



# in the **LOOP**

December  
2010

TO CELEBRATE  LIFE  
BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

## Save the Date!

**Volunteer Kick Off  
January 24th**  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Acqua Hotel, Mill Valley

## With Gratitude...

The *Foundation* is so grateful for our generous volunteers and donors. Your support will enable us to enrich the lives of thousands of breast cancer patients and survivors through our 2011 grants. Warmest wishes for the holiday, and a happy, healthy New Year.

Chris Brettingen  
Board President

Kathy Meyer  
Executive Director

## Coming Next Month:

**Meet the Board**

**Calling all Golfers!**  
**Get ready for *Tee It Up***

## Step up for *Stepping Out!*

Do you have great leadership and organizational skills? Is event planning your forte? Do you play well with others? Then here's a great opportunity to use your talents and at the same time help provide a life-affirming experience for breast cancer survivors, their families and friends.

**Join the *Stepping Out* Executive Committee!** You'll be part of a team of four or five volunteers whose role is to help plan and produce *Stepping Out To Celebrate Life*, Marin's most popular fundraising event. Together you'll oversee an army of volunteers, all dedicated to creating an uplifting, elegant evening. Planning begins immediately, so why not invite three or four of your buddies to join you in this rewarding work. If you and/or someone you know is interested in joining the SOEC, please [contact us](#) and plan to attend our Volunteer Kick Off on January 24th.

*Being part of the 2009 Stepping Out Executive Committee and working with a team of women I adored was a very special experience for me. Yes, it did require considerable time and effort, but, the creative energy and fun attitude of the team made it all worthwhile. As Confucius said, "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."*

- Sue Carlomagno



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2010 SOEC take their bows on stage. 2009 SOEC celebrate at Stepping Out.



Stunning décor set the mood for our 2009 Stepping Out.

### Faces of the *Foundation*

This month we celebrate **Jeanne Capurro**, a dedicated volunteer since 1997, now a member of the Board's Executive Committee.

A familiar face to most of us, Jeanne's involvement dates back to the early days, when the organization was called the Marin Breast Cancer Committee. She attended the second *Stepping Out To Celebrate Life* to support her friend, Elaine McCarthy, who was modeling. "I loved the feeling in the room, and I wanted to be part of it," says Jeanne. She called Elaine and offered to help out but, to her dismay, she was told she didn't qualify because she wasn't a breast cancer survivor. Jeanne encouraged the Committee to change their policy, and the rest is history. She joined the Board in 2000 and has since served in many roles - recording and corresponding secretary, SOEC liaison, and more. In addition, for several years she has graciously taken on the task of Silent Auction committee lead for *Stepping Out*.



Her favorite part of working with *To Celebrate Life*? "The people I've had the privilege to work with," says Jeanne. "They've enriched my life."

When she isn't busy with the *Foundation*, Jeanne loves to cook, do needlepoint, and spend time with her grandchildren. And one of these days, she muses, she plans to renew her acquaintance with her piano.

## Are you looking for a meaningful holiday gift?

Why not make a donation benefiting *To Celebrate Life* in someone's honor? Your support of our Grants Program means that underserved/uninsured women and men in the Bay Area will receive mammograms, biopsies, help with their household bills or medical expenses, and more.

Here's an example of your how gift will help:

\$75 provides a free screening mammogram

\$150 purchases up to 40 nutritious meals for breast cancer patients in treatment

\$300 provides a diagnostic mammogram

Please make you tax-deductible gift today. [DONATE](#)

## Join our Celebration Circle

You can help insure the continuation of *To Celebrate Life's* work for years to come by including a gift in your estate plan. Find out how to become a member of this special group of donors who wish to help others in the continuing struggle against breast cancer.

[Celebration Circle](#)

## Tidbits

**Airport full body scans** - Are they a radiation risk? To help make your decision, a local physicist involved in cancer radiation weighs in.

[Read more](#)

**From the runway to the podium** - Continuing his campaign to raise awareness for male breast cancer, 2010 *Stepping Out* model Gerry Bourguignon was a keynote speaker at the recent Breast Cancer Connections Conference.

**15 Years of Celebrating Life** - In 15 years, *To Celebrate Life* has grown from a few volunteers to a family of 8,000...now *that's* something to celebrate! [Read more](#)

**A Big THANK YOU to departing board members** - Julie Ballard, Linda Blum, Sue Carlomagno and Elaine See for the countless hours of dedicated service. Their talent, time and dedication have helped the *Foundation* grow and thrive.

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