



**Berrien
County
Cancer
Service**

**In honor of the committed service
of Olove Colcord, R.N.**

**October
2019**

**VOLUME XXVI
ISSUE X**

**3900 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085
www.bccancerservice.org 269.429.3281
staff@bccancerservice.org**

Newsletter

THE MISSION OF THE BERRIEN COUNTY CANCER SERVICE:

To provide compassionate in home skilled nursing care and supportive resources for those affected by cancer or related illnesses in Southwest Michigan.

The **BERRIEN COUNTY CANCER SERVICE SUPPORT GROUP** is a group of patients, family members and caregivers. Come share successes, feelings, fears and practical methods of coping with the physical and emotional aspects of living with the diagnosis of cancer.

CONTENTS

Bulletin Board/ Upcoming Events....	2
Art Play Workshops....	3
Cancer Awareness....	3
Memorials/Tributes....	4
Looking Ahead/ Dates to Remember....	5
Board of Directors, Nursing/Office Staff....	6

Life Madness

Life gets faster every day,
no time to think, no time to play.
Hurry, chaos, lots of stress,
tension leads to sleeplessness.

When will all this madness cease?
Where is free time? Where is peace?
Give me buttons: Pause, Mute, Stop!

*By Joanna Fuchs
Poemsource.com*

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION

It is YOU our community that enables us to care for those with cancer and related illnesses in our community. We are grateful for all the support and are honored that you trust us to do our best to provide in home skilled nursing care for our patients and those who need our assistance. **A special Thank You to Van's Medical Equipment for picking up, cleaning and delivering our durable medical equipment as a courtesy to BCCS in support of our community!**

Thought for the Day

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the strong, because some day in life you will have been all of these.

George Washington Carver



United Way
of Southwest Michigan

BCCS Bulletin Board

SAVE THE DATES!!!

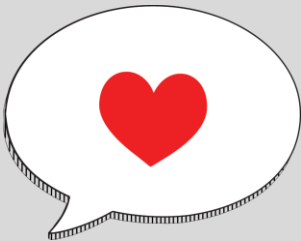
PLAY FORE PINK
October 6

LITTLE BLACK DRESS PARTY
October 10

5th ANNUAL ART FESTIVAL –
November 13

Recent Star Givers Include:

Brookwood Golf Course
Tuesday Night Swingers!



Patient Remarks

“I am grateful every day for the service and kindness of the whole team. They are a big help to me. Thanks for your help.”



DID YOU KNOW...

As a result of BCCS skilled nursing visits 98% of patients reported an increase in their mental and/or emotional health!

BCCS 5th Annual Art Festival

Wednesday, November 13 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Box Factory for the Arts
1101 Broad Street, St. Joseph

Join us to support children and families impacted by cancer and enjoy the art created by these families through our support group, Art Play Workshops



Special Art Festival Features

- Interactive Art Projects
- Refreshments & Live Music
- Professional Face Painting
- Silent Auction
- Fun for the entire family
- Donations receive a piece of art

For more information, call 269-429-3281

LITTLE BLACK DRESS PARTY!!

Thursday, October 10, 7-10 p.m., Shadowland Ballroom; 333 Broad St., St. Joseph

- Hors d'oeuvres and dessert
- One free drink ticket and cash bar
- Photo booth by Ben Pancoast
- DJ, music and dancing
- Free Silver Beach Carousel rides
- Wine Pull
- Door Prizes, Live and Silent Auction

Proceeds to benefit Marie Yeager Cancer Center and Berrien County Cancer Service.

**Limited tickets available at 98.3 The Coast Studio or radiosupersaver.com.
\$40 per ticket or table of 8 for \$400.00.**

October is Breast and Liver Awareness Month



ART PLAY WORKSHOPS

Dates and locations are as follows:

Buchanan Art Center
October 14th and November 11th
from 4:30-5:30 pm

Krasl Art Center
October 17th and November 21st
from 4:30-6:00 pm

These workshops are designed for families impacted by cancer and are designed for children and adults to learn side-by-side as they use clay, watercolor, and other media to express themselves through art. If you know of any children who have a family member or close friend with cancer or are a stable pediatric cancer patient, please have them call 269-429-3281 and ask for Nancy regarding these workshops. You can also find out more information on our website www.bccancerservice.org or on our FB page: Berrien County Cancer Service, Inc.

Special Appreciation to Chris and Molly Craft of KEY REALTY for their Premier Sponsorship of our Art Program.

Adult primary liver cancer is a disease in which malignant cells form in the tissues of the liver. The liver is one of the largest organs in the body. It has two lobes and fills the upper right side of the abdomen inside the rib cage. Three of the many important functions of the liver are:

- To filter harmful substances from the blood so they can be passed from the body in stools and urine.
- To make bile to help digest fat that comes from food.
- To store sugar, which the body uses for energy.

There are two types of adult primary liver cancer.

1. Hepatocellular carcinoma
2. Cholangiocarcinoma

Risk factors for liver cancer include the following:

- Having hepatitis B or Hepatitis C infection. Having both increases the risk even more.
- Having cirrhosis
- Heavy alcohol use.
- Eating foods tainted with aflatoxin
- Having nonalcoholic steatohepatitis
- Using tobacco
- Having certain inherited or rare disorders that damage the liver.

Older age is the main risk factor for most cancers. The chance of getting cancer increases as you get older. Signs and symptoms of adult primary liver cancer include a lump or pain in the right side.

- A hard lump on the right side just below the rib cage.
- Discomfort in the upper abdomen on the right side.
- A swollen abdomen.
- Pain near the right shoulder blade or in the back.
- Jaundice.
- Easy bruising or bleeding.
- Unusual tiredness or weakness.
- Nausea and vomiting.
- Loss of appetite or feeling of fullness after eating a small meal.
- Weight loss for no known reason.
- Pale, chalky bowel movements and dark urine.
- Fever.

Certain factors affect prognosis and treatment such as the stage of the cancer, how well the liver is working and the patient's general health.

In Loving Memory

Memorial Donations were generously made by and for the following people:

In Memory of Edward Hoag

Gary & Michelle Mitchell, Aurora IL

In Memory of Delbert Hart

Donna Melson, LaPorte, IN

In Memory of Evelyn Byers

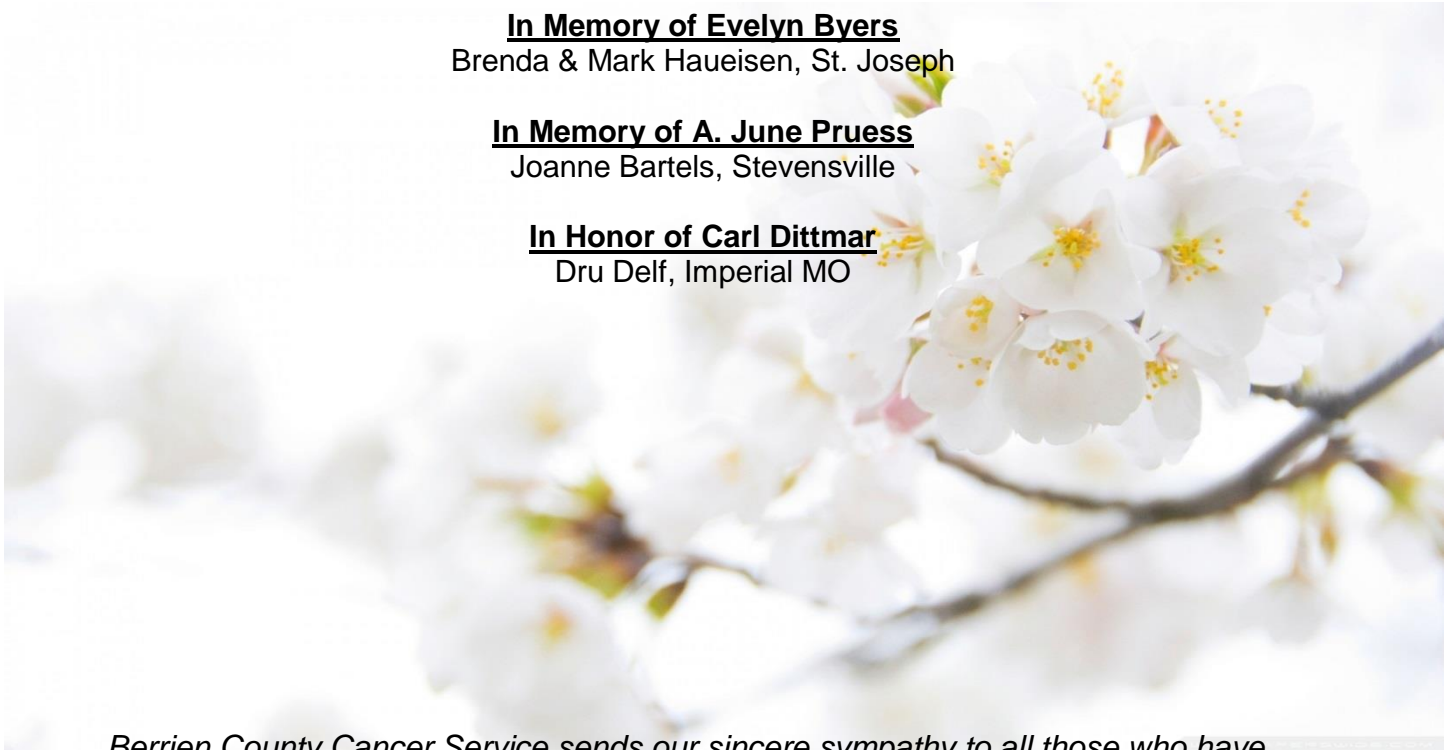
Brenda & Mark Haueisen, St. Joseph

In Memory of A. June Pruess

Joanne Bartels, Stevensville

In Honor of Carl Dittmar

Dru Delf, Imperial MO



Berrien County Cancer Service sends our sincere sympathy to all those who have recently lost loved ones. We thank all of our generous donors. Your donations are very much appreciated and will help cancer patients in Berrien County. Thank you.

We love sharing from our loan closet and want to be able to have the items that are needed. Here are the current needs that we have for the loan closet:

Shower Chairs with backs
Stylish turbans
Soft cotton caps

Please Consider...

Looking Ahead

BCCS SUPPORT GROUP – Niles

October 15 – 1:30 pm

November 19 – 1-30 pm

BCCS SUPPORT GROUP – St. Joseph

October 8 – 2:30 pm

November 12 – 2:30 pm

CHILD & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Art Play Workshop

2nd Thursday at Marie Yeager Cancer Center

2nd Monday at the Buchanan Art Center

Visit www.bccancerservice.org or call

BCCS at 269-429-3281 for details

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP

Lakeland Regional Medical Center

October 10 – 6:00 pm

November 14 – 6:00 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER

October 1 – International Day of Older Persons

October 4 – Improve Your Office Day

October 7 – National Inner Beauty Day

October 9 – Emergency Nurses Day

October 12 – National Farmers Day

October 13 – Metastatic Breast Day

October 15 – National Grouch Day

October 18 – Mammography Day

October 19 – Sweetest Day

October 21 – Lung Cancer Day

October 26 – Howl at the Moon Night

October 28 – National Chocolate Day

October 30 National Candy Corn Day

October 31 – National Carmel Apple Day

Newsletters available online

Our newsletters are available on our website: www.bccancerservice.org. If you would like to be removed from this mailing list, please call our office at 269-429-3281 or send us an e-mail: staff@bccancerservice.org.

Please Consider...

Berrien County Cancer Service, Inc., is a non-profit organization funded primarily by United Way, private donations and fund-raisers. We receive no Medicare, Medicaid or other insurance payments. To continue our free services to Berrien County cancer patients, we need your help. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Donations to our General Fund will help balance our current budget. Donations to our Endowment Fund will help guarantee that the Cancer Service will be available for as long as needed. Your contribution to our non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation is tax deductible – an acknowledgment and receipt for tax purposes will be sent.

Donations can be made in honor of someone or in memory of a loved one. In these instances, we would also like to send acknowledgment to the honoree or next-of-kin so please provide that information when making your donation.

___ General Fund ___ Endowment Fund

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Donation Amount \$ _____

OR

In Memory of _____

Please send notification of my gift to:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

**Thank you for your
generosity!**

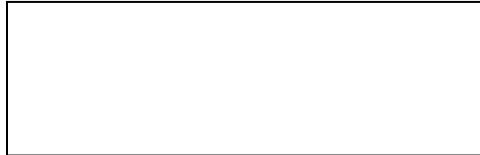
Berrien County Cancer Service, Inc.
3900 Hollywood Rd
St. Joseph, MI 49085

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**JOIN THE NEWSLETTER VIA
EMAIL**

Help us save postage, call 269-429-3281 or email us at staff@bccancerservice.org. If you are not reading the newsletter, you may contact us to be removed also. We

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
STEVENSVILLE, MI
PERMIT NO. 129



BERRIEN COUNTY CANCER SERVICE, INC. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Joshua Simons	Chairperson	Tim Brown	*Peter Lai	*Dr. Edmund Paloyan
Dr. Gerald Kozuh	Vice Chairperson	*Dr. Fred Busse	*Barbara Lane R.N.	*Dr. Sapna Patel
Joseph Dick	Treasurer	Nancy Gothberg	*Dr. Eric Lester	Jolita Allene Smith
Amanda Paine	Secretary	Sharon Hainer	Mike Levi	Karen Walker
Dr. Melinda Gruber	Executive Comm	Darlene Hawkins	*Hannah Noble	
.		*Dr. Betty Koshy		

*Indicates Emeritus Members

NURSING STAFF:

Nancy Church, R.N. President/CEO
Connie Demler, R.N.
Debra Hansen, R.N.

OFFICE STAFF:

Kimberly McCoy Patient Care Coordinator
Henrietta Hein Office Clerk
Sarah Rodgers Office Assistant
Suzanne Arent Admin Assistant

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - St. Joseph

2nd Tuesday of each month 2:30 p.m.
Marie Yeager Cancer Center Second Floor
3900 Hollywood Road
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: (269) 429-3281
Phone: (269) 983-8804

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP – Niles

3rd Tuesday of each month – 1:30 p.m.
Greater Niles Senior Center
1109 Bell Road
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 429-3281

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP

2nd Thursday of each month – 6:00 p.m.
Spectrum Health Lakeland Regional Medical Center
Community Room
1234 Napier Ave.
St. Joseph, MI 49085