

## USAC News

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### Be a Super Walker!

Two huge walks are coming up and it's not too late to get involved! Find Your Breath, benefiting the LUNgevity foundation, and Relay For Life will both be happening on the weekend of April 14-15, just a month away! Get involved in one of these amazing walks while there's still time. Even better, become a super walker and participate in both.

#### Find Your Breath

This is the third annual Find Your Breath Walk-a-thon and will be walked in honor of a LUNgevity co-founder, Missy Zagon, who passed away on January 2nd of this year. Missy, a 1989 graduate of the University of Michigan, was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2000. After learning more about lung cancer, including finding out that it is the leading cancer killer in the United States, she joined with six other individuals to form LUNgevity to help raise money and awareness to fight it. Since then, LUNgevity has raised over \$3.4 million to fund lung cancer research at institutes nationwide, including the U of M Cancer Center. Last year's walk had over 300 participants and raised over \$25,000! This year, we hope to do even better to honor this amazing woman.

#### *To get involved*

Join team USAC, headed by Jessie Petrella (jessp@umich.edu) or start your own team. Walkers are asked to raise a goal of \$100 for the LUNgevity Foundation. If you can't commit to walking, you can still help by volunteering. We will need people to sign-in walkers, to hand out tee-shirts, and programs, and to direct walkers at various points along the route. If you are not able to volunteer but still want to contribute in some way, please attend our rally on the Diag right before the walk. We will have several speakers including a representative from the LUNgevity

Foundation, so we hope to have a great turnout! For more info, contact K.K. at schmier@umich.edu or Jeff at cheek@umich.edu

#### Relay For Life

There's still time to sign up for USAC's Relay For Life team!!!!!!

Relay for Life takes place on April 14-15th at Palmer Field and all the proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. This is a great way to meet fellow USAC members and contribute to a fantastic cause. Also there is a Relay For Life Skate Night at Yost Ice Arena on Monday, March 26th from 8-10 and the proceeds go to your Relay walker of choice. If you have any questions please contact Heidi (fisherhe) or Mitchell (zoerhoff).

#### *Did you know?*

Relay For Life was started in May 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon, spent 24 hours circling the track at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington to raise \$27,000 for cancer research (don't worry, Relay For Life now isn't nearly so intense). In 2003, over three million people took part in Relays in the USA alone, including a half million survivors who walked the opening lap. Those Relays raised over \$250 million. As a result, Relay For Life is by far the single biggest fundraising activity in the world.

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# Cancer Awareness Week

Cancer Awareness Week has arrived! This year, CAW will be from March 14-21 with many exciting events:

**Fashion Show** - March 14, 8pm in the Union Ballroom: \$8 presale, \$12 VIP at the door

**Bar Night** - March 14, 10:30pm at Rick's. There will be drinking games (ask a CAW sub person to tell you which)

**Band Night** - March 15, doors open at 8pm at the Blind Pig: \$9 (18-20), \$6 (21+). The set list is Danny Freeman (acoustic/pop/rock), The Midnight Special (blues/classic rock/jazz), Tom Butwin (pop/acoustic/jam band), Jae Stevens Live (acoustic/indie/rock), Greenstreet (pop/rock/r&b), Nae Smiles (hip hop/rap), with performance poetry by Ann Arbor Word Works between sets.

**Art Exhibit Opening** - March 18, 7:30pm in the Union Art Lounge

**Candlelight Vigil** - March 18, 9pm on the Diag (directly following the Art Exhibit kickoff)

**Bowling Night** - March 19, 10pm-12am at Colonial Lanes: \$7 for two hours of bowling and shoes

**Diag Day** - March 20, 9am - 4pm on the Diag

**Restaurant Day** - March 21, time TBD at Conor O'Neils (Bring a flyer with you!)

## **Bone Marrow Registry:**

March 14, 11am - 5pm in the Union

March 15, 11am - 5pm in the League

March 20, 11am - 5pm in Pierpont Commons

March 20 on the Diag (during Diag Day hours)

All proceeds will be donated to the Coach Carr Cancer Fund, Special Days Camp (for kids with cancer and their siblings), and Pan Can (a pancreatic cancer research fund).

Please bring a flyer with you to Restaurant Day in order to have your order benefit USAC! The flyer can be found on the USAC website: [www.umich.edu/~usac](http://www.umich.edu/~usac)

If you have any questions about CAW or one of the events, please e-mail one of the CAW chairs or the sub-chair for that event. The CAW chairs are Melissa, Katherine, Lexie, and Shelly (their e-mails are in the Board Contact Info on the back of the newsletter). The CAW sub-chairs are:

## **BONE MARROW REGISTRY**

Mary Meram

Jessica Huang

Cynthia Chen

## **DIAG DAY**

Jill Schmitter

Alison Templeton

## **PUBLICITY**

Jazmin Munoz

Taylor Danahey

Amanda King

Sam Kelman

## **BAND NIGHT**

Rebecca Runge

Andy Layman

## **BAR NIGHT**

Emily Parus

Christine Rickard

Lindsey Goldstein

## **FASHION SHOW**

Katie Droz

Heidi Fisher

Lindsay Reiss

Meredith Brooks

## **RESTAURANT DAY**

Cecily Beglin

Helena Semanisin

## **CANDLELIGHT VIGIL**

Liz Ryan

Rachel Wilson

## **ART EXHIBIT**

Jaimie Harden

Samantha Rodriguez

## **BOWLING NIGHT**

Ross Pysh

Steve Coryell

## SUCCESS!

Elementary Outreach had a booth at Kid's Fair on March 9 and it was a huge success.

We made fish stickers to go with the underwater theme where our booth was. Thanks to everyone that helped out!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

We are going to Angell Elementary (on South University between Oxford and Washtenaw) on Friday, March 16 and Friday, March 23. The time commitment will be from 1:30-3:15 both days. We are looking for 3 or 4 people to come each time. If you are interested look for an email this week, or email Alena (alenaks@umich.edu) or Ashlea (ajsurles@umich.edu).

## MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to this February's Members of the Month! All four are sub-chairs for publicity for Cancer Awareness Week and did an amazing job.

Jazmin Munoz  
Amanda King  
Taylor Danahey  
Sam Kelman

These girls have done a fantastic job of creating, organizing and distributing materials for Cancer Awareness Week publicity. They were not only creative and energetic self-starters, but were also well-organized and quick to update us on any new information. We can't thank them enough for all of their hard work. Congratulations girls!

## GET TO KNOW THE BOARD

Once again, we talk to members of the USAC board to get to know them a little better. This month we meet Rebecca Runge (Locks of Love) and Alena Smalligan (Elementary Outreach)

### **Favorite Professor**

Alena: Sophia Garcia (Spanish 275 and 276)

Rebecca: Terry Robinson who teaches Psych 436, Drugs of Abuse. He is really cool and I liked the content of the class. He has a unique perspective since he has done most of the drugs he teaches about!

### **Favorite Place to Eat in the Union**

Alena: Amers

Rebecca: Amers

### **Coke or Pepsi?**

Alena: Diet Coke

Rebecca: Coke although I was raised on Pepsi

### **(Prediction) Will Tommy Amaker be the Michigan basketball head coach next year?**

Alena: Yes

Rebecca: I hope not.

Bill Martin: No comment.

# BOARD CONTACT INFO

## EXEC BOARD

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Jenny Huang, jenyh, Vice President  
Meghan Beach, beachme, Treasurer  
Kelsey Collins, kelslynn, Secretary

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## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

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Samantha Starr, samastar

## CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

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Shelly Weiss, shellmw

## C.H.E.E.R.S./SUNSHINE

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Ashlea Surles, ajsurles

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## LOCKS OF LOVE

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Sarah Stevens, sarahts

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KK Schmier, schmier

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Mark Hodges, hodgesm

## RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Jeff Tosoian, jtosoian  
Kate Zahn, kmzahn

## SKIN CANCER AWARENESS

Nour Abdul-baki, nour  
Kory West, kowest

## SMOKEOUT

Alana Otto, alanako  
Christine Rickard, rickardc

## USAC QUICK FACTS

**Executive Board Office Hours:  
USAC Office- 4134 Michigan Union**

**Monday 4-5pm: Jenny Huang  
Tuesday 4-5pm: Kelsey Collins  
Wednesday 1-2pm: Meghan Beach  
Thursday 10am-12pm: Kathryn Blake**

Check out the USAC website:  
[www.umich.edu/~usac/](http://www.umich.edu/~usac/)  
To find out more about our  
committees and events



## FUTURE MEETINGS

**April 4: Kuenzel Rm, Union, 8pm**