

Women's News

Hadassah Sun City and the Butterfly Project

By Dana Kapustin

What do butterflies and Hadassah women have in common? At each stage of our lives, we are able to “transform” into the dynamic and unique roles that our busy lives need us to fulfill, and it is ever changing. We are beautiful, we celebrate our individualism, and we soar to great heights. On May 11, I had the pleasure of following my heart, as my wings took me to Sun City in Indian Land, SC. Margo Furst and Suly Chenkin organized the event, as Hadassah and the Butterfly Project share a passion for education, children, and advocacy. Hadassah women are “do-ers,” and the Butterfly Project is looking for a few good women (and men, too).

Lori Semel, Supervisor for the

Butterfly Project, Suly Chenkin, and I attended a meeting of Hadassah at the Lake House in Sun City on May 11. About 30 women were in attendance, and Ellie Bantit and Debby Rosenberger agreed “the women were inspired, and motivated” and they were very pleased with the attendance.

Sun City Hadassah ladies meet once a month on a Wednesday from 11 AM-1 PM. On May 11, the topic was the Butterfly Project, how Sun City Hadassah Ladies can learn more about the project, and how to volunteer their time at this wonderful experience.

As I looked around the room while Lori explained the history of the project, its success, and the logistics of volunteering, I found

myself in a room filled with energetic, dynamic women. As two of my passions were uniting in front of me, I was truly grateful for the opportunity to meet with these ladies, and answer questions regarding the Butterfly Project. Of course, no Hadassah meeting would be complete without “simcha.” An opportunity for us to go around the room and donate a dollar or two to Hadassah, wishing for health, happiness, or celebrating each other.

If you want to volunteer for the Butterfly Project, please contact Lori Semel at butterflyproject@charlottejcc.org. As the school year ends, over 6000 students have participated in the 2015-16 Butterfly Project. I know that the Butterfly Project and Hadassah

ladies shared a beautiful morning together, and I have a feeling it won't be the last. Please be in

touch with us, either through Lori at the Butterfly Project, or you can email me, dkapu3@gmail.com to be active in the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah. ✨

Celebrate the TaTas is a Journey

Perhaps you have been invited to a destination wedding, a destination birthday party or a destination anniversary event, but how about a destination celebration for a cause?

The cause is breast cancer and you are invited to experience the Celebrate the Tatas right here in Charlotte.

Celebrate the TaTas is a multi-faceted series of events which educates, celebrates, and empowers women. The program reflects the breast cancer journey in

that there are stops and starts along the way. It is an inclusive experience bringing together survivors, supporters, friends, and family members affected by cancer. Celebrate the TaTas provides a positive experience for everyone, be it a participant, donor, or guest.

Proceeds to benefit breast cancer research and treatment through Hadassah's Medical Organization (HMO).

Things to Do, See, and Celebrate Along the Way

There is plenty happening on the journey, experience the intimacy of Painting Days, watch the Women Champions soccer tournament, enjoy friends, and meet new ones at The Big Reveal.

An exciting itinerary. The Painting Day Events will take place on:

Tuesday, September 6 from 12 noon-8 PM and September 13 from 9 AM-6 PM at Shalom Park's Gorelick Hall (5007 Providence Road). To secure your appointment please visit www.hadassah.org/events/painting16.

The TaTas Soccer Tournament will take place September 24-25 at Bryan Park Fields in Greensboro.

The Big Reveal will take place on Thursday, October 27 at the Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte.

First Stop: Painting Days Save Lives

Ami Felner, a member of the Sun City Hadassah Circle was on her own journey in Europe, when

a friend emailed her and suggested that she come to the “Celebrate the TaTas” event last year. Reluctantly, she agreed. While at the program, her friends suggested (some would say badgered) that she should really get a mammogram. Mammograms had not been a priority for her. Well, she finally gave in and she was diagnosed with breast cancer. After a double mastectomy, this is what Ami had to say:

“If it weren't for the persistence of my Hadassah friends, and the breast cancer awareness that ‘Celebrate the TaTas’ provides for our community, I don't think I would be here today.” Ami is living proof that this is an amazing program.

Mammograms will be offered on site during both painting days, schedule your mammogram today or simply walk-in.

To schedule an appointment on September 6, contact Novant Health (Mecklenburg Radiology to conduct screening) at 704-384-7226 (option #0) and for September 13, contact Charlotte Radiology at 704-831-4242.

Hadassah is sponsoring complimentary screenings for individuals who do not have access to insurance.

Next Stop: Soccer Tournament Competes to Win

The 3rd Annual Celebrate the TaTas Soccer North Carolina Adult Soccer Association Tournament for Women Champions.

Adult women teams clad in creative uniforms compete in the spirit of raising funds for breast cancer research on September 23-25 in Greensboro. The weekend experience includes matches, shared lodging, a tournament dinner, and a special trophy reception. The camaraderie, laughter, and tears that are shared over the weekend unites us in the goal to create a cancer free community.

To support the GOAL in spirit by making a gift, please visit www.hadassah.org/events/champions16.

Arrive: The Big Reveal



Celebrate the TaTas

The Big Reveal is the destination celebration for the cause of breast cancer research which brings the journey to a brilliant close. Join us October 27 at The Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte, the experience includes:

Showcasing artwork, tastings, and silent auction; socializing for fun, food, and fundraising; doctors, honorees, and awards; local for community, guests, and sponsors; global for research, hospital, and worldwide.

Next year's journey: 2017. ✨

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