



THE SCENE: an elegant high tea at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando with lady-like dresses, beautifully bold accessories and a few vintage accents like gloves and hats. What a lovely way to honor and celebrate some special survivors who exude grace and gratitude. Their bight, cheery smiles certainly brightened our day and their stories will inspire and encourage.

Model SURVIVORS



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The Survivors (from top left): **LYNETTE EARLEY, NANCY KELLY, LYDIA GARDNER, SUSIE CARLTON, ANNE PEACH, GEANNE SHARE, SHANNON WORK, NAN MCCORMICK and DEBBY DONOVAN**



LYNETTE EARLEY

*11-year breast cancer survivor
Area Development Manager
for ETCETERA*

Personal thoughts:

I am a strong advocate and supporter of breast cancer education and research, and realized when I was diagnosed at age 33 the importance of early detection. I want people to know that breast cancer can happen to young women – this is not your mother’s and grandmother’s disease. Looking back at the ‘season’ of having to go through treatment (surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation), I am reminded of how blessed I was. I had amazing support from family and friends, my own sense of self became important, and my faith grew so much stronger.



DEBBY DONOVAN

*3-year uterine cancer survivor
Communications Director for the
Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Florida*

Personal thoughts:

What matters to me most post-cancer is using my voice and energy to raise awareness by helping educate women and girls about the dangers of gynecologic cancers. Before you can teach, however, you have to get people’s attention, so that’s why I created the “Yoo Hoo! How’s Your Hoo Hoo?” campaign. First it makes you smile, and then it makes you think. That’s the genesis to getting women and girls to become their own healthcare advocates.

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ANNE PEACH

Diagnosed in 1991 with breast cancer and in 2002 with ovarian cancer

Vice President Patient Care/Chief Nursing Officer, Orlando Health

Personal thoughts:

I have lived with cancer most of my life. As a teenager, I saw my mother succumb to cancer by the age of 40. It is one of the reasons I became a nurse. I wanted to make a difference in others' lives and I wanted to do my part to help families. While no one ever wants to be diagnosed with cancer, it has been one of life's most amazing gifts. The love, support, caring and compassion of family friends, co-workers has been incredible. I have learned so much about myself. I try to never waste a day; every day is a moment to leave a legacy and enjoy life.

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LYDIA GARDNER

Diagnosed with breast cancer in March 2010

Orange County Clerk of Courts

Personal thoughts:

While hearing the word "cancer" is never on anyone's wish list, hearing it was abated by a combination of blessings. Throughout my treatment, I have been blessed with an amazing family, a wide circle of the best of friends, and the dream team of healthcare providers. Beyond these blessings, my office and our conscientious deputy clerks have never missed a beat in serving the public.



GEANNE SHARE

Geanne Share

2-year breast cancer survivor

Community Leader and Volunteer

Personal thoughts:

Cancer is a very unique lottery ticket. Although you would never choose the diagnosis, it opens up opportunities to affect people's lives in a positive way, and to have people express their feelings to you. I am very lucky to have the personal and professional support. I also can attest to the power of positive thinking and collective prayer. Only you know your body. Listen to it!



SUSIE CARLTON

3 1/2-year breast cancer survivor

Mortgage Banker/Partner at Element Funding

Personal thoughts:

I was very blessed to have an early diagnosis through my regular mammogram. My form of cancer, DCIS, is not one that you would notice through self breast exams. This is why I feel so adamant about getting regular annual mammograms. Through this whole experience, I've realized how precious life is and that you can't take your health for granted, even if you feel you do all the right things.



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DR. SHANNON BROWN WORK

Diagnosed with breast cancer in August 2010

Neonatologist (newborn intensive care doctor) at Winnie Palmer Hospital

Wife and mother of 3 daughters

Personal thoughts:

It is what it is so God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change those that I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

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NANCY KELLY

Diagnosed with breast cancer in August 2005

Mammographer for Florida Hospital

Personal thoughts:

As a Florida Hospital mammographer, being a breast cancer survivor has helped me be a better advocate for my patients. And it has encouraged me to give back by actively working on numerous projects to raise awareness, including pink ribbon planting pots with Penang Nursery in Apopka. As a survivor, I feel I have a responsibility to spread the word about early detection. I hope my efforts not only raise money for mammography, but also stand out as a reminder to the community that annual mammograms are a vital part of every woman's health.

NAN B. MCCORMICK

Over 20-year breast cancer survivor

Commercial Real Estate/Senior Vice President of CB Richard Ellis

Personal thoughts:

The most horrifying thought for me was not dying, but leaving my precious 13-year-old without a mother. That was the motivation for me to survive. I still have a note in my top desk drawer where I wrote: "This is when you find out what you are made of". The experience, in hindsight, was a real blessing. I got to see what a truly wonderful medical community we have in Orlando. My family and friends overwhelmed me with their love and support and my faith was tested and strengthened.



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Source Guide

SUSIE CARLTON

Elie Tahari dress, \$398, Saks Fifth Avenue; Lace gloves, \$26, Orlando Vintage Clothing and Costume; W. Klienberg belt, \$98, Saks Fifth Avenue; Coralia Leets Medallion Rose earrings, \$323; Coralia Leets Lemon-cut pendant nugget and Medallion Lemon necklaces, \$490 and \$470, Coralia Leets, Winter Park

DEBBY DONOVAN

Escada dress, \$425, Jacobson's; Long strand of malachite beads with gold pewter spacers and ornate gold filled toggle clasp, \$600, Gay Harrison Jewelry; Long strand of green fire-crab agates featuring large hand-carved jade beads from Hong Kong, \$600, Gay Harrison Jewelry; Coralia Leets Double Lemon earrings, \$472; Gloves, \$19, Orlando Vintage Clothing and Costume

LYNETTE EARLEY

Etcetera tweed dress, \$265 (through area representative Lynn Minkow); Clover necklace, \$26, Chloe Lane Boutique; Gloves, \$8, Orlando Vintage Clothing and Costume; Gold earrings of pewter, gold metal and vermeil balls, \$120, Gay Harrison Jewelry; Seafan cuff, \$208, Tuni

LYDIA GARDNER

St. John Collection patchwork tweed jacket, \$1,395, Saks Fifth Avenue; St. John Collection plaid pencil skirt, \$495, Saks Fifth Avenue; Seven-strand yellow fire-crab agate necklace, \$600, Gay Harrison Jewelry

NANCY KELLY

DKNY dress, \$295, Saks Fifth Avenue; Prada Belt, \$375, Saks Fifth Avenue; Long strand of malachite beads with gold pewter spacers and ornate gold-filled toggle clasp, \$600; Gay Harrison Jewelry; Chanel cuff, stylist's own

NAN B. MCCORMICK

Teri Jon dress, \$360, Saks Fifth Avenue; Necklace, Chloe Lane Boutique

ANNE PEACH

Escada pleated dress, \$1,775, Jacobson's; Saks Fifth Avenue belt, \$375; Gloves, \$21, Orlando Vintage Clothing and Costume; Hat, \$49, Orlando Vintage Clothing and Costume; Necklace, \$36, Chloe Lane Boutique; Necklace, \$30, Chloe Lane Boutique



GEANNE SHARE

Etcetera black-ivory-cranberry colorblock sheath dress, \$275 (through area representative Lynn Minkow); Etcetera black faux fur vest, \$250; Triple-strand mother of pearl, green jade, black onyx necklace, \$900, Gay Harrison Jewelry

DR. SHANNON BROWN WORK

Pink Tartan dress, \$395, Saks Fifth Avenue; W. Kleinberg belt, \$98, Saks Fifth Avenue; Five-strand multi-colored top-drilled dyed freshwater pearls with sterling silver hook and eye clasp, \$900 (companion necklace, \$300), Gay Harrison Jewelry

Courtney Karem is a local fashion stylist with a diverse background from majoring in fashion to having owned a contemporary women's boutique. She collaborates with local businesses to offer her clients a full service approach to fashion and beauty. Courtney's approach to fashion is alchemic, turning something common into something special and unique. Courtney K. can be reached at 407.721.2993 or thestylist@gmail.com

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