

Breast Cancer Awareness Golf Rally

The *Tuesday Night Ladies Golf League* at the *Shawangunk Country Club* in Ellenville is taking part in Rally For A Cure® presented by Golf For Women magazine, a breast cancer awareness campaign that is the nation's largest grassroots women's golf program. The club is an official site of "Celebrating 10 Years of Touching Lives" – Rally For A Cure® 2005."

This year marks the first time that the club has pledged its support and teed off against breast cancer. The organizers of this event are Noreen Dechon and Jane Healy.

A field of 40 players is expected for the Rally at **4:30 PM on June 14th**. As part of the Rally For A Cure® activities, a closest-to-the-pin contest is held at a designated par-3 Rally hole. Titleist® golf balls bearing the pink ribbon breast cancer awareness symbol are awarded to every player who hits the green on the first swing and a prize is given to the player whose shot lands nearest to the hole. All players will receive important early detection information, an exclusive Rally pink ribbon golf pin, and are entitled to a one-year subscription to Golf For Women magazine. All of the administrative costs of Rally For A Cure® are covered by Golf For Women magazine.

This event is open to the public on **June 14th from 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM**, at the **Shawangunk Country Club**. Call **647-6090** for information and tee times.

Nearly 1,000,000 golfers have taken to the nations' fairways to participate in a Rally For A Cure® event. Since its inception in 1996, the mission of Rally has been to emphasize the importance of early detection in the successful treatment of breast cancer, and to support the research goals of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. According to the Komen Foundation, each year breast cancer is the leading cause of death for women ages 35-54, and the disease also accounts for more than 75% of all cancer deaths in women 55 years of age and older.

In its first year of operation, 356 clubs participated in the Rally program. Last year, some 3,000 clubs in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as Bermuda, Canada, Mexico and Saudi Arabia registered to host a Rally For A Cure® campaign. In 2004, the Dallas-based Komen Foundation received nearly \$4 million from the Rally program, largely through the hard work and fundraising activities of volunteer Rally Ambassadors, their committees, and countless individuals. Since 1996, Komen has received \$16 million.

Rally For A Cure® presented by Golf For Women magazine is based in Ridgefield, Connecticut. For further information about hosting a Rally golf event call **800-327-6811** or visit the website: www.rallyforacure.com. 

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