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MESSAGE FROM THE MWCABC PRESIDENT

On behalf of the MWCABC Board and myself, I want to take this opportunity to celebrate all our warriors, survivors, supporters, volunteers, miracle workers, researchers, Junior Coalition and health care professionals who support the mission and vision of the Coalition. We especially want to thank our community who support us both financially and emotionally and is essential in facilitating our cause. I also want to thank our Junior Coalition and their Advisors, our incredible Board of Directors, Special Events Fundraising Chairs, Advisory Board, Care Coaches, Health Care Professionals and the many volunteers visible and invisible who continue to lead the way forward. Your support of the Coalition's efforts is invaluable to the work accomplished.

Over the past 27 years, our all-volunteer organization has funded over \$4 million toward innovative breast cancer research at a wide variety of laboratories and treatment facilities.

Our Outreach Program provides caring support services and resources to those with breast cancer and related diseases and offers educational programs on breast cancer and its prevention. Our Care Coaches are a pivotal part of the Outreach Program and provide essential support to those living with breast cancer on a daily basis.

The Junior Coalition was formed to increase awareness among teens about breast cancer, as well as to enable these teens to raise funds for breast cancer research and patient support programs.

The Coalition will continue to support research that will change the direction and course of the disease and to offer support and resources to women in need through our Outreach Committee. As noted in this newsletter, the many wonderful, committed and caring efforts of all in facilitating the Coalition efforts have been and continue to be tremendous. We thank you for your donations and support of our fundraisers: 5K Run/Walk, Cash for a Cure Raffle, and Ladies' Night Out.

We are eternally grateful. Thank You!

With Gratitude,

Susan Neville, PHD, RN
President and VP Research

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Ladies' Night Out 2023





The MWCABC 27th-Annual Ladies' Night Out, chaired by Rosanna Migliaccio, was a resounding success! The sold-out fundraiser was held on October 25 at Leonard's Palazzo Grand Ballroom in Great Neck with over 425 attendees. The evening included vendor shopping, cocktail hour and dinner. The pink and white color theme as well as the gorgeous table flowers all added to a very festive evening. The program included the presentation of Cycle 2023 Research Grant Proposal Funding to three researchers representing Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai, NYU Grossman School of Medicine and Weill Cornell Medicine. The magnificent Silent Auction was chaired by Rosanna Migliaccio, a Calendar Raffle chaired by Kelly Cacioppo and a Gift Card Raffle chaired by Ashley Selsor added to the excitement of the evening. The entire room's attention was captured and held by a heartfelt personal story shared by Susan Gentile. "Moments of Gratitude" followed, which included a presentation to the owners of Gallery Couture, for their many years of supporting the Fashion Presentations at the event over the years. This was followed by the emotional, resilient and motivational "Fashion Walk" of the many recipients of the MWCABC Outreach Services. Members of Junior Coalition's Classes of 2024 and 2025 ended the program with a moving vocal presentation. To close out the evening, attendees took cookies and coffee to-go as they left for the night. In the words of President Susan Neville, "I especially want to thank our community who support us financially and emotionally and is essential in facilitating our cause. All funds raised will go toward assisting the coalition in facilitating our research funding, outreach services and educational/rehabilitative programs. The Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer is making a difference."





The night was PINK!

Town Supervisor Jen DeSena had Town Hall lit up apropos to celebrate Ladies' Night Out!

MWCABC 5K Run/Walk

The annual run/walk took place on Sunday, October 1st at Mary Jane Davies Park and wove through the beautiful streets of Manhasset finishing on Andrew Road. The event was chaired by Aileen Barry & Theresa McCabe. Over 650 runners & walkers came out to participate! We are thankful to all of the volunteers, sponsors and participants! It was a wonderful way to raise awareness in the community while supporting the MWCABC.



OUTREACH



Port Washington Paul D. Schreiber High School Viking Football Team

The Port Washington Schreiber Viking Football team went above and beyond to support breast cancer awareness. Led by Head Coach Kevin Cloghessey, these dedicated athletes didn't just wear pink socks in October 2023. No, they took it further by organizing a fundraising campaign for The Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer Outreach

Program. Seeing how the team came together to make a difference in their community is truly inspiring. And it's even more heartwarming to learn that Varsity players Andrew and Christian Sarchese, whose family has benefited from the outreach program, played a key role in designing a Breast Cancer Awareness Tee Shirt. The team sold these shirts and other awareness merchandise and raised over \$3,000 in funds! This money will go a long way in helping local families dealing with breast cancer challenges. The Vikings should be incredibly proud of their efforts and the impact they have made. They have shown unwavering support for the MWCABC, and their dedication is truly commendable. Thank you, Port Washington Schreiber Viking Football team!

Orangetheory Fitness Garden City Park, Carle Place & New Hyde Park

On Wednesdays they wear **Pink!** Thank you to Marion Dujmovits & her staffs & patrons at Orangetheory Fitness in Carle Place, Garden City Park and New Hyde Park. Two of the studios ran a 90-minute Breast Cancer Donation

Studio D Dance Pink Out Fundraiser

class to raise money for the MWCABC Outreach program. They raised \$1500 in the month of October! Thank you OT Carle Place, Garden City Park and New Hyde Park and their generous members!



Orangetheory Fitness Carle Place



Orangetheory Fitness Garden City Park



MWCABC Outreach would like to express its gratitude to Debbie Lodato and her dance family at Studio D in Merrick for their donation of \$1100 raised during their **PINK OUT** fundraiser.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Strength for Life Exercise Classes
- Therapeutic Paint Session
- Survivorship Webinars
- Weekend Wellness Retreat
- Community Webinars

Follow us on Instagram or Facebook for more information!



RESEARCH

We were thrilled to present grants to our current research recipients at LNO:

NYU Grossman School of Medicine
Examining Novel Therapeutic Strategies

Against Breast Cancer Brain Metastasis
Dr. Eva Hernando, PhD



Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Enhancing Immunotherapeutic Response of
Triple Negative Breast Cancer with a Novel
Cancer Stem Cell Inhibitor
Dr. Hanna Y. Irie, M.D., PhD.



Weill Cornell Medical College
Carbon Monoxide-Based Approach
for Metastatic Breast Cancer Prevention and
Therapy
Dr. Nancy Du, PhD.



MWCABC JUNIOR COALITION

As usual, the beginning of the school year coincided with another fabulous year for our Junior Coalition girls! We welcomed the Class of 2027 to the fold and they have brought fantastic energy and enthusiasm to the Coalition. And speaking of energy and enthusiasm, the Junior Coalition girls from all four high-school classes showed up and showed out at our annual 5K, helping out with everything from T-shirt distribution to race-bib pickup to serving as baristas at our coffee bar and cheerleaders at the finish line. Later that month, members of the Classes of 2024 and 2025 came to the always-fabulous Ladies' Night Out to lend their singing voices to a beautiful and moving tribute to beloved volunteer Miriam Witzke, who passed away earlier this year. Thank you to the 2026s for doing a Fall Planting at the Garden of Hope & Healing. The Class of 2027 had an amazing time and raised much-needed funds at their beautiful Pink Ball, held at Strathmore Vanderbilt Country Club; and the 2026s will be holding their Snow Ball in late January for more fun-filled fundraising! We will round up the year carrying out one of the Junior Coalition girls' favorite activities—creating, wrapping and delivering festive and delicious holiday baked-goods baskets to our incredible Outreach recipients. Bringing some holiday joy to these wonderful families is the highlight of our calendar year.



**Pink Ball
2027**

**Singing at Ladies' Night Out
2024 & 2025**



**Manhasset Train Station
Garden of Hope & Healing Planting
2026**



**MWCABC 5K Walk/Run
2024, 2025, 2026 & 2027**



It was all hands on deck for the annual 5K Walk/Run. Girls from all classes provided assistance in every aspect of the 5K. They were there bright and early to set up, check people in, organize shirts, hand out coffee and cheer people on for the race!



If you are interested in volunteering with the Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer, click [here](#)

Your gifts, both large and small, will help us to continue to play a leadership role in the fight against breast cancer and related diseases and enable us to provide support services to hundreds of women and their families that need our help.

Together we can make a difference! [DONATE HERE](#) or below!



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