

Greetings to all,

Hope you are enjoying this great summer-like weather. I am happy to report that TBBCF – *The Little Non-Profit that could* - is on track! April and May proved to be every bit as active as the first quarter. We accomplished a good deal in the past two months. It is largely thanks to the support of many volunteers who spent numerous hours working on the 10th Annual Meeting, the 2015 sponsorship campaign, marketing and website support and planning and executing visits with TBBCF 2014-15 grant recipients.

The May 12 TBBCF 10th Annual Meeting was a huge success. About 55 individuals attended the event hosted and sponsored by the TBBCF Board. Participants enjoyed a buffet supper while also enjoying the speaking program. Speakers included Patti Burmahl, John LaMattina, PhD and Howie Brensilver, MD. Other speakers included Drs. Eugen Dhimolea, 2015 TBBCF grant recipient from Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Dr. David Page, 2014 TBBCF grant recipient from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. See the article *TBBCF 10th Annual Meeting*.

TBBCF launched its 2015 sponsorship mailing campaign the end of April. The first stage included the mailing of personalized letters and sponsor brochures to past sponsors and to our chamber listing (Eastern Connecticut, Old Saybrook and Westerly). Our goal was to get 80 percent of the mailing to the Post Office by month's end ... mission accomplished. We will finish our 20 percent over the next week. A number of volunteers participated on this project. They are listed on the left hand side of this newsletter.

Our Marketing Team (Marilyn Dayton, Claudia Marks and Ellen Swerceski) worked hard to update not only materials for the sponsor mailings but all marketing collateral as the Foundation phone number and email address changed in the first quarter. In parallel, the Website Team (Lisa Carroll, Pamela Morris Watt, Laureen Sullivan, and Ellen Swerceski) spent the past five months preparing our site for the 2015 Walk season. We have also been working on the fundraising tools for the 10th Anniversary Walk season.

On April 20, TBBCF BOD and SAC members visited the 2014-2015 grant recipients, Javier Carmona, PhD (2014), David Page, MD (2014) and Natalya Pavlova, PhD (2015) at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC). The visit was coordinated by MSKCC Development Director, Brianne Baird.

Pictured here are: Front L-R, Dr. David Page, Dr. Javier Carmona and Dr. Natalya Pavlova. Back L-R Dr. Susan Logan (Scientific Advisory Committee), Stacey Gualtieri (TBBCF Grants Administrator), Sandy Maniscalco, and Dr. Michael Garabedian (Scientific Advisory Committee)



June visits are being planned for Yale and Mass General. Also in the planning stages is a research symposium for some time in September. Serving on that planning committee are Jackie McCaffery, Becky Lillie, John LaMattina, Susan Raffetto, and Max Logan.

Thanks to all who helped keep us on track. With the 10th Anniversary Walk Registration scheduled to open on June 15, we believe we are officially in "high gear". Interested in volunteering? Send me an email at smaniscalco@tbbcf.org.

Ciao,

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