*Relay for Life Excited for 2012*

With only a few days left before the 2012 Poolesville Relay for Life (PRFL) at Whalen Commons, the organizations are anticipating a strong showing and level of support from the community. Already, PRFL has nearly 250 participants and twenty-seven teams. They will need a bit of an energetic push in these last few days to reach their goal of $50,000. Funds raised at last count were just over $36,000, but with some last-minute donations and supporters, they can make the goal.

This year Bob Dorrough and Roy Selby will be the Honorary Chairs of The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Poolesville 2012. Together they will help PRFL attendees Celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, Remember loved ones lost to the disease, and Fight Back against a disease that takes too much.

On November 1, 2011, Bob Dorrough was diagnosed with mesothelioma, a rare type of cancer that primarily affects the lining of the lungs, but can also affect the heart, abdomen, and other organs. Through the efforts of his doctors and nurses, friends, family, and endless prayers, Bob’s cancer has remained stable. Bob is the father of Chontelle Hockenbery and Chrissie Harney, the co-chairs of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Poolesville. Bob first joined this fight to Remember his wife, Glenna Dorrough, who lost her battle to liver and lung cancer in July 2005.

In 1995, Roy Selby was diagnosed with prostate cancer and underwent surgery at Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore. Throughout the years, Roy has maintained a treatment plan that has kept his cancer at bay, until December of 2011. His PSA numbers were on the rise, and doctors felt it was time to take a different plan of action. Through the efforts of his doctors and nurses, friends, family, and endless prayers, Roy’s PSA numbers continue to drop and maintain a good level. Cancer has touched his life in a very personal way and he continues to Fight Back***.***

Cancer has touched the lives of Bob and Roy in a very personal way and they continue to Fight Backand, together, PRFL will Celebrate their journey along with many others’.

If you haven’t made your PRFL commitment or donations, there are number of ways to help. First, you can find a team to make a donation to by visiting the PRFL website: www.PoolesvilleRelay.org.

Another way to help is to participate in Paint the Town Purple Days (June 4 through June 9). Residents and businesses are encouraged to decorate their properties in purple and to collect donations from neighbors or customers by using Relay for Life “Feet” or “Cupcakes” which are special cards that can be displayed in store windows. The suggested donation is three to five dollars. Purple ribbons can also be purchased for decorating as well. All proceeds contribute to help reach the goal.

The event’s opening ceremonies will be June 9 at 2:00 p.m. with the Survivors’ Lap. There will be performances and activities for persons of all ages throughout the day. From 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., there will be a concert by Kenny Ray Horton, and then from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., the Rock-N-Roll Relics will perform.

New this year is a NOVA blood drive from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Luminaria Ceremony begins at dark on Whalen Commons. This event encircles the park with candles glowing in bags, each with the name of someone who passed due to cancer or who is surviving the disease. This is a wonderful and simple way to contribute and can easily be done at the last minute.