RELAY TALK

Thousand Oaks Relay For Life Newsletter *January 2015*

Relay Kick-Off

It's time to KICK-OFF the 2015 Thousand Oaks Relay For Life and you are invited. If you are a team captain and you bring a guest that is not registered and has not participated in Relay for Life before you will receive an extra "big raffle ticket".

Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm in the Thousand Oaks High School cafeteria on Tuesday, January 20th. We have special speakers scheduled too.

Come meet the 2015 Event Leadership Team and learn a little about Relay for Life. Will this year be the year we kick cancer out of our lives forever?

What is Relay?

- Organized, overnight community fundraising walk
- Teams of people camp out around a track
- Members of each team take turns walking around the track
- Food, games and activities provide entertainment and build camaraderie
- Family-friendly environment for the entire community

Because it's a team event, individual participants are not required to be there the entire time. But it's so much fun, you'll find it hard to leave!

Team Ambassadors Needed!

This year Relay For Life has added a few new volunteer positions, one such position is the Team Ambassador. The Team Ambassador works with small groups of Team Captains (5-10) to help guide them in a more personal way.

They help them understand the American Cancer Society's mission and how they can contribute by fundraising through Relay For Life. The Team Ambassadors are there to coach, answer questions, and give the tools the Team Captains need to succeed in their goals.

Team Ambassadors do not have to attend Leadership Team meetings and are able to fit their role to their own personal schedule. At this time we have 2 Team Ambassadors and are looking for more. If you are interested or would like more information about Team Ambassadors please email April at april.kittel@aim.com

Thousand Oaks Relay For Life 2015

Saturday, May 16 - Sunday, May 17

Starts at 10am

Conejo Creek Park South
1300 E. Janss Road
Thousand Oaks, CA

Please join us this year!, and invite your friends!

Thousand Oaks ia a great place to Relay

Luminaria Sales

Luminarias can be purchased online or at any team captains meetings .

Prices are $10 each, or 3 for $25. All money raised from luminaria sales goes toward your team totals up until the day of the event . Luminarias can be decorated by the luminaria committee or can be self decorated.

For more information or questions about luminaria please contact Jackson at jackson@torelay.org

Bark for Life

Thousand Oaks Relay For Life will be holding for the first time ever a…….**Bark For Life!**

For those who have not heard of Bark For Life, it is a fundraising event honoring the life-long contributions of our Canine Caregivers. It presents an opportunity for people to be able to participate in an American Cancer Society event with their canine companions.

Families and their dogs come together for a few hours during the day and complete a one mile walk to honor the care giving qualities of their canine “Best Friends” and cancer survivors. The event has doggie games, K-9 demonstrations, music, food trucks, adoptions, vendors, and opportunities for Relay For Life teams to fundraise.

Bark For Life is a happy fun family event. Thousand Oaks Bark For Life will be held at Conejo Creek Park North on April 19th. Further information will be posted on www.relayforlife.org/barkthousandoaksca. If you are interested in helping out or want more information on the event please contact April at april.kittel@aim.com

Survivors!

If any of your team members are cancer survivors, make sure they register as a survivor.

Survivors don’t have to be part of a team, they can walk as individuals, too. Let’s all reach out and find people who are fighting the fight and encourage them to be part of this amazing event!

All you need is HOPE

Team Captain Workshops

Hello Team Captains! This year we have changed a lot with the Relay structure and all the Team Captain Meetings have been turned to Team Captain Workshops. If you are new or a seasoned Team Captain it would be in your best interest to come to these workshops or have a representative come.

The first workshop will be discussing the changes, connecting you with your Team Ambassadors, and other Relay business. Each workshop will be different and you will receive a list of dates with theme of workshop. There will also be raffles for prizes and a "big raffle ticket" for a chance to be one of the first teams to pick campsites**. If you have money to** hand in please arrive early since we will only accept money up till 6:40pm.

Hope to see all of you at our first Team Captain Workshop on January 13th at 6:30pm in the Library Marvin E Smith Room. For any additional information or questions contact April at april.kittel@aim.com

Dates of Workshops

- **January 13th**. Introduction to the New Thousand Oaks Relay For Life
- **February 10th**. Computer Lab. (bring a laptop or observe)
- **March 10th**. Fundraising & Bark For Life
- **April 14th**. Bark For Life & Event Day Preparation & Deadlines
- **May 12th**. –TBD (possible bank night & t-shirt night)

We are so happy you are part of the Thousand Oaks Relay For Life

Fundraising Opportunity for all teams

Nothing Bundt Cakes in Thousand Oaks has been kind enough to keep their year round fundraising opportunity open for all our Relay Teams. The way the fundraiser works is the originating coordinators, team Over The Rainbow has worked with Nothing Bundt Cake to open the fundraiser to all Thousand Oaks Relay For Life Teams to participate. The fundraiser is 20% of all sales. The Teams will earn 15% of the 20% and the additional 5% will be paid to team "Over the Rainbow" as the coordinating Team. All 20% will be given to Thousand Oaks Relay For Life. The earned funds will be paid out monthly or quarterly depending on amount size, the larger the sales will be paid monthly.

This is an on-going fundraiser event and the Teams can submit orders via, walk in, order forms, and online but state Team name with Relay For Life on the order form also. Online orders are valid only at the Thousand Oaks Store, ZIP 91362. When ordering online in the Special Instruction box: Relay For Life/ and Team Name to get credit for the order for the Team you are supporting. Walk-in's are welcome but clients need to state that they are supporting the Relay For Life fundraiser and what team or hand in the flyer you can receive from April – the clerks will write info on receipt or attach the receipt to the flyer for accounting purposes. The owner Terry will be the one making out the checks to the teams. For any additional information or the flyer contact April at

Dates to Remember

January

13 – Team Captain Workshop
20 - Kick Off

February

10 – Team Captain Workshop
11 - Leadership Team Meeting

March

10 – Team Captain Workshop

April

14– Team Captain Workshop
15- Leadership Team Meeting
19 - Bark For Life

May

5 - Leadership Team Meeting
12 -Team Captain Workshop / T-shirt Night / Bank Night
15 -Event Set up
16 & 17 - Thousand Oaks Relay For Life

Register NOW!

We are only 4 months away from Relay day. Please remember to register your teams, team members, and encourage anyone you know that is a survivor to register.

The sooner this happens the more access to information you will have and a better chance of meeting your fund-raising goal. If you have any problems with registering online please contact Dawn at torelayforlife@gmail.com

2015 Thousand Oaks Relay For Life Leadership Team

Event Lead	Nikki De La Torre
People Lead	April Kittell
Experience Lead	John Routh
Fund the Mission Lead	Jackson Warner
ACS Staff Partner	Nikki DeLaTorre
ACS Manager	Jessica Easterly
Community Champion	Mike Borkovitz
Community Champion	OPEN
Balloon Arch	Ann Hoheimer
Team Ambassador	Frank Fabrega
Team Ambassador	OPEN
Team Ambassador	OPEN
Team Ambassador	OPEN
Team Ambassador	OPEN
Team Ambassador	OPEN
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Survivors Lead	Michelle Manoly
Survivors Lead	Kayla Puga
Survivors Lead	Eric Hackett
Survivors Food Donation	Cynthia Bell
Newsletter	Kim Sheldon
Entertainment/Activities Lead	Natalia Weglarz
Entertainment/Activities Lead	Katie Lux
Entertainment Equipment	Kevin Rock
Children's Activites	Judi Hoskins
Food Chair	OPEN
Logistics Lead	OPEN
Recognition Lead	OPEN
Luminaria Lead (Remote)	Jackson Warner
Luminaria Lead (TO)	Sara Moss
Online & Social Media (web)	Dawn Stines
Online & Social Media (verifier)	John Routh
Online & Social Media (Facebook)	April Kittel
Volunteer Lead	Cristy Warner
Registration Lead	Maureen Friedman
Registration Co-Chair	Leanna Friedman
Accounting Support	Mark Gronwald
Relay Store	Susan Premo
Sponsorship Lead	Lonnie Estrella
Sponsorship Lead	John Routh
Sponsorship Lead	Jackson Warner
Silent Auction	Peggy Corbett
Silent Auction	Sally Keil
Silent Auction	Angela Samona
Silent Auction	Jen Wilson
Site Signage / Flags	OPEN
Fight Back / Mission Lead	OPEN
ACS CAN	OPEN