

# The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation



# NEWSLETTER

*“in the pursuit of education and cure for breast cancer”*

President's Message – June 2011

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Thank You! Thank You! To each of you wonderful supporters who have made The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation a part of you. You have made it a reality that as of March 2011, our grass-roots Breast Cancer Foundation delivered a check to our very special breast health care center at Sibley Memorial Hospital that cumulatively (this was our 8<sup>th</sup> contribution) amounted to \$100,000. Without your faithful and consistent monetary support, this could not have happened – this is the result of YOU! I appeal once again, please continue to make your contributions to the Foundation each year. As always, I am hopeful contributions will increase which enables our support to the specific researchers, in addition to Sullivan Cancer for Breast Health to be greater, too!

This past August 2010, as reported in a mini-update, the Foundation Communiqué, I shared information from my visit, along with several other Foundation supporters, to Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center for the opportunity to meet personally with Dr. Leisha Emens, the breast cancer researcher we support at Johns Hopkins. She presented and explained the clinical trials, research and studies she is involved in. As always, I want to share this knowledge – so at our July 13, 2011 Fundraiser Dinner, Dr. Emens will be our guest speaker. One of the primary goals of the Foundation's Mission is “to raise awareness and education.” My belief is that with more updated information, with accurate information, each of us can become a stronger advocate for self and others in this battle against breast cancer. It is vital that we know all of our options in our efforts to win a battle against this insidious disease.

During these past eight years, I have crusaded against individuals not always getting connected to the best medical specialists, best and most relevant clinical trials available and support systems as each experienced a journey requiring breast cancer specialists, treatment and yearly maintenance care. As always, I am determined to help those – from calls of friends, acquaintances, and family, to become a part of the Foundation's medical network. As always, just give my number to anyone needing to map out a course of breast cancer exploration or navigation for cure. In this eight year endeavor, I want to highlight that, without the Foundation's Medical Advocacy Specialists, without the entire staff and facility at Sibley's “The Sullivan Center for Breast Health,” our positive effect could not nor would not be. I am grateful to these doctors listed on this newsletter along with support staff, and researchers at JHU, UCLA, U. Pitt., The Jackson Laboratory and Clinical Trials at Sibley. You, as part of the Foundation, make this all a reality.

Website Update: Our wonderful webmaster, Stephanie Lemke, and I have a site created, and are working on it. I believe that the 2011 summer will be the launching time! We, our executive board, are focusing on developing a Foundation list-serve too. In this effort, please forward your email address to us along with your contributor/dinner reservation.

Discussions are under way for some future fundraising events – more to come as they unfold.

I always want to express my gratefulness to Doug Plain, proprietor of the Aspen Hill Outback Restaurant for his continued sponsorship of the Foundation's Walk to Win – the battle against breast cancer. I would love to enable this event to become a larger walk/run – even another venue is fine too. I just need help! To all of you, if you are or if you know of an individual who

can help us in this endeavor, please connect us!! At this time, let me express deep appreciation to Sue Berman of Blue Heron Wellness Center, Silver Spring, MD and Julie Nguyen of Bluwater Day Spa, Kensington, MD for their fundraiser events to support the Foundation.

Always, the Foundation's open to all ideas – all help is appreciated. Remember, the Foundation is totally grass-roots, totally voluntary and totally non-profit – all raised monies from our Foundation go to designated recipients. This past year, we disbursed monies to: Sibley Centers for Breast Health; Dr. Leisha Emens at Johns Hopkins; Dr. Dennis Slamon, UCLA; Dr. Puhalia at U. of Pittsburgh; research grants for women's health at The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine; and Clinical Trials, Dr. Lisa McGrail at Sibley Memorial Hospital for Breast Cancer.

Shown with options: 04- Safety Strap, (2) 15 - Safety Rails, 17 - Utility Rail, 089 - Power Backrest, 091 - Pelvic Tilt, 098 - Pop-up Legrest, 097 - Stainless Steel Pan



The Sullivan Breast Center has decided to use a portion of this year's \$10,000 contribution from us towards installation of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Powermatic Hydraulic Examining Table. The Foundation enabled the Breast Center to receive two last year and the radiologists felt they made such a positive effect for not only patients (especially in wheel chairs) but also themselves for surgical procedure work. Having control over the table was highly valued by our dedicated breast radiologists - Dr. Zuurbier and Dr. Razavi.

Last fall, I had the pleasure of talking with the geneticist, Dr. Reem Saadeh, at the breast center. I feel absolute pride in the fact that our Foundation provided \$25,000 over two different years previously. That enabled the Sullivan Center for Breast Health to establish this pivotal position as identified by Dr. Rebecca Zuurbier and Dr. Collette Magnant.

Before I close, I want to share the good feelings I have for all of us – during this past year, Johns Hopkins and Sibley Memorial Hospital became (legally) a partnership. Our Medical Advisory Specialists directed us and guided us to develop our own relationship about seven years ago with Johns Hopkins as we designated a researcher at the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center as our recipient. Thus, we have had our own partnership with both facilities prior. It has been very rewarding working with members of JHU development offices and Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation Office.

Our Foundation's goal is always wanting to

**E**ducate all  
radicate cancer and  
mpower each individual

all so they are stronger advocates. I look forward to your joining us July 13 for, once again, an absolutely special and worthwhile dinner/meeting – our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser Dinner. Dr. Leisha Emens will be our Guest Speaker.

We always look forward to meeting your family members – spouses, children and friends – they become the Foundation's family too!

Come, volunteer, organize an event – help us save lives, help us help the Medical Advisory Specialists and our specific researchers save lives!!

Together we DO make a difference.

Sincerely,

Judith A. Lese  
President and CEO