



June 2020

Dear Diane,

We hope you are safe and healthy.

As we navigate through the pandemic, we continue to execute on our core mission programs at a safe distance:

- [Here4You Financial Assistance Program](#)
- [Peer support](#)
- [By Your Side chemotherapy kits](#)
- [Virtual Survivors Teaching Students \(STS\) classes](#)
- Virtual events
 - [June 9, Support Group Facilitated by Susan Hedlund](#)
 - [June 19, Happy Hour](#)
 - [June 23, Annual Medical Update in Conjunction with Compass Oncology](#)

While we may be physically isolated, our community bonds remain strong.

Warmest regards,

Zoya Kumar

Executive Director

In Her Own Words:

June Johnson

It was May of 2017 that my life was forever changed...read more [here](#)



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Survivors Teaching Students (STS) Program

Neither rain, nor snow, nor a pandemic, can keep our STS presenters from speaking out. Presentations are done via ZOOM, and students at Pacific University and Linfield School of Nursing are the most recent beneficiaries. This student evaluation says it all:

“I find it incredibly valuable to hear patients talk about their stories. We sit every day in class learning about diseases, but nothing helps me

connect that information more than hearing it firsthand from someone that experienced it.”

Furthermore, thanks to guidance from OCAOSW’s own Diane O’Connor, the local program has expanded to eastern Washington. Nursing School students at Gonzaga will again hear from STS presenters in Fall 2020.

STS provides the opportunity for survivors to speak directly to future health care providers about ovarian cancer. This innovative program saves lives, one presentation at a time: helping the next generation of medical professionals diagnose the disease at its earliest, most treatable stages.

OCAOSW’s STS presenters include:

Phyllis Lang, Kristine Walter, Sherry Hanson, Becki McCall, Mary Beebe, Jasmin Kim, Melissa Hopkins, Kelly Shafer, Teri Giangreco, Roselle Soriano, Barb Sanders, Sayla Hachey, Diane Sarver, Anna DeMers, Kay McGuire, Susan Gianotti, Carol Hoefer, Diane Elizondo, and Diane O’Connor.



Virtual 2020 Ovarian Cancer Medical Update via Zoom

June 23, 7:00pm-8:30pm

Join us for the annual Ovarian Cancer Medical Update on Tuesday, June 23, 7:00pm-8:30pm. The update will focus on ovarian cancer information including the latest developments in diagnosis and treatment. There will also be a segment on genetic counseling and testing.

Dr. Cassandra Niemi, MD is the featured speaker along with an expert on genetic counseling, Becky Clark, MS, CGC. This event is presented in conjunction with [Compass Oncology](#).

Registration for this free educational session is required. Zoom event login information will be included in event registration confirmation and event reminder emails.

Register [here](#).

O'Vary Funny FUNdraiser

Featuring Comedian, Inspirational Speaker, and Ovarian Cancer Survivor [Karen Mills!](#)

Save the Date: October 9

6:30pm-10:00pm

DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Portland

Thanks to Our 2020 O'Vary Funny Sponsors (to Date)!!!

Presenting: Compass Oncology

Gold: Tesaro

Teal Ribbon: SHOC Foundation

For sponsorships, silent auction donations, or volunteer interest: contact [Zoya Kumar](#).

OCAOSW Website Resource Pages

Financial Assistance Resources: click [here](#)

Caregivers Resources: click [here](#)

2020 SHOC Walk & Run for Ovarian Cancer – Virtual Edition

August 1

The SHOC Foundation will embark on its first ever VIRTUAL event with its 16th Annual SHOC Walk & Run in support of ovarian and gynecologic cancer research. For more information, click [here](#).

Story Time: Seeking IHOW Authors

In Her Own Words is one of the most read and appreciated articles in our newsletter and on our website. If you're interested in sharing your journey with our community, please contact [Diane O'Connor](#).

Camp Mak-a-Dream in Gold Creek, MT Retreats

Please visit this [page](#) for details on event and programming changes based on current recommendations and restrictions surrounding the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) situation.

For more camp information: click [here](#).

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