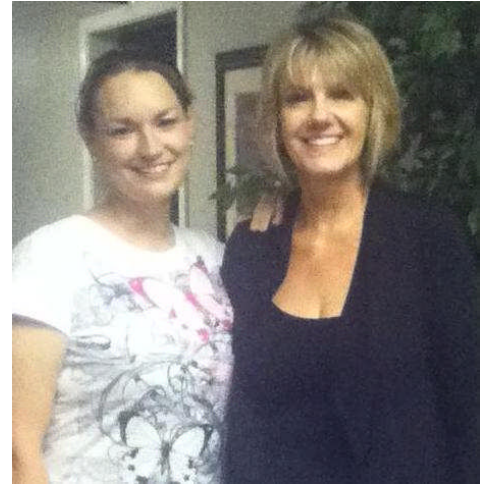


## Drumright Rotary Learns about Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

“Can one person really make a difference?” That was the question that Nancy G. Brinker asked herself after she lost her sister, Susie, to breast cancer in 1982. She promised her sister that she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer. As a result of her promise, the Susan G. Komen for the Cure® has raised more than \$1.9 billion.

The Susan G. Komen for the Cure® is the world’s largest network of breast cancer survivors and activists working together to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all, and energize science to find cures.

On Friday, Drumright Rotary Club hosted guest of honor, Holly Maschino, invited by Rotarian of the day, Amanda Levis.



Amanda Levis and Holly Maschino

When Holly’s daughter invited her to join the cause, she wasn’t just asking for a step in the right direction, she was asking for a commitment to participate in the Susan G. Komen 3 day Race for the Cure®, which included a sixty mile walk.

Two months after accepting the invitation, her close friend was diagnosed with breast cancer. The cancer quickly moved throughout her friend’s body and into her organs. Eventually succumbing to breast cancer, Holly’s friend was not the first loss to hit so close to home. Her mother was also lost to cancer, and the dreaded diagnosis continues to be issued to friends and family.

Participants of the Susan G. Komen 3 Day Race for the Cure® commit to the event by fundraising, training and a three day weekend. Each participant of the race must raise a minimum of \$2,300. Holly has been blessed with a wonderful community in Drumright, where she works at City Hall, and in Cushing, where she lives. Her supporters have already helped her reach her goal. However don’t let that dissuade you from making a donation, cancer has no bias – it could be your own life you’re saving.

Training takes on a whole other meaning when you are staring down sixty miles in three days, an average of twenty miles a day. Although Holly takes her health and fitness very seriously being a long distance bike rider, she and her husband, Bill, annually ride in Freewheel. However due to a recent surgery, her husband’s support in this adventure has been reduced to following behind her in his truck as she walks anywhere from ten to twenty mile stretches. With the heat and an occasional dog, I’m sure his presence is much appreciated.

The Susan G. Komen website has all kinds of information about how to combat blisters, heat, dehydration and cramps. If you ask Holly about the pain in her feet, the response is simple, her pain is temporary. She is willing to meet the challenge for cancer victims of the past, present and future.

The race itself takes place in fifteen cities in the USA. Holly and her daughter will be walking in the Dallas area, the event is in November. If you are not sixty mile material, there is a 5K walk in Tulsa on September 17<sup>th</sup> that many people in our community are already actively fundraising and training for

participation. If you would like to join their team “Busty Cruisers” go to [www.Komen.org](http://www.Komen.org). Other ways to support the cause include ordering the Pink Mix Breast Cancer Bouquet from Drumright Floral. For more information or to donate to Holly Maschino, specifically, go to Susan G. Komen 3 Day for the Cure. You can also get forms at City Hall or the Boutique on Broadway Salon in Drumright.

The answer for Holly is an astounding “yes”, one person can really make a difference.

We were also excited to welcome Dr. Joe Crowder, Drumright Schools Superintendent Interim. Even though he is only joining us for one year, he intends to treat the District as if it is his home. His focus is on academics and test scores. His goal is to improve the perception that the community has of the school district through positive re-enforcements. We have good schools and excellent teachers. He has already notice that the teachers and students are enthusiastic about this school year. Let’s keep it going!

Other special guests included Gloria Curry, Vickie Blaylock and Judi Glimp.

Please join us at Friday’s meeting hosted by Rotarian, Dick Seeberger.

If you are interested in becoming involved in Drumright Rotary Club, or if your high school child(ren) would like to be a involved in our Rotary Interact Club, please contact us on our FaceBook page, Drumright Rotary Club or go to our website [www.wix.com/drumrightrotary/drumrightrotary](http://www.wix.com/drumrightrotary/drumrightrotary).

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