

## 2010 TBBCF Annual Meeting : May 11, 2010

The annual meeting of the Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Foundation (TBBCF) was held at Filomena's Café in Waterford on May 11th. The foundation celebrated its grant recipients and recognized community youth groups and the TBBCF 27th Mile Club for making a difference in the fight against breast cancer.

Special guest speaker for the evening was Tony Sheridan from the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut who presented 'Maximizing Chamber Memberships and Networking to Community Partnerships'.

John LaMattina, president of TBBCF Board of Directors and member of the Scientific Advisory Board, provided a thorough research update covering the progress of each of the recent TBBCF grant recipients. Review the [report](#).

Four individuals were announced as 2009 TBBCF research grant recipients. Over two years, each researcher will receive a \$100K grant from TBBCF: Dr. Devika Gajria, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute (MSKCI); Dr. Susan Moody, Harvard Medical School; Dr. Elizabeth Kass, MSKCI; and Dr. Penghui Zhou, Harvard Medical School.

Additionally, we welcomed representatives from two local youth groups who organized events and raised funds for TBBCF. DECA advisor and business teacher, Alyson Woznicki, and students Lucia Pezzello and Nina Sullivan represented the Waterford High School DECA Club who hosted a "Think Pink Day" in the fall of 2008 and 2009 which culminated at a WHS football game with the student population sporting specially designed T-shirts for the occasion. T-shirt sales, game ticket sales, a bake sale and raffle sales for the evening were directed to TBBCF. In 2008 WHS raised \$2,000 and in 2009 they raised \$1500.

North Haven High School student Kelsey Searles and her volleyball coach, Carin Mikos were also recognized for their "Think Pink Week." In 2008, Kelsey organized a "Think Pink Day" at one October volleyball game during breast cancer awareness month. The success of the event and passion for the cause gained so much momentum that in 2009 Kelsey expanded the event to a week and each sports team hosted their own pink game where pink T-shirts were worn, monetary donations collected and baked goods sold to support TBBCF. In the past two years, Searles has led fundraising at NHHS totaling \$6,040.

Last year, TBBCF introduced the 27<sup>th</sup> Mile Club recognizing supporters who go the extra mile. This year's inductees were honored at the annual meeting: Pfizer, Phil Maniscalco, Ellen Swercewski, Lisa Carroll and Pat Newborg. Congratulations!

So many TBBCF supporters play a critical role in helping to achieve the goals of the Foundation. We thank all of you for another successful year and your continued investment in our mission.