C



On November 7th, 2015, 100 people gathered at the Schenectady Civic Playhouse to enjoy Pat Brady in her one woman show Act III. The show raised \$1800, with \$900 going to the Schenectady Civic Players, and the other \$900 going to the NYOH Community Cancer Foundation. In the audience were

friends, coworkers, and many family members, including her two children and seven grandchildren, some of whom travelled from as far away as Fresno, California in order to attend.

The two charities that benefited from the performance, perfectly represent the two interests Pat has simultaneously pursued for the last 25 years — medicine and performing. In 1990, when her daughter left for college, Pat went to work at the Riverview Cancer Center as a phlebotomist, and also took to the stage as Lily in a performance of Annie (with her dog playing the role of Sandy).

Since then, Pat has performed in more than 40 productions, including the roles of Mrs. Danvers in Rebecca, and Fraulein Kost in Cabaret. She returned to school in 1993 to become a Physician Assistant, an opportunity she credits partly to the letters of recommendation she received from Drs Silver, Pipito, Jaski, and Wertalik, the physicians she worked with at the time. After graduating, she went to work in family practice medicine, but returned to NYOH in 1999, and has worked here since.

When asked how she manages to balance it all, Pat said that her two divergent interests satisfy both her objective/scientific side and her creative side, and that “It balances me.”



Pot Luck Lunch – ACC

Bake Sale to Benefit ACS – Making Strides



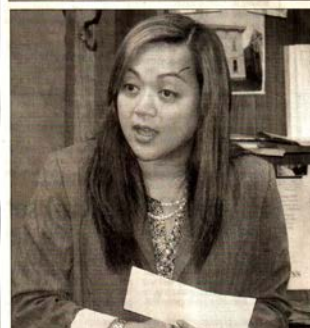
The Community Cares

As part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, members of the Grateful Threads Quilt Group of Johnstown, presented Dr. Arsyi DeJesus with a generous donation of \$1000 for the NYOH Community Cancer Foundation.

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News

Supporting patients...



In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Dr. Arsyi D. DeJesus, shown above at front left, a radiation oncology doctor at the Amsterdamm office of the New York Oncology and Hematology Cancer in Amsterdam, accepts a \$1,000 donation from Karen McComb of the Grateful Threads Quilt Group of Johnstown. DeJesus drew the name of the winner of the “Hope Is More Powerful Than Fear” quilt that was designed and made by the quilt group in recognition of present members who have battled breast cancer this year. The New York Oncology and Hematology Cancer Foundation uses all donations for patient care during the patient’s time of treatment. The above photo was taken at the quilt group’s meeting place at the St. Patrick’s Church School building in Johnstown on Thursday.

At left is DeJesus during the event.

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The Extra Mile



Kim Bascom MA (CPCC) received an unexpected and quite poignant birthday greeting this year. Prior to his death, a former patient arranged with his wife to remember Kim on her birthday. On September 28th, Kim received a lovely bouquet of flowers and a heartfelt card, expressing gratitude for the care and kindness she gave to him.

Congratulations

- **Nick and Rachel Brunez** (ACC and CPCC respectively) who got married on May 8th
- Congratulations to **Meg Meakin** (CPCC) and **Mary Beth Biette** (ACC). They both recently passed the Society of Clinical Research Associates (SOCRA) exam and are now recognized as Certified Clinical Research Professionals.

November was a good month for babies...

- **Nick (ACC) and Sara Bassi** on the arrival of their twin boys, Raffaele and Rocco, born on November 10th.
- **Sara Nellis** from ACC and **Jim Neidhammer** welcome their son, Carter James born on November 17th.