



October 2022

We're sending the October newsletter a few days early as October 1 is our biggest FUNdraiser of the year - the 10th Annual O-Vary Funny Dinner and Silent Auction.

This is your last opportunity to register!

A few important notes:

- **Purchase your event tickets [here](#).**
- **Purchase your *Italian Villa for 10 people* raffle tickets [here](#). (You don't have to be present to win!)**
- **If you're unable to attend this year's event, you can donate [here](#).**

Thank you for supporting our mission. If you plan on attending, we look forward to seeing you in person soon.

Warmest regards,

[Zoya Kumar](#)

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In Her Own Words: Kathleen Fallon

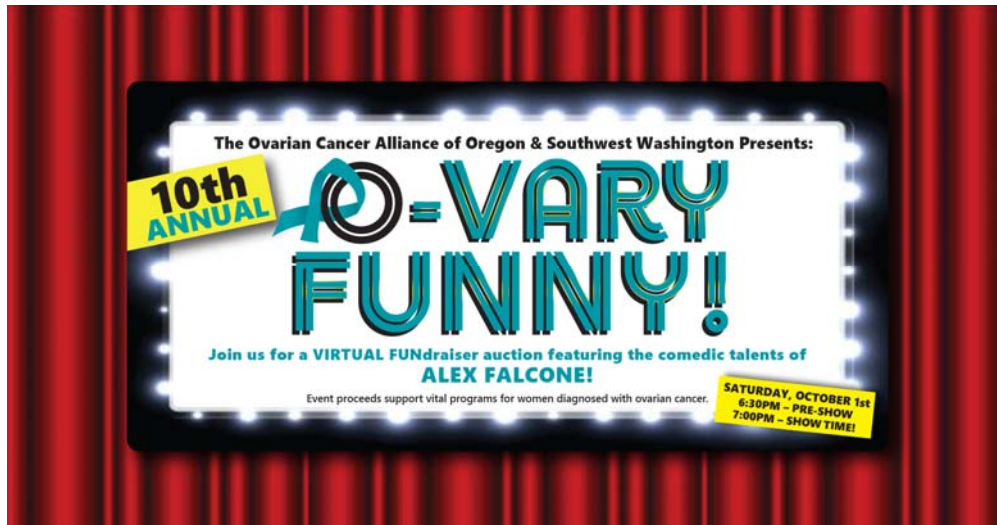
I wrote my story for “In Her Words”...[here](#).



OCAOSW Upcoming Events

Join us for these upcoming events:

- October 1, [OCAOSW O-Vary Funny Dinner and Silent Auction FUNdraiser](#)
 - October 14, [OCAOSW Support Group moderated by Susan Hedlund](#)
 - November 9, [Navigating a Cancer Diagnosis and Advocating for Yourself](#)
 - November 16, [OCAOSW Support Group moderated by Susan Hedlund](#)
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2022 O-Vary Funny - Celebrating a Decade!

October 1, 6:30-9:30pm

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland

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](#).

A huge thanks to our sponsors !!!

Presenting: [Compass Oncology](#)

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Silver: [Legacy Cancer Institute](#), [Myriad Genetics](#), [OHSU Knight Cancer Institute](#), [Standard TV & Appliance](#), and [Willamette Valley Cancer Institute and Research Center](#)

Bronze: [Caris Life Sciences](#)

OCAOSW Board Member to Run in NYC Marathon for OC

Mile after mile, OCAOSW board member Susan Gianotti is taking her fight against ovarian cancer all the way to New York City. Susan is participating in the New York City Marathon as part of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) Team. Susan has already raised more than \$4,000 for Team NOCC, and she is busy increasing the length of her runs in preparation for the November 6th event.

A survivor, Susan was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2013. Susan was inspired to run a marathon by friend and fellow survivor Peg Gauthier. Susan states, "Peg had always encouraged me to run a marathon We spent many days talking about running. Eventually cancer had taken over Peg's body and she could no longer run. Peg passed in May of 2018. I think of her all the time, and she is my inspiration to run the NYC Marathon, and for all the women who have lost their lives to this horrible cancer."

Susan and Peg helped inspire [OCAOSW's Trust Your Gut Awareness Campaign](#).





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

Camp Mak-A-Dream empowers survivors and their families to live with and beyond cancer through life-changing Montana experiences where they strengthen life skills, gain resilience and develop lasting relationships.



Live with. Live beyond.

For 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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