

## Pennsylvania Lung Cancer Partnership Added as Second State Chapter



**Nancy Gatschet accepting the City of Philadelphia proclamation of Lung Cancer Awareness Month**

The National Lung Cancer Partnership and North Carolina Lung Cancer Partnership warmly welcome the second state chapter: Pennsylvania Lung Cancer Partnership!

The goal of the Partnership's chapter program is to provide a framework for advocates around the country to help fight the disease by raising awareness, increasing funding for lung cancer research, and reducing the stigma surrounding the disease. Just like North Carolina Lung Cancer Partnership, the Pennsylvania Chapter will

host lung cancer awareness, fundraising and educational events and spread the messages of the Partnership across the state.

Since 2007, Nancy Gatschet and a team of committed advocates have been working with National Lung Cancer Partnership to raise awareness of the disease and increase funding for lung cancer research.

Ms. Gatschet and her team took the lead on the *Free to Breathe*® 5K in Philadelphia last November. Because of their hard work and dedication, over 1,300 people registered for the event and they raised more than \$100,000 for National Lung Cancer Partnership's research, education and awareness programs.

The group was also able to get proclamations naming November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month from the State of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia's City Council, and the Mayor of Philadelphia.

In the next year, Pennsylvania Lung Cancer Partnership plans to host Chapter kick-off events in several locations in Pennsylvania as well as grow the *Free to Breathe*® 5K event in Philadelphia and elsewhere in the state. In addition, the new Chapter plans to engage more cancer centers and hospitals in providing patient support, education and advocacy.

Ms. Gatschet said, "We're looking forward to expanding the reach of the Partnership throughout the state. We know that our events and outreach provide not only awareness and funding, but also a healing process for our volunteers and participants."

For more information about the Pennsylvania Chapter and ways you can get involved, visit [www.NationalLungCancerPartnership.org/PA](http://www.NationalLungCancerPartnership.org/PA) or contact Nancy Gatschet at [NGatschet@NationalLungCancerPartnership.org](mailto:NGatschet@NationalLungCancerPartnership.org).

If you have a group of individuals interested in setting up a chapter in your state, contact Kenda Schwarz, Director of Development & Outreach, at 608-233-7905 or [Kenda@NationalLungCancerPartnership.org](mailto:Kenda@NationalLungCancerPartnership.org).

## Stimulus Money: what it will and won't do for cancer research

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17th, 2009. The scientific community worked hard to ensure that some of this money will help create and save jobs in the research industry. However, the money must be used in the next 18 months, so no long-term projects can be supported. A few of the programs funded by the Recovery Act at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) include:

- Challenge Grants to support new projects that address specific biomedical, behavioral and public health research challenges
- Research and Research Infrastructure program to support large-scale projects that lend themselves to short-term, non-renewable funding
- Facility repair and updates, purchasing needed equipment, and support for summer training for students

## Introduction of ALERT Cancer Act

The 21st Century Cancer ALERT (Access to Life-saving Early Detection, Research and Treatment) Act, a bill to revamp cancer research and care in the U.S., was unveiled in late March by Senators Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX). The ALERT Act will:

- Improve access to cancer care for underserved populations by expanding access to clinical trials and patient navigation services
- Improve continuing care for cancer survivors
- Strengthen the ability of young researchers and collaborative teams to perform vital research, and much more

This legislation is in need of additional co-sponsors. To learn whether your Senators are co-sponsors, contact [publicpolicy@asco.org](mailto:publicpolicy@asco.org) or 571-483-1670.

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# Letter from the President



**Joan H. Schiller, MD**

People are a part of the lung cancer community for different reasons. I chose to work to improve treatments for lung cancer patients because I believed (and still do) that we could do better for our patients. There is so

much promise in how we can improve our understanding of lung cancer and create better treatments. Many of you, however, did not choose to join this community. Rather, you were thrust into it by circumstance. No matter how or why you became a part of this community, we need your involvement more than ever.

There is great hope for the new Presidential Administration to ease the economic woes of the cancer community. Advances in health care coverage and increases to cancer research funding have been promised to us. These promises have the potential to vastly change the lung cancer community by helping patients survive longer. These changes take time to implement and to have lasting effects. In the meantime, the Partnership remains steadfast in our mission to decrease deaths from the disease and help patients live longer and better lives. We don't always succeed: too many are still dying too quickly. However, there are many victories that lift our spirits like promising new research, stories of survival and strength, and raising awareness of the disease in communities across the nation.

One of our victories has been the tremendous expansion of our *Free to Breathe*® event series. In 2006 we started the *Free to Breathe*® program with a single event; this year we will have 20 across the nation. The lung cancer community around you may be small or large, but it is more likely than ever that there is an event near you. And if there isn't, you can join the *Free to Breathe*® National Run/Walk on November 7. Your involvement is essential to increasing lung cancer awareness.

Our *Look Deeper* public service announcement (PSA) campaign is raising awareness of lung cancer among the general public. You can help us distribute the print, radio, and television PSAs - log onto our website to learn how. You never know who will pick up that newspaper or magazine, hear the announcement on the radio or see it on TV and how that could impact their life.

The Partnership has also joined the social networking community. Join our Cause and become a fan of our organization on Facebook. Subscribe to our channel on YouTube. These activities spread the message that lung cancer is a disease for people to think and talk about, and that lung cancer patients are deserving of the

same compassion afforded to those facing any other diagnosis. But more importantly, Facebook and YouTube offer an outlet for you to meet, talk to, and learn from others in the lung cancer community. Share your story with us. Your words have the power to inspire and comfort others.

If you weren't able to join us for our second Lung Cancer Advocacy Summit or our 7th Annual Meeting, the summaries of these important meetings will be published in our next issue. We hope you will be able to join us next year. These events are mechanisms for expanding and strengthening our community and offer face-to-face networking opportunities for you to meet others and share your story.

Whatever your history, whatever your background, you are part of something bigger. You are part of a movement to bring the attention to lung cancer that it deserves. So join us. This community needs you.

Sincerely,

Joan Schiller  
Chief, Division of Hematology and Oncology  
Deputy Director, Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center

Andrea L. Simmons Distinguished Chair in Cancer Research

## New Board Members

The National Lung Cancer Partnership is delighted to welcome Sarita Dubey, MD, Pasi Jänne, MD, PhD, and Nancy Gatschet to our Board of Directors. Drs. Dubey and Jänne are highly respected clinical researchers within the lung cancer community, and Ms. Gatschet is a lung cancer survivor and advocate extraordinaire. We look forward to working with them to achieve our mission.

## Retiring Board Members

Julie Brahmer, MD, MSc, and Ellen R. Gritz, PhD are retiring from the National Lung Cancer Partnership's Board of Directors. We thank them for their Board service and look forward to continuing to work with them in other capacities.

## Congratulations!

Regina Vidaver, PhD, the Partnership's Executive Director, has been chosen to chair the Integration Panel for the newly created \$20 million Lung Cancer Research Program at the Department of Defense. This panel consists of scientists, clinicians, military members and disease survivors working together to develop the vision and mission of the program, program priorities, and award mechanisms to answer the needs of the lung cancer community. Research project applications are expected to be solicited later this summer.

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# Advancing Lung Cancer Research

## 2010 Young Investigator Research Grant

The National Lung Cancer Partnership is pleased to announce our 5th annual research grant competition. This year, four, 2-year \$100,000 awards are available to clinical and basic science fellows and junior faculty to advance their research in lung cancer etiology, prevention, early detection, treatment, and symptom management. Three grants will be co-funded with LUNGevity Foundation, with the assistance of Genentech, and one grant will be funded by the North Carolina Lung Cancer Partnership.

The purpose of these awards is to drive forward research that will increase understanding of lung cancer risk, biology, and response to treatment, in an effort to fulfill the Partnership's mission of decreasing deaths due to the disease and helping patients live longer and better lives.

At the time of application, an applicant must hold a doctoral degree (MD, PhD, DO, DrPH, or equivalent), and be a post-doctoral fellow or within the first 5 years of a faculty appointment at a not-for-profit institution in the United States or Canada. Applications addressing sex differences in lung cancer are particularly encouraged. Applicants will be judged on the merits of their research proposal, career development plan, and research environment.

For complete application eligibility and instructions for the awards, please visit the National Lung Cancer Partnership's website at [www.NationalLungCancerPartnership.org](http://www.NationalLungCancerPartnership.org). **The application deadline is September 8, 2009.** Awards will be announced on or before January 1, 2010.

## Memorial Giving:

Donations have been made to National Lung Cancer Partnership in memory of the following people (September 2008 through mid-April 2009):

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## 2009 Grant Winners



**Prasad Adusumilli, MD**

**National Lung Cancer Partnership/LUNGevity Foundation Research Grant:**

**Prasad Adusumilli, MD, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center**

Dr. Adusumilli aims to improve treatment for patients with Visceral

Pleural Invasion, a condition that affects one in four early stage lung cancer patients, where cancer cells spread to the membrane covering the lungs' surface. The goal of his research is to develop a novel lung cancer treatment by genetically modifying patients' own immune cells (T cells) to eliminate their tumor cells.



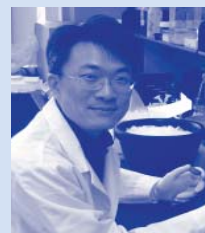
**Lee Goodglick, PhD**

**National Lung Cancer Partnership/LUNGevity Foundation Research Grant:**

**Lee Goodglick, PhD, University of California, Los Angeles**

Dr. Goodglick will focus on how estrogen may drive some lung tumors to grow and become more deadly. Aromatase-inhibitor drugs, which

have long been used to treat breast cancer by decreasing estrogen levels in patients, will be studied in pre-clinical models to determine their effectiveness in treating lung cancer. Additional research will use new technologies to study lung tumor tissues to determine other steps in the estrogen stimulation pathway that affect tumor progression.



**I-Ching Wang, PhD**

**National Lung Cancer Partnership Career Development Award: I-Ching Wang, PhD, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center**

Dr. Wang seeks to understand how FoxM1, a protein that helps regulate cell growth in normal cells, may also

contribute to uncontrolled growth in cancerous cells. Although FoxM1 is known to play a role in the development of lung cancer, the exact mechanisms by which it is acting are not yet defined. Dr. Wang's research seeks to define FoxM1's actions in lung cancer initiation, ultimately to help facilitate development of novel therapies directed towards the protein.



**Janette Vardy, MD, PhD**

**Lance Armstrong Foundation / National Lung Cancer Partnership Lung Cancer Survivorship Research Grant:**

**Janette Vardy, MD, PhD, University of Sydney in Sydney, Australia**

Dr. Vardy will determine if a physical activity program will help improve

fatigue, quality of life, and overall physical function for patients with advanced-stage lung cancer. This study has the potential to change standard of care for lung cancer patients by adding physical activity as a non-toxic, inexpensive treatment option, which could improve patients' quality of life.

# Stories of Strength



Steve Shakal

## A Survivor's Story

Steve Shakal was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer in July 2000. After having surgery to remove what turned out to be a benign 4-cm tumor in his brain, he began chemotherapy and radiation for tumors in his chest and vocal chords.

After many rounds of treatment, Steve became a candidate for lung surgery, even though he was only given a 40% chance of survival. Doctors removed the upper lobe of Steve's right lung, some of his chest wall, four ribs, and the surrounding muscle and lymph nodes.

That was nearly nine years ago. Today, Steve is cancer-free! Steve shared his story for the Summer 2008 edition of the North Carolina Lung Cancer Partnership's e-newsletter. We recently caught up with him to update his story.

### Q: What does being a cancer patient and having a story of survival mean to you?

A: For me, being a cancer patient is an emotional, physical, social, spiritual and psychological experience, not just a medical or clinical "war-story." A cancer survival story is much more than a personal experience involving surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy.



Jyoti Patel, MD

## A Physician's Perspective

Jyoti Patel, MD is a thoracic oncologist and clinical researcher at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center at Northwestern University, and a valued member of National Lung Cancer Partnership's Scientific Executive Committee.

### Q: What inspired you to enter lung cancer research and treatment?

A: I was drawn to lung cancer research during my fellowship training because I enjoyed my interactions with lung cancer patients. Their day-to-day strength was inspiring. I quickly realized that our current therapies were inadequate and that there was much work to be done. I also benefited from outstanding mentorship during training—learning not only how to think about science but also about how to be a compassionate physician.

### Q: What advances in lung cancer research have made you hopeful?

A: Our recent understanding of some of the underlying genetic causes of lung cancer, such as activating epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) mutations, has translated to better therapies. These are just the first steps

Because of the complexities of the experience, it is very difficult for me to tell my story. My life changed drastically the moment the doctor said to me, "Steve, you have lung cancer. It's advanced. It's incurable. It's inoperable." How do I express the trauma and vulnerability I felt in dealing with the death sentence that I was dealt?

### Q: How did you deal with your diagnosis?

A: Initially, I couldn't accept my new destiny. The prognosis wasn't good. I doubted that I would even see Christmas that year, and if I did make it, I would probably be very ill. Thoughts like, "How do I die? I'm not ready for this yet," ran through my head. I worried that I might not be able to say the things I wanted to and should say to my family. I worried about how my family would fare when I was gone. These thoughts are common to people who are facing death head-on. Recognizing my own vulnerability and lack of control over my life was part of coping with a lethal cancer.

### Q: After your surgery and during your recovery, how did your outlook on life change?

A: I knew that life would never be as it was before. My fight with cancer will likely continue for the rest of my life. I will always continue a personal battle with cancer – looking over my shoulder, hoping and praying it doesn't come back. But I will also fight the battle alongside other patients who need my support and encouragement. I think one of the most important things that I learned

during my experience with lung cancer is that attitude, faith and hope can make a huge difference in the way you deal with what life gives you.

### Q: What have you been up to in recent years?

A: I began my activities with the inaugural North Carolina Chapter (then North Carolinians Against Lung Cancer) *Free to Breathe*® 5K in Raleigh, NC in 2007. Raising awareness of the disease and increasing funding for research is a very important and worthy cause.

Recently, I have been volunteering at chemotherapy clinics, offering encouragement and hope to patients. I am also working with the North Carolina State Highway Patrol to set up a cancer support group for employees and their families.

From my own personal experience, and from interacting with so many other cancer patients, I have realized that a key part to surviving cancer is to be able to maintain and improve your quality of life – not just prolong it. Surviving cancer takes constant and steady support from family and loved ones. I am privileged to be able to offer support and help others now facing this disease.

Share your own story of strength and read others on the Patients & Friends section of [www.NationalLungCancerPartnership.org](http://www.NationalLungCancerPartnership.org).

toward improvements in treatment for many of our patients.

### Q: What would you like young professionals entering into lung cancer research/treatment to know about this field?

A: Lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer death, and we have just started seeing improvements in survival due to improved therapies. We have a long way to go, but the field is ripe for study.

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### Q: As a member of the Partnership's Scientific Executive Committee, what do you see as the greatest strength(s) of the organization?

A: The National Lung Cancer Partnership brings together researchers, clinicians and advocates who all believe that treatment for lung cancer can be improved significantly. By working together, we seek to support the best science and innovation that will lead to better outcomes. By raising awareness, we encourage young researchers to delve into the study of lung cancer and we are able to increase research spending.

### Q: What is your greatest challenge as a physician, researcher, and Partnership Committee member?

A: We all struggle with the fact that innovation can be slow. I'm impatient. I want better understanding of the biology of lung cancer and I want that to translate to better therapies now!

### Q: What would you like patients to know about lung cancer treatment - now and for the future?

A: We have made tremendous strides in the treatment of lung cancer in recent years. In a fraction of patients, we have made lung cancer a chronic problem. We are actively trying to bring those improvements to all of our patients. Because we have a better understanding of the disease, we are slowly seeing this translate into treatments that are helping patients live longer and better lives.

### Q: What are the most important things you have learned from your patients?

A: I have learned so much from my patients. I have learned humility. I have learned to live in the moment. I have learned about courage and about how resilient the human spirit is. But most importantly, I have learned that the medical community has to do better.

# Patient Point of Interest

## An Overview on Clinical Trials

Clinical research makes additional cutting-edge treatments available to patients and benefits those who develop the disease in the future. Participation in clinical trials should be a part of the discussion patients and their families have with their doctors about treatment options.

There are many things you should know before considering a clinical trial, such as the type of lung cancer you have and the stage of your disease, or how far the disease has spread within your lungs or outside of your lungs. Talk with your doctor and healthcare team to understand whether you are a good candidate to join a clinical trial.

### The different phases of clinical trials

Before treatments are ever tested in people, there is extensive research in the laboratory with cancer cells in petri dishes and in animals. Only after the research looks promising in the laboratory is a treatment tested in people. Before a new treatment is approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), it must undergo three phases of clinical trials. Each phase is watched carefully by the FDA and the institutions where the clinical trials are carried out.

#### Phase I trials

The first phase of clinical trials is designed to determine the most appropriate dosage of a drug or therapy and the best way to give a new treatment or intervention. These trials are also designed to determine whether a treatment has any potentially harmful side effects.

#### Phase II trials

The second phase is designed to figure out whether the new treatment or intervention has a positive effect against the disease.

#### Phase III trials

During phase III studies, new treatments or interventions are compared to the best existing treatment available. These studies involve several hundred to thousands of people to determine whether the new treatment works better than what is already being used.

The National Lung Cancer Partnership offers free resources to clarify the clinical trials process online at [www.NationalLungCancerPartnership.org](http://www.NationalLungCancerPartnership.org).

Following are a number of trials now available. This is only a partial listing, and may not reflect availability in your local area. You can search for these and other clinical trials on our website (click on Patients & Friends at the bottom of any page and follow the link for clinical trials listings).

### Stage IB-III A Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)

#### Chemotherapy With or Without Bevacizumab (Phase III)

**Purpose:** Determine how well chemotherapy plus bevacizumab (Avastin®) works compared to chemotherapy alone as follow-up treatment for people who have had their lung tumors

removed by surgery. **Availability:** 49 states. **Learn more:** Stanford Cancer Center Clinical Trials Office: 650-498-7061. **ClinicalTrials.gov identifier:** NCT00324805

#### RADIANT: Tarceva With or Without Adjuvant Chemotherapy (Phase III)

**Purpose:** Determine the effectiveness of erlotinib (Tarceva®) following complete surgical removal of tumors that are epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR)-positive. **Availability:** 35 states. **Learn more:** Study Coordinator: 800.572.1932, x7821. **ClinicalTrials.gov identifier:** NCT00373425

#### Stage IIIB/IV NSCLC ASA404 With Paclitaxel and Carboplatin (Phase III)

**Purpose:** Determine if adding a vascular disrupting agent to standard chemotherapy of paclitaxel plus carboplatin makes the cancer treatment more effective. Vascular disrupting agents are designed to attack the established blood vessel network within a tumor, thereby choking off the blood supply. **Availability:** 32 states. **Learn more:** Study Coordinator: 862-778-8300. **ClinicalTrials.gov identifier:** NCT00662597

#### BIBF 1120 Plus Pemetrexed (Phase III)

**Purpose:** Determine the effect of pemetrexed (Alimta®) with or without the addition of an angiogenesis inhibitor. Angiogenesis inhibitors are designed to stop tumors from making new blood vessels, and thereby choke off the blood supply to a tumor. **Availability:** 25 states. **Learn more:** Study Coordinator: 1-800-243-0127. **ClinicalTrials.gov identifier:** NCT00806819

#### MK0646 With Erlotinib (Phase II)

**Purpose:** Determine the effect of erlotinib (Tarceva®) in combination with an Insulin-like growth factor receptor 1 (IGF-1R) antibody. **Learn more:** Dr. Hossein Borghaei at Fox Chase Cancer Center: 215-728-4300, Dr. Jorge Nieva at Billings Clinic: 406-238-2647, Dr. Ramaswamy Govindan at Washington University School of Medicine: 314-362-9115, or Dr. David Johnson at Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center: 800-811-8480. **ClinicalTrials.gov identifier:** NCT00654420

#### Small Cell Lung Cancer (SCLC)

##### ABT-263 (Phase I/II)

**Purpose:** Evaluate the safety and appropriate dosage of a protein inhibitor that is designed to reinstate the natural process of cell death that is often repressed in cancer cells. **Learn more:** Grace Loreda at UC-Davis Cancer Center: 916-843-7133, Lee Peake at University of Colorado Cancer Center: 303-724-1659, Deborah Pach at Rush University Medical Center: 312-563-3347, Susan Markus at Johns Hopkins University: 443-287-2911, Sara Thiede at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute: 617-632-5955, or Julie Skarsvov at Northwest Medical Specialties in Tacoma: 253-396-5329. **ClinicalTrials.gov identifier:** NCT00445198

#### Carboplatin and Etoposide With or Without Obatoclox (Phase I/II)

**Purpose:** Determine the best dose of a protein

inhibitor when combined with chemotherapy agents carboplatin and etoposide, and whether patients respond better to carboplatin and etoposide when they are combined with the inhibitor. This protein inhibitor is designed to reinstate the natural process of cell death that is often repressed in cancer cells. **Availability:** 18 states. **Learn more:** Judy Schnyder: 610-640-5735, x448 or Danielle Gallagher: 610-640-5735, x449. **ClinicalTrials.gov identifier:** NCT00682981

### Never-smoking men with lung cancer needed to better understand the disease!

If you are a never-smoking man with stage I, II, IIIA or IIIB NSCLC and have not yet entered treatment, you can provide blood and tissue samples, and respond to a questionnaire to help advance research into lung cancer. **Availability:** 39 states. **Learn more:** Roswell Park Cancer Institute Clinical Trials Office: 877-275-7724. **ClinicalTrials.gov identifier:** NCT00450281



**National Lung Cancer Partnership**

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## In Memoriam



### Karen Parles (1959-2009)

Karen Parles passed away in February after a valiant 11-year battle against lung cancer. Karen was at the forefront of the lung cancer advocacy movement, creating [www.LungCancerOnline.org](http://www.LungCancerOnline.org) at a time when very little information was available to patients on the internet. From her modest goal of improving information available to lung cancer patients, people started sending money, and the Lung Cancer Online Foundation was born.

The Lung Cancer Online Foundation partnered with National Lung Cancer Partnership on our first Career Development Award for a lung cancer researcher in 2005, beginning a program that continues today with our Young Investigators Research Grants. Karen made a significant impact on the lung cancer advocacy movement and her legacy will be remembered.

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# Upcoming Events



The **Free to Breathe**® event series unites people who are passionate about raising public awareness and much needed funding to fight lung cancer. Join thousands of lung cancer survivors, family, friends and advocates in effecting change for lung cancer at one of this year's events.

Information about each event location, how to register, form a team, donate, volunteer, or sponsor an event is available on the newly redesigned **Free to Breathe**® website, [www.FreetoBreathe.org](http://www.FreetoBreathe.org).

We hope that you will be able to join us and others in your community at one of the following locations. If you don't see an event in a city near you, check [www.FreetoBreathe.org](http://www.FreetoBreathe.org) this summer, as we are continuing to add locations. Or you can register for the **Free to Breathe**® National Run/Walk on November 7.

## Past Events

In 2008, the **Free to Breathe**® series grew to 11 locations plus a National Run/Walk, making it the largest branded national lung cancer event series. Nearly 6,000 people participated in **Free to Breathe**® events and raised over \$550,000!

Our first **Free to Breathe**® 5K run/walk of the 2009 season was held in **Lake Charles, LA** on **March 14, 2009**, in memory of Lisa Nolen White. Jean Kamla and her very dedicated committee were exceptional: over 1,200 people registered and they raised over \$110,000 in their first year!

**The National Lung Cancer Partnership's Annual Meeting.** Advancing Individualized Care in Lung Cancer: New Hope for Screening and Treatment, was held on May 29, prior to the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL. The Annual Meeting will be fully reported on in the Fall 2009 issue of *Lung Cancer Voice*.

## 5K Run/Walks

### National Run/Walk

Anywhere, USA – November 7, 2009

### East

Providence, RI – October 17, 2009  
Philadelphia, PA – November 1, 2009

### South

Boone, NC – October 31, 2009  
Raleigh, NC – November 7, 2009  
Athens, GA – November 7, 2009  
Triad, NC – November 14, 2009

### Midwest

Toldeo, OH – August 29, 2009  
Madison, WI – September 27, 2009  
Kansas City, MO – TBD

### West

Los Angeles, CA – August 2, 2009  
Tacoma, WA – September 19, 2009  
Seattle, WA – TBD

## Other Events

City of Oaks Marathon & Half Marathon  
Raleigh, NC – November 1, 2009

Great 108 Yogathon  
Durham, NC – December 21, 2009

## National Run/Walk

Unable to make it to a **Free to Breathe**® event or don't live near an event site?

This November, support Lung Cancer Awareness month by joining the **Free to Breathe**® National Run/Walk on November 7, 2009!

Visit [www.FreetoBreathe.org](http://www.FreetoBreathe.org) for registration and donation information.



## Look Deeper – Television Public Service Announcement

The final piece of the Partnership's *Look Deeper* public service announcement (PSA) campaign is ready to be distributed. In addition to the print and radio announcements released last year, a television spot is now available. The spot complements the print and radio announcements by asking the public to look deeper and pay more attention to women's lungs and lung cancer. The Partnership is grateful to Eichenbaum/Associates for donating their creative services to make this campaign a reality.

Visit [www.NationalLungCancerPartnership.org](http://www.NationalLungCancerPartnership.org) and click on "Look Deeper PSA" under the You Can Help button to view the television and print PSAs and hear the radio PSA. We need your help to raise lung cancer awareness by distributing these PSAs to magazines, newspapers, and television and radio stations near you.



## National Lung Cancer Partnership

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**USA Today** ran the following brief on April 23 on page 3A in their Nation section: "Today the National Lung Cancer Partnership opens the second annual Lung Cancer Advocacy Summit, 'Acquiring Tools, Effecting Change.'"



Members of the North Carolina Lung Cancer Partnership with actress, lung cancer survivor and featured speaker, Kathryn Joosten (second from right) at the Lung Cancer Advocacy Summit

# Support Research, Awareness, and Change

## Become a Member of National Lung Cancer Partnership

Are you a member of National Lung Cancer Partnership? Have you renewed your membership within the last year? If the answer to either of these questions is no, then the staff and Board of Directors at National Lung Cancer Partnership invite you to become a member and join us in the fight against lung cancer.

As a member of National Lung Cancer Partnership, you become part of a community of lung cancer survivors, their families and friends, advocates, physicians, researchers and allied health professionals. You can connect with others who are passionate about decreasing deaths due to lung cancer and helping patients live longer and better lives.

Your \$75 annual membership dues include the following benefits:

- A "Lung Cancer Awareness" window cling
- Print and electronic newsletter subscriptions
- Invitations to all national and local events

- 10% discount on all merchandise purchases at [www.LungCancerMarketplace.org](http://www.LungCancerMarketplace.org)
- Access to the online Members Area with password protected information, including a member directory and slide sets

Joining National Lung Cancer Partnership also gives you membership status in your state's Chapter. (Chapters are currently located in North Carolina and Pennsylvania.)

Your tax-deductible membership dues support National Lung Cancer Partnership's research, education and awareness programs. You can be sure that that the dollars you donate are spent wisely. We are proud to keep our administrative and overhead costs under 13%. This means that we spend 87 cents of every dollar on our programs. To learn more about how effectively we use your donations, visit the Donate page of [www.NationalLungCancerPartnership.org](http://www.NationalLungCancerPartnership.org)!

**Join to get connected. Join to give back. Join to effect change. Just join!**

Become a member or renew your membership right now! Fill out this form and include it with your payment information in the donation envelope that is provided in this newsletter. You may also join or renew your membership online at

[www.NationalLungCancerPartnership.org](http://www.NationalLungCancerPartnership.org).

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Please include a check (payable to National Lung Cancer Partnership) or your credit card information in the donation envelope that can be found in this newsletter.

\$75 Membership Fee

I would like to make an additional donation of:

\$25  \$50  \$100  \$500  \$1,000

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## You Can Help

The Partnership is continually inspired by the variety of activities people organize to raise awareness of lung cancer and funding for our organization. Here are some recent examples:

**Michael Oettinger** and the **Colorado State University Sigma Phi Epsilon** fraternity in **Fort Collins, CO** hosted a **Bachelor Auction** on **November 11, 2008**.

**Tiffany Hudak** organized the **Satisfaction Concert**. A Rolling Stones cover band played to benefit the Partnership in **Athens, GA** on **November 27, 2008**.

**Una McKeen** and her committee organized the third annual **Sarah Farmer Courts for a Cure Tennis Tournament** in **Piano, TX** on **May 2, 2009** to honor the memory of their friend, Sarah.

**Amy Waggoner** and her friends banded together to form **Team Dream 2010** when their friend, Elyse Aussenberg, was diagnosed with lung cancer. Amy and Team Dream 2010 are training to bike from Los Angeles to Boston

in May 2010. In the meantime, they held the **"Lung Cancer Needs a Paddling" River Adventure** on **May 2, 2009** on the Chattahoochee River in **Roswell, GA**. All funds raised by Team Dream 2010 will be used to support a National Lung Cancer Partnership research grant in Elyse's name.

The family of **Leah Demona Soto** is holding a vigil to celebrate her life on **June 28, 2009** at **Northside Valley, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands**. Leah's vigil will commemorate an annual pledge in her memory to the National Lung Cancer Partnership by My Invisible Heroes, Inc., a nonprofit organization.

If organizing a fundraising or awareness-raising event isn't for you, consider joining the advocacy movement. The National Lung Cancer Partnership sent 6 advocates to the **United for Lung Health Advocacy Days** in **Washington, D.C.** on **May 13-14, 2009** to join the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago (RHAMC) and other lung health advocates to talk with federal legislators about increased funding for lung research and education programs.

## North Carolina Lung Cancer Partnership Chapter Update

The North Carolina Chapter presented a **spring gala** on **April 25, 2009** at the Duke Nasher Museum of Art in **Durham, NC** to raise awareness of lung cancer. Duke Cancer Center was the title sponsor.

The Chapter is organizing five **Free to Breathe®** events in 2009 including: 5K events in Boone (Oct. 31), Raleigh (Nov. 7), and the Triad (Nov. 14); a marathon/half-marathon team in Raleigh (Nov. 1); and a Yogathon (Dec. 21). The Chapter is also organizing a Lung Cancer Awareness Night on

August 30 at the Durham Bulls minor league baseball game.

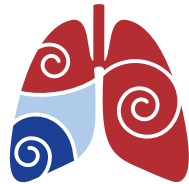
Chapter Board member and 23-year-old lung cancer survivor, Taylor Bell, recently appeared in the *New York Times*' "Patient Voices" series to promote lung cancer awareness. Other patients who were featured include Partnership blogger, Dr. Lisa Woody; Jerrold Dash, who was profiled on our clinical trials video; and Pennsylvania Chapter President, Nancy Gatschet.

# The National Lung Cancer Partnership welcomes Pennsylvania Lung Cancer Partnership as its second state Chapter!

See inside for information about upcoming *Free to Breathe*® events and other ways that you can get involved in the fight against lung cancer.

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National Lung Cancer Partnership is dedicated to decreasing deaths due to lung cancer, and helping patients live longer and better, through research, awareness and advocacy.



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