

Greetings to all,

Top news item this month was the June 15 opening of registration for the 10th Anniversary Walk Across Southeastern Connecticut. TBBCF is officially in **high gear** until the end of October. To date there are 50 walkers registered. We expect those numbers to pick up as we begin the 15 week training program in early July. We have already received numerous donations toward walker fundraising campaigns. We are looking for volunteers and continue to recruit Foundation sponsors and donors. Our online fundraising tool has a fresh new look this year.

On June 4, TBBCF Board Director, Walk team leader, sponsor and donor, Donna Yother, was presented with a Community Service Award by the Boy Scouts Connecticut River Council for playing a vital role in the growth and development of our community! Congratulations to Donna and the entire SAVA Team!!

Our events season is off to a great start. On May 29 and 30, Old Saybrook High School held their two day cancer walk at the Old Saybrook Middle School. The event has become a hallmark of the spring season run each year by high school seniors who devote several months to the effort as part of their senior project. This year's organizers were seniors Lexi Bardos, Emilee Gowrie and Mackenzie Schneider. Congratulations and a huge thank you to Lexi, Emilee and Mackenzie. TBBCF received a check for \$5,000 from Cancer Walk's event proceeds.

On June 3, Ivoryton Playhouse hosted a cancer survivor night during the 7:30 p.m. performance of *Calendar Girls*, one of the best-selling plays in British theatre history. TBBCF and three other local cancer foundations were recognized at this event. Attending for the Foundation were Claudia Marks, Ellen Swerzewski, Pamela Morris Watt and me. The play ran through the month of June.

You can find a listing of upcoming events at the bottom of this newsletter. Hosting an event for TBBCF or a Walk team? We can help. To get on our event calendar and listed on our Upcoming Events calendar and website, simply call Alyson at 860-437-1400 or email her at alysonwoznicki@tbbcf.org.

Finally, in this issue I am pleased to share with you the first in a monthly series of articles by Day writer, Melissa Babcock. Melissa was recently diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 31. Melissa has courageously put herself out there saying, "My plan was, and still is, to show any other young woman or anyone else going through a health crisis that this absolutely does not have to ruin them and they can get through it. Whatever happens, it's worth the fight." I hope you will join me in following this amazing young woman as she maneuvers through the next few months.

That's it for now. Enjoy the great weather. I'll be back the end of July.

Ciao,

Sandy Maniscalco - Interim Executive Director