



August 2022

Our [O-Vary Funny Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser](#) is just a few months away on October 1. We look forward to seeing you at our biggest FUNdraiser event after a two-year in-person Covid hiatus!

A few important notes:

- Early bird event registration will increase on August 1 at 11pm. Register [here](#).
- We're in need of [silent auction items and wine donations](#). Deadline is September 7.
- We're looking for a few volunteers to help us execute this event on October 1. Scroll below for more information.

Thank you for supporting our mission.

Warmest regards,

[Zoya Kumar](#)

Executive Director

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In Her Own Words: Samantha Caggiano

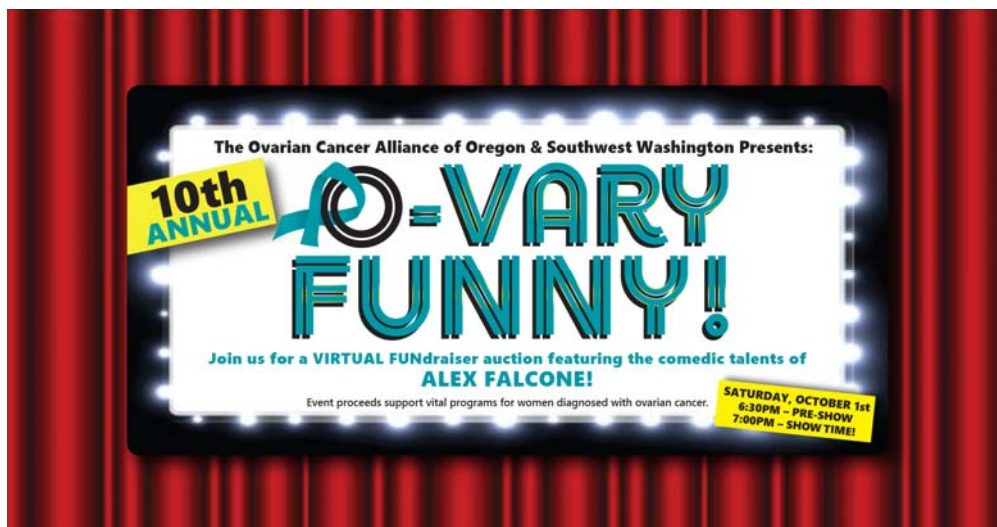
March 20, 2020, was the day that rocked my world...[here](#).



OCAOSW Upcoming Events

Join us for the upcoming virtual events:

- August 18, [OCAOSW Support Group moderated by Susan Hedlund](#)
- September 21, [OCRA Virtual Ovarian Cancer National Conference](#)
- October 1, [OCASW O-Vary Funny Dinner and Silent Auction FUNdraiser](#)
- October 14, [OCAOSW Support Group moderated by Susan Hedlund](#)
- November 16, [OCAOSW Support Group moderated by Susan Hedlund](#)
- December 15, [OCAOSW Support Group moderated by Susan Hedlund](#)



2022 O-Vary Funny - Celebrating a Decade!

Save the date: October 1, 2022, for our 10th Annual O-Vary Funny FUNdraiser! Our featured comedian is Alex Falcone. You can expect great [silent auction items](#) and special surprises as we honor survivors and raise funds for our mission.

To purchase event tickets, click [here](#). If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate, click [here](#).

To purchase raffle tickets for an Italian villa getaway for 10 people, click [here](#).

To donate silent auction items, click [here](#).

To sponsor this event to advance our mission, please contact [Zoya Kumar](#).

Stay tuned for exciting event information as we prepare to celebrate a decade!!!

A huge thanks to our sponsors !!!

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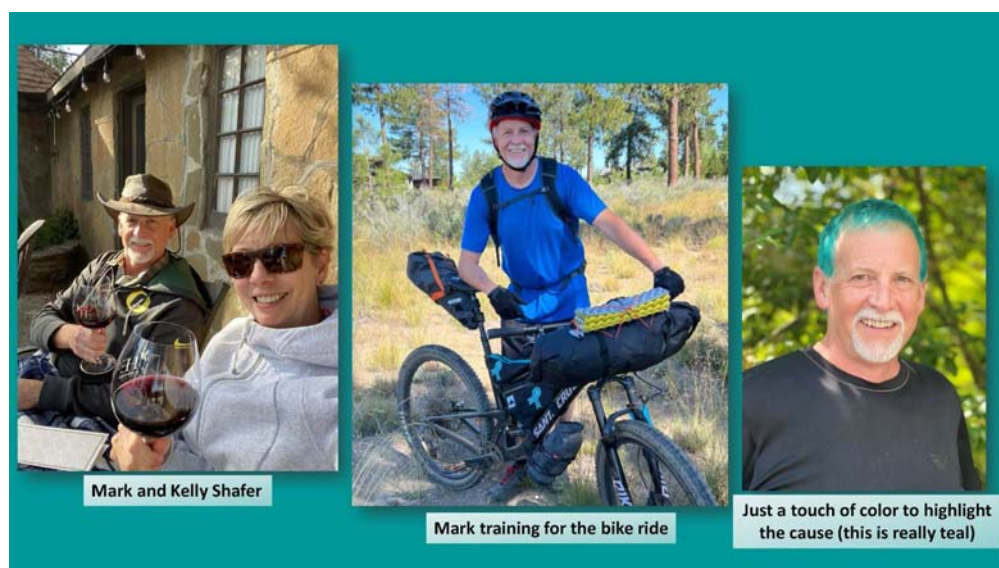
Call Out: Volunteers Needed for O-Vary Funny

We're looking for volunteers to help us execute the O-Vary Funny Dinner and Silent Auction FUNdraiser on October 1, 2022, from 12pm-9:30PM. Duties may include: stuffing goody bags, organizing silent auction tables, registration help, silent auction check out, and photography. It's a very fast-paced event, and dinner will be provided.

If interested, please contact: Zoya Kumar at zoyak@ovariancancerosw.org.

OCAOSW board members Hitting the Trails and Streets for Ovarian Cancer

Mark Shafer and Susan Gianotti, both OCAOSW board members, are busy taking ovarian cancer awareness efforts to the trails and streets. Mark Shafer, is biking 650 miles across the Oregon Timber Trail to honor his wife Kelly, an ovarian cancer survivor, and to raise awareness about ovarian cancer. Kelly was initially diagnosed in 2016, just after Mark retired. Kelly was in loving hands with Mark as her caregiver, but she also relied heavily upon support from OCAOSW. She remains cancer-free, and the active couple have gratefully resumed their travels. Mark is utilizing his love of mountain biking to raise both awareness about ovarian cancer and funds for the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Oregon & Southwest Washington. To learn more about Mark's ride and track his journey you can follow him on Facebook at [Teal on 2 Wheels](#) and Instagram at [@teal on 2wheels](#). To support Mark's efforts with a charitable donation, click [here](#).



And while Mark is biking the Oregon Timber Trail, Susan Gianotti is training for the New York City Marathon! Susan is running as a member of Team TEAL, a group assembled by the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC). Each member of Team TEAL commits to raising funds for NOCC's mission. Susan is an ovarian cancer survivor, and you can donate to Susan's fundraiser [here](#).

Susan was inspired to undertake a marathon by her cherished friend Peg. Peg ran over 40 marathons before she passed away from ovarian cancer in 2018. Ovarian cancer awareness is obviously close to Susan's heart. Susan also volunteered as a superhero model for [OCAOSW's Trust Your Gut Awareness Campaign](#).

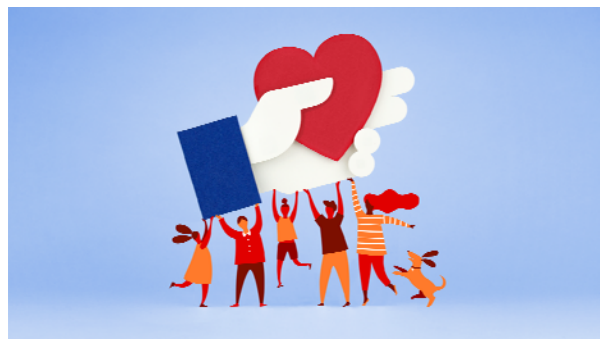


OCRA's Virtual Ovarian Cancer National Conference

September 21-23, 2022

The Uniting for Hope Ovarian Cancer National Conference, presented by Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance, is the largest and longest-running ovarian cancer conference. It brings together patients, caregivers, survivors, advocates and friends to learn about the latest developments in diagnosis, treatment and quality of life for women with ovarian cancer. The conference offers opportunities to learn, connect and support, all from the comfort of your own home.

Register [here](#)!



Facebook Fundraisers

Easy Way to Raise Awareness, Funds, and Make a Big Difference

Now more than ever, it's easy to raise funds and raise mission awareness for OCAOSW. Inspire your friends and family with your passion for our mission by sharing your special day with us.

A Facebook fundraiser posted to your timeline tells your friends and family what matters to you on your special day. It doesn't have to be instead of cake and cards – you can have those things too!

Learn how to create a Facebook fundraiser [here](#).

The PATHFINDER 2 Study Open for Enrollment

Too often, cancer goes undetected until it is at an advanced stage. Thinking about the possibility of having cancer can feel overwhelming, but taking steps to find cancer early can help you feel more in control of your health. The earlier that cancer is found, the higher the chance of survival.

The PATHFINDER 2 Study will evaluate the performance of a multi-cancer early detection test, called Galleri, that can detect many types of cancer through a simple blood draw. This test is being studied and is not approved or cleared by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). It is not meant to replace the cancer screening tests your healthcare provider may recommend, such as colonoscopy or mammography.

The PATHFINDER 2 Study is currently open to men and women aged 50 years or older who meet eligibility criteria and receive care at participating health systems. Participants in previous or ongoing GRAIL sponsored studies are not eligible to participate in the PATHFINDER 2 Study.

To see if you are eligible to enroll, please contact the PATHFINDER 2 Study Team [here](#).

No Out of Pocket Genetic Re-Testing

Have you previously tested for BRCA1/BRCA2 full testing or for Lynch Syndrome prior to 2013? If so, you may qualify for update testing at no out of pocket expense. Check with your geneticist or provider for more information.

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](#).

Easy Ways to Make a Significant Difference



Set up a Facebook Fundraiser to benefit the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Follow these [easy instructions](#).

You'll make a big difference in the lives of survivors by helping fund our emotional and financial support programs.



Make a difference when you shop! Please consider linking your online Amazon shopping account to the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Oregon and SW Washington. For every dollar spent, **OCAOSW** receives a [donation from AmazonSmile](#) and that is surely something to smile about!



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