



“Unstoppable Hope”

A Newsletter For Torrance Relay For Life Supporters

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From The Event Chair!

Happy New Year Relayers!

We hope everyone experienced a wonderful holiday season filled with love, laughter, and HOPE. With the New Year, comes an opportunity for new beginnings, resolutions, and focus. Now is the time to kick our “Racing For A Cure” into the next gear. We are a scant 92 days away from our main event on April 23-24th. Time to set some goals, and take some action. Let’s better our best, build some momentum, have some fun ‘Fun’draising, and step up our fight against cancer!

As you know, our fundraising dollars are so critical to our mission. Let’s get our teams registered and register as many participants as we can, because each team, each participant that joins us, gives us the power to do more. Not everything we do involves fundraising, but everything the American Cancer Society does depends on it. And, don’t forget sponsorship opportunities, as well as other business support through “in-kind” donations or business card options. Remember, we don’t need to apologize for looking for a cure for cancer, it’s what we strive for, for all cancers, for the benefit of all. So talk about Relay and your experiences, and make an ‘ask’ for that donation. It’s always a no if you don’t ask. You just might find out how many people want to help.

Speaking of community, over and over you have heard me and others talk about the community that Relay creates. Relay has the power to bring together people from all walks of life, and unite them in a common cause, which shows individuals that they are not alone, that when we come together, we have a huge impact. Share your story of why you Relay, and the experiences you have enjoyed at our 24-hour event. Tell them about our opening ceremonies and how meaningful an experience Luminaria ceremony was for you. Even about how great the pancakes were when the Sportsman’s Club served them up early Sunday morning. These are a few of those fantastic, memorable moments that make Relay a unique and powerful event. Get involved and get others involved too. Cancer can’t win. It’s not an option!

We want to thank everyone that was able to make it to our kick-off dinner meeting. It was fun, informative, motivating, and great to reconnect with fellow relayers we haven’t seen in awhile. We recognized our survivors, participated in a luminaria ceremony, and even had a car show. Look on our website for upcoming team captain meetings, fundraising events put on by our teams, and dates for other events such as the Survivor lunch. If you would like to participate in the cardboard car contest and car show (pictures on the web), to bring attention to the ACS Road to Recovery program, there is information for that too. It’s going to get exciting quickly, so please join us.

Thank you Torrance Relayers. You are the best! Let’s keep our momentum going and have another fantastic, and successful year. Together we are stronger. Together we Rock! Together we ‘Race For The Cure!’

Keith Musick, Event Lead

TEAM CORNER

As you know everyone has their reason to Relay, but the one thing we all have in common is the passion to see an end to the suffering cancer can cause.

Team Ambassadors is also passionate and that passion is to provide you with the tools, resources, and ideas needed to meet or even exceed your Team Goals. We want your Relay experience to be fun and meaningful, not just something to do.

A Team Captains role may seem overwhelming, all the preparation, planning, and then having it all come together for that 24 hours. Just know you are not alone, we are there for you and all you have to do is let us know how we can help you! Remember also, that your team members may be willing to take on a bit more responsibility, if you let them know that you need their assistance. Sometimes we think we are the only ones that can get the job done and forget that we are just adding additional stress on ourselves. So plan on meeting with your team members at least once during the year and get some of their ideas and delegate.

I hope to see all teams raise the bar and reach your goal. Don't forget to have "Fun"draising!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 26 at Toyota Museum @ 6:30 PM.

Hope to see all of you there,

Valerie Anduha

Team Mentor

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RELAY 2016

CHECKLIST

✓ **Register for Relay 2016**

✓ **Organize Your Team and Plan Fundraisers**

✓ **FIGHT BACK!**



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ADVOCACY CHAIR

GUS DALIS

TORRANCE RELAY FOR LIFE – 1-21-2016

ADVOCACY is speaking or writing in support of something. And, today that something of significant importance to ACS and all of us is the **The California Health Care, Research and prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016**. This Act will increase California's cigarette tax by \$2 per pack and place equivalent taxes on products containing nicotine derived from tobacco, including e-cigarettes. The cost of a pack of cigarettes in California will move from 87 cents a pack to \$2.87. This tax will **save lives, tax only tobacco users, and prevent teens from becoming addicted**. Funds generated by this tax will help people quit smoking, improve health care, fund research into cures for cancer and other smoking-related diseases, and reduce teen smoking and help law enforcement efforts to crack down on those who sell tobacco products to minors.

A vigorous petition gathering campaign is presently in operation to place this Act on the November election ballot. Petition gathering is being spear headed by ACS CAN volunteers (Cancer Action Network). This campaign however is broad based as it also involves the American Heart Association, American Lung Association in California, Blue Shield of California, California Medical Association, California Dental Association, and the Service Employees International Union and Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California. Moreover, the campaign has been joined by billionaire Tom Steyer in the effort to place and pass this initiative on the November ballot. His resources could prove to be helpful to counter the anticipated tobacco industry claims against this ballot measure.

Now is the time for us to **ADVOCATE** for getting this **ACT** on the ballot and for insuring its passage.

Relay Survivors!

Thank you to all our Survivors who attended the Kick- Off event on January 12, 2016. It was great to see everyone and kick off our Relay with such a fun event.

Our Survivor Lunch will be March 12, 2016 at Sons of Italy from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. We will provide lunch to Survivors, Caregivers, families and friends. There is no charge for this event and everyone is welcome to come and help celebrate with our Survivors and Caregivers. The flyer for this event is attached to this newsletter.

The Survivor Committee is hard at work planning for all the Survivor events. Please plan on joining us on March 12th and also the day of the Relay in our Survivor Tent. We are planning events not only for Survivors this year but also to honor our Caregivers, so make sure you bring your Caregivers with you so we can honor them too.

Please don't forget that you must register each year for the Relay. You can register on line or with the Registration form that was mailed to you in December. You can register the day of Relay but it will speed up your check in if you are pre-registered. Also, it will provide us with your current info so we may keep you up to date on events. Don't forget to let us know if you have a change of address, phone number or email so we can update our mailing list.

Please contact me at (310)293-3238 or grace.donna08@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like additional information on any of our events.

Thank you!

Donna Grace
Survivor Chairperson



*Relay For Life of Torrance
April 23 & 24, 2016*

2016 Kick-Off Dinner & Survivor Celebration

January 12, 2016 at the Toyota Museum.

What a great way to start our 2016 Relay Year!!!



2016 Event Lead – Keith Musick



*Honoring Sheri Slover – Our
2014 & 2015 Event Lead*



*Our Relay Community Manager, Andrew Johnson
& Keith Musick, giving it a thumbs up night!!!*

Our Guest Speaker, Dr. Deborah Wong from UCLA Health



Andy Deva – Road to Recovery Volunteer



NHS Saxons Relay Team



Friends of the Arts/Traveling Turtles Relay Team



Donna Grace – Survivor Lead



*Terry Furey & LaVerna Edmonds –
Luminaria Ceremony*



Dr. Gus Dalis – Advocacy Lead



Milestone Drive Relay Team

Let the Road to Recovery Car Show begin:



*Joan Miyamoto,
President of South Bay Mustang Owners*

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*Alan Miyamoto
BOD of SouthBay Mustang Owners*



*TEAMS:
Walk This Way Milestone Drive NHS Saxons*



*And the winners are:
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2016 Relay For Life Meeting and Events

01/26/2016: January Meetings:

Toyota Museum

19600 Van Ness Ave.
Torrance, CA 90501

Team Captains at
6:30 to 7:30 PM

Event Leadership Team
at 7:30 to 8:30 PM

02/23/2016: February Meetings:

Toyota Museum

19600 Van Ness Ave.
Torrance, CA 90501

Team Captains at
6:30 to 7:30 PM

Event Leadership Team
at 7:30 to 8:30 PM

03/12/2016: Survivor Lunch

Sons of Italy

1744 W. Carson St.,
Torrance, CA. 90501

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

RSVP by March 5,
2016 to Donna Grace at
grace.donna08@gmail.com
or (310) 293-3238

03/29/2016: March Meetings: (5th Tuesday)

Toyota Museum

19600 Van Ness Ave.
Torrance, CA 90501

Team Captains at
6:30 to 7:30 PM

Event Leadership Team
at 7:30 to 8:30 PM

04/19/2016: April Meetings

Toyota Museum

19600 Van Ness Ave.
Torrance, CA 90501

Team Captains at 6:30 to
7:30 PM

Event Leadership Team
at 7:30 to 8:30 PM

04/21/2016: Team Captains

Information Night

Location - TBD

04/23 & 24 2016:

14th Annual

Relay For Life of Torrance

SEE YOU THERE!!!

Fight Back

There is no finish until we find a cure...

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Relay for Life Road to Recovery Car Show & Race

The Road to Recovery Car Show and Race is a very important part of the Relay For Life since it not only provides a fun group activity, but it also brings to focus an important part of what Mission Delivery is trying to accomplish at the Relay:

- (1) Educate participants and attendees about the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program
- (2) Stress the importance of recruiting volunteer drivers to get patients to/from treatments

RULES OF THE RELAY ROAD

Car Show

- A. Your "vehicle" must be constructed of a cardboard box or boxes.
- B. The maximum width of your "vehicle" is four feet (no length restrictions).
- C. Each car **MUST** be able to accommodate two people - a "driver" and a "passenger".
- D. Your vehicle may **NOT** be motorized or have any "mechanical" parts (no cycles of any type). The maximum power allowed is two-human power!
- E. **Decorate your vehicle!** Feel free to get creative as you would like with this. **Example:** You can incorporate something educational about cancer on your car or you can decorate based on your campsite theme.
- F. There will be a panel of judges voting on the cars' appearances. This will include not only the overall appearance, design, and ingenuity, but also the educational qualities, and the ability to clue folks in on a key aspect of the work of the American Cancer Society.
- F. A trophy or award will go to the winner(s) along with spirit points.



Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.®



30 Registered Teams as of 01/22/2016...Torrance Rocks!!!

Teams

Aloha Life
Angel Melgoza
Campbell's Crushing Cancer
Cancer Care Bears
Cosplay For a Cure
Friends of the Arts/ Traveling Turtles
His Hands
Hull Hawks
Kani's Ohana & Friends
King Drew Magnet high School
Knitting For A Cure
Love in Action
Lynn Leopards CISF
May Pag-Asa (There is Hope)
Milestone Drive
NHS Saxons
Ohana of Faith
Oscar's Lympho-maniacs
Team End Results
Team Insanity
Team Mixed Plate Ohana
Team RJ
Together We Fight
Torrance Employee Variety Show
Torrance High Interact
Torrance Memorial Medical Center
Torrance Nazarene
Walk This Way
Walteris Wildcats
Western Veterinary Group

Team Captains & Co-Captains

Keith Musick
Elizabeth Soria
Catherine Campbell
Sharon MacDonald , Kim McCormick & Janaan Canady
Krista Case
Frank Pepito
Gail Grove
Megan Wareham
Valerie Anduha & Steve Moy
Rebecca Salen
Terri Casey & Mary Rudsille
Michelle Rand
Linda Choy
Salette Amador
LaVerna Edmonds & Tabitha Gilling
Alexis Verlasco & Isaac Armijo
Linda Sakurai & Ally Sakurai
Anissa Villa
Dominic Amici
Kristi Banks
Garret Matsumoto
Blanche Mataalii
Christine Andrade
Carolyn Chun & Brian Sunshine
Jewel Molle & Jillian Becker
Michelle Rand
Amy Wills & Brenda Hernandez
Andrew Johnson
Kelly Calhoun & Jamie Calhoun
Jennifer Cruz

Relay For Life of Torrance 2016 Budget and Goals

	2016 Budget & Goals	Actuals as of 01/21/2016
Dollars	Gross: \$215,000	Gross: \$35,623.87
Registered Teams	65 (Includes 16 New)	28 (Includes 6 New)
Registered Survivors	200	35
Cancer Action Network Members	100% Event Leadership & 100% Team Captains	
Sponsorship	\$50,000	\$26,500

Relay For Life of Torrance joins the "Two Million Dollar Club"

At the end of Fiscal Year 2015, Relay For Life of Torrance has raised approximately \$2,362,208.53 in 13 years of Relaying, in its fight against cancer!!!



*Relay For Life of Torrance
April 23 & 24, 2016*

*2016 Relay For Life of Torrance
Event Leadership Team*

Event Lead	Keith Musick
Co-Event Lead	
ACS Relay Director	Andrew Johnson
<u>Bring the People Lead & Team Coordinator</u>	LaVerna Edmonds
Team Coordinator Co-Chair	Lisa Vaona-Case
Team Mentor	Valerie Anduha
Team Ambassador	Kristi Banks
Team Ambassador	Tabitha Gilling
Community Champion	Brian Sunshine
Community Champion	Andrea Perez
Community Champion	Andrea Ballas
Youth Champion	Tim Fuentes
Survivors & Caregiver Lead	Donna Grace
Survivor Video	Christine Andrade
<u>Build the Fun Experience Lead & Logistics</u>	Keith Musick
Relay Activities	
Kids Kamp	Chaylene Mataalii
Ceremonies	
Entertainment/Publicity	Cindy Shields
D/J	Dewey Miller
First Aid	Letty Molinos
First Aid Co-Lead	Dolly Moosay
Logistics Co-Lead	Dr. John Schmitt
Logistics Co-Lead	Ken Slover
Marketing	
Online & Social Communications	Cheryl Moore
Newsletter Lead & Co-Lead	Brian & Dorothy Gates
Luminaria Lead	Terry Furey
Luminaria Co-Lead's	Joy Kobashi & Linda Medved
Recognition	
Photographer Lead	Barbara Lorimer
Photographer Co-Lead & Volunteer Co-Lead	Pam Metz
Pre Relay Events	
Volunteer Lead	Nicole Parker
Volunteer Co-Lead	David Hoang
<u>Fund the Cure Lead</u>	Sheri Slover
Mission Lead	
Advocacy Chair	Dr. Gus Dalis
Sponsorship	Michelle Rand
Accounting	Sheri Slover
Offline Data Lead	LaVerna Edmonds
Fundraising	
Silent Auction Lead	Annette Porter
Registration Lead	Sharon Fadale
Registration Co-Lead	Hedy Deck

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AS OF 01/21/2016!

PRESENTING SPONSOR



SILVER SPONSOR



SIGNATURE SPONSOR
GUS & HELEN DALIS FAMILY

IN-KIND
DEWEY MILLER - DJ
SON'S OF ITALY



JANUARY 28TH

OPEN HOUSE

FUNDRAISER

Come check out Bluff Cove Olive Oil and Fundraise for the Relay For Life of Torrance

Learn how these Ultra-Premium oils and vinegars can be used to make healthier and tastier meals. \$10 admission covers tastings, appetizers, drinks and opportunity raffle. 15% of the sales, goes towards the Relay For Life of Torrance. If you are unable to make it n on the 28th call or stop in before the event and mention Relay.

Please RSVP to LaVerna Edmonds by 01/27/16 -
dledmonds@verizon.net



**Open House
Fundraiser**

**Supporting the
Relay For Life of
Torrance**

**Learn how to pair
these infused oils
and vinegars**

**Appetizers -
Drinks - Raffle**

\$10 at the door

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Thursday, Jan. 28th
6:30 PM