



2016 Third Annual BCSG Car Show

July 10, 2016 was the Third Annual BCSG Car Show that was held at Joppatowne Plaza, Joppa, Maryland. With the support of Sponsors such as Napa Auto of Harford County, Advanced Auto, Pep Boys of Middle River, Jones Junction, Auto Zone, and Timonium Auto Parts, BCSG was able to raise \$5,600. There were over 200 entries and awards were presented for the "Top 25" cars, bikes, jeeps, and trucks. With the help of many volunteers and our proud sponsors, this event was another complete success!

Special thanks to Brad, Larry and Linda Delbridge, and the staff of the Towne Pub & Grill for all their support, as well as, Rich and Danny Bennett for their DJ services. They went above and beyond to help make this event a complete success. The Towne Pub & Grill served a variety of food to include pit beef, ham, and turkey, sausage, and more.

This year the event will be bigger and better!! Plan on more cars, vendors, and a DJ. The fourth Annual Car Show is scheduled for Sunday, July 9, 2017. The rain date will be on Sunday, July 23, 2017.



27th Annual Fund-raiser



**Saturday, November 4,
2017**

7:00 pm. until Midnight
Columbus Gardens
4301 Klosterman Ave
Baltimore, MD 21236

Mark your calendar and celebrate Halloween Bash Costume Party. Join us for an evening of fun, dining and dancing.

**BULL & SHRIMP ROAST
OPEN BAR
SILENT AUCTION**

Music by:

JAIL HOUSE ROCKERS DJ's

All proceeds benefit the Baltimore Cancer Support Group, Inc.
Tickets are \$50 per person.

**For more information, or
to reserve tickets, please
call 410-671-6828.**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

December 18, 2017 - Holiday Group Celebration - 7:00 pm.
Westminster United Methodist Church,
162 East Main Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157

December 21, 2017 - Holiday Feast - 7:00 pm.
St. Peter's, 7910 Belair Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21236

November 04, 2017 – Twenty Seventh Annual Charitable Fundraiser
7:00pm– Midnight
Columbus Gardens 4301 Klosterman Ave, Baltimore, MD
21236

Groups will not meet on Nov.23 (Thanksgiving holiday), and Dec. 25, through Jan. 1, 2017 (Christmas and New Year's holidays.)



Barbara Campeggi

Written By: Karen Haughey

I have had the privilege of working with Barbara Campeggi for several years and would like to recognize her for all she does for BCSG. Barbara is there any time day or night for anyone in need. Whether going to a doctor's appointment and taking notes, being there at the end of life to provide support for the grieving, or just an ear to listen. Barbara is the person to call. She is the one constant that everyone has learned to count on. She gives freely and endlessly no matter what the situation is. Her ability to know when she is needed and to show up at the right time is one her many gifts. I, for one, am

grateful to call her my friend. The Baltimore Cancer Support Group is blessed and grateful for the gift of Barbara.

The entire Board and Staff would like to say thank you Barbara Campeggi for all of the love and support that you have provided to The Baltimore Cancer Support Group over the years.

Baltimore Cancer Support Group

This non-profit community service organization is supported by fundraisers and donations. Participants contribute to support the group according to their means.

Need an idea for a gift for the person who has everything? Make a donation in honor of them to the Baltimore Cancer Support Group. Donations are tax deductible.

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BCSG MEETINGS

- **Patient Groups** – Focus is on dealing with the physical and emotional challenges facing patients coping with cancer.

Westminster United Methodist Church

Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30

St. Peter's Church
Thursday evenings, 7:00- 8:30

- **Caregiver Groups** – The stresses experienced by caregivers in meeting patient's needs, as well as their own, are addressed.

Westminster United Methodist Church

Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30

- **Bereavement Groups** – Supports those working through the grieving process.

Westminster United Methodist Church

Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30



BCSG MEETING LOCATIONS

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
7910 Belair Rd.
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Westminster United Methodist Church,
162 East Main Street
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Baltimore Cancer Support Group
Helen Hauf's Story

My story begins sometime after my husband, Jerome F. Hauf Sr's 1st cancer operation in March of 2013. He was having a rough time after he had his bladder removed, and given an ostomy bag. After a few months stay at Franklin Sq Hospital, he went to rehab. While he was in rehab, my brother Jim Umerley took me to my first visit to this cancer support group. I was just going to check it out, however over several weeks in which I attended the meetings with Karen & Barb and met a nice group of people. They made me feel comfortable and welcomed.

I soon found myself participating in the program and they gave me ideas about how to be a caretaker of a cancer patient and what I could expect when he returned home. They made me feel more confident and shortly thereafter my husband returned home and I cared for him 24/7 with occasional help from family and home care nurses. I gave up attending future meetings and devoted all my time to Jerry, however some complications, and many more Dr.'s and operations he passed away in the summer of 2015 on August 25,2015. I kissed him for the last time.

Since then Jim asked if I would like to return to the meetings of our cancer support group. I said yes and I've been attending ever since. It's been a long year of grieving and a year of learning experiences. Good and sometimes not so good. I owe my gratitude to all the people I've met at the cancer support group. If it wasn't for these people I met week after week, some new and some from the past, I wouldn't be here tonight to write this letter. Each person I've met has contributed in some way over these months.

The weekend after Jerry left me I so wanted to join him...I even came close but my son Frank came thru and talked me into going to church that day. I met Father James Reusing, after mass and he was the 1st to talk me into going on with my life. Then my brother Jim Umerley brought me back to the support group. I found out the group helped not only with cancer but also those who are grieving.

I met Chuck Hart, the 1st night upon returning, he suggested a book to us titled "Purpose Driven Life". I went home and started reading again. I read this book that Chuck suggested and found a new meaning for my life, it changed my outlook on my life and this cancer support group.

Then a few weeks later, a call from Karen helped me immensely. So far meeting this group keeps me going forward, I look forward to every Thursday to these meetings and being with the people there. We talk, we laugh we share, we help each other out. We have on several occasions have had pot luck get togethers. This summer I held a cookout, I went to a wedding and a funeral for some members. I look forward to the fund raisers, they are a lot of fun.

Then there is Cliff, I heard about his operation at one of the meetings, everyone present said they would pray for him, so I thought I would join them. I am a firm believer in prayer. Cliff came through with these prayers and he is doing so well. Karen called him our miracle cancer patient, I agree. He was and is strong in his faith and healing. A year ago I myself felt so weak, afraid to face life but knowing someone like Cliff gives me hope.

Today, I owe a lot to my GOD and to all of the people I've met at these meetings, they have given me a new life. I'm grateful to everyone in this cancer support group for your encouragement, prayers, and examples.

Thank You All So Much
Helen Hauf

Cancer Ribbon Colors

When we think of cancer ribbons, often the first thing that comes to mind is a pink ribbon for breast cancer. But there are dozens of different ribbon colors representing each type of cancer. Breast cancer organizations have done a great job of promoting pink ribbons, but there are more common cancers that have their own ribbon colors that deserve recognition as well. The three most common types of cancer are skin cancer (or melanoma), lung cancer and prostate cancer (in that order). Skin cancer is represented by a black ribbon, lung cancer by a white ribbon and prostate cancer is light blue.

The first documentation of symbolic ribbons comes from medieval times. Knights were often awarded yellow ribbons for winning battles; this may have helped to form the connection between yellow ribbons and the military that still exists today. Although awareness ribbons are very prominent in our world today, they were not popularized until the last 30 years of the 1900s. The trend can largely be attributed to the 1973 country song “Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree,” in which a man who has been imprisoned asks his loved one to tie a yellow ribbon around the tree in front of their home if she wants him to return home. After the release of the song, Penney Laingen, the wife of a man being held hostage in Iran, tied yellow ribbons around trees to illustrate her desire for her husband to return home, and her neighbors, family, and friends soon followed suit. In 1991, the release of the red ribbon for AIDs awareness officially planted the idea of awareness ribbons in our society, and 1992 was deemed “The Year of the Ribbon” by The New York Times.

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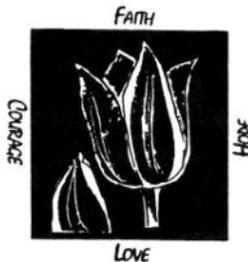
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I would like to say many thanks to all our board members, patients, caregivers, and facilitators. Without them the Baltimore Cancer Support Group could not exist. As the Director, I get the great pleasure in being a part of such a wonderful group. There are so many giving people who have touched my life through the years. It is good to be able to give back to our community and help those who are in need of support.

Geraldene Booker, Executive Director, Baltimore Cancer Support Group, Inc.