

## 2nd Annual BCPI Golf Classic Honoring the Memory of Laurie Parlin

This June 29<sup>th</sup>, BCPI will be holding its Second Annual Golf Outing fundraiser and will honor the memory of Laurie Parlin. Laurie was a 32 year old single mother of an 11-year son, Stephen. In March of 2008, I had to give her the results of her biopsy. She had triple negative breast cancer. This is breast cancer that is not sensitive to hormonal treatment as it's estrogen and progesterone receptors are negative. It is not sensitive to treatment with the monoclonal antibody, Herceptin, as this cancer does not have HER-2 neu receptors. This cancer is the most difficult to treat because it is not sensitive to so many effective drug options. Despite a lumpectomy, 18 weeks of chemotherapy, and 35 sessions of radiation treatment, it was only one month before the cancer came back with a vengeance. Laurie developed inflammatory cancer in January 2009. Despite a double mastectomy, another course of chemotherapy and a clinical trial with the newest drugs at a uni-



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## Golf Outing at the Cranbury Golf Club Friday, June 29, 2012

Robert Gerling, husband of BCPI board member, Jo Ann Gerling, has again volunteered to organize the 2nd Annual Breast Cancer Prevention Institute Golf Classic. This event, which was a big success last year, is scheduled for Friday, June 29, 2012, at the Cranbury Golf Club located in West Windsor, NJ. The course is memorable and challenging yet player friendly, as those of you who joined us last year will remember. Participants will enjoy a day-long opportunity to play golf, enjoy good food and meet others who support BCPI's mission. The day begins with a breakfast buffet and ends with an Award Ceremony, gifts and prizes at the dinner buffet.

For more information about this exciting event, please go to our BCPI website, where you can view and download a copy of the golf outing brochure with full details of the event, including the activities planned for the day and sponsorship opportunities.



The brochure contains a registration form for those of you wishing to participate as a golfer or to sign up as a sponsor.

[www.bcpinstitute.org/BCPI-Golf-2012.htm](http://www.bcpinstitute.org/BCPI-Golf-2012.htm)

## Coast to Coast Controversy about States' Right to Know Laws

*By Dr. Angela Lanfranchi*

Last week there were articles in major newspapers including the New York Times, LA Times and Chicago Tribune concerning several state legislatures which were in the process of writing or updating their "Right To Know" laws regarding the information to be given their citizens before an abortion. Two of the most detailed and well written were those of Eric Zorn, a contributor to the Chicago Tribune. Mr. Zorn provided long excerpts from the laws and even additional information about the states which have these laws. He also provided a link to information given by myself, a breast surgeon, which supported the aspect of the laws which cause the most outrage and consternation by those who support abortion: the fact that induced abortion increases a woman's risk for breast cancer.

I had been asked to present the facts that support an abortion breast cancer link

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## Major donation from Honda Dealership spurs new publications

*By Dr. Angela Lanfranchi*

This past November, BCPI received an inquiry from **Autosport Honda**, a Somerville, New Jersey, dealership asking for information about our charity as they were considering us for a donation. I replied to Gerald and Steven Lustig that our mission was to prevent breast cancer through education on risks and ways to lower risk. I told them that when women learned in 2002 that hormone replacement therapy increased breast cancer risk by 26%, 15 million women stopped taking those drugs. By 2007, there was an 11% reduction in breast cancer stimulated by estrogen in those postmenopausal women. I told them that the same reduction would happen if premenopausal women learned that oral contraceptives increase breast cancer risk. We could reduce the number of women who develop premenopausal breast cancer. In-situ breast cancer has increased 400% in pre menopausal women since 1975.

Autosport's generous donation allowed for the development and printing of 2 new brochures, "The Whys of Breast Cancer" and "Abortion and Breast Cancer: What is the Truth behind the Controversy?" These brochures will be available to download from our web site and to order copies in the coming weeks.

"The Whys of Breast Cancer" is a condensation of the information given in our booklet, Breast Cancer Risks and Prevention. It is

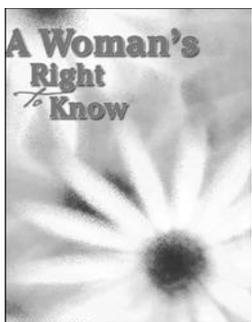


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to legislators in both New Hampshire and Kansas before laws requiring that information be given to women were out of committee to be voted upon. I did not argue the epidemiologic data although since 1957 there have been 67 studies, 50 with a positive association of which 31 have statistically significant results. I presented only the biological facts that would concern a woman who is already pregnant. If that woman carries the pregnancy to term she would have a lower risk of breast cancer. Since the Middle Ages we've known women who give birth have a lower risk of breast cancer. If she aborts, she loses that benefit of lower risk. If she never has a child subsequent to that abortion, she may remain childless which increases breast cancer risk. Or if she does have a child in the future, for each year she delays that pregnancy after 20 years old, she increases her risk of premenopausal breast cancer by 5% and post menopausal breast cancer by 3%. If she already had given birth before her abortion, she loses an additional 10% risk reduction. She also puts future children at risk for premature birth as abortion was found to be an "Immutable Risk" for premature birth by the Institutes of Medicine in 2006. If that premature birth occurs before 32 weeks, the mother doubles her risk for breast cancer and puts her child at risk for cerebral palsy.



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A woman who has a spontaneous abortion in the first trimester is not at increased risk as those pregnancies are associated with low estrogen and progesterone levels so her breasts have not enlarged by producing more immature breast tissue where cancers can start. Induced abortions are usually of hormonally normal pregnancies and occur before 32 weeks when most breast tissue becomes cancer resistant reducing her risk.

There is no need to argue over the studies which show the Independent Link between induced abortion and breast cancer. Even if the 31 studies which show that link with 95% certainty are disregarded because there are 17 studies which show no link, a woman's biology alone will cause an abortion to increase her risk for breast cancer.

As a surgeon, I am legally and ethically compelled to give informed consent for any surgical procedure. That same practice should be required of abortionists. This information will not end abortion. It is not a scare tactic. It allows women to take a considered risk and would allow them to get screened at an appropriate age if the abortion occurs early in their lives.

**Women do have the Right to Know.**

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You can also return the donation card to us with your new address information. Be sure to check the box letting us know the information is new.

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iversity hospital, Laurie passed away in August 2009, 1 week shy of her 34<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Throughout her course of treatment, Laurie remained upbeat. Her mother said she didn't want to weaken herself with fear and doubt. She continued to help coach her son's baseball games up until one month before her cancer recurred. She was heroic. She always came to my office with a smile and little presents of breast cancer awareness symbols. She wanted to become a survivor.

Since her death I have come to know her son Stephen, who is now being raised by her mother Donna. Stephen started a fund called Laurie's Legacy and raised over ten thousand dollars in his first year for the Steeplechase Cancer Center where Laurie's doctors work. He is in high school now and has really grown up into a handsome, well adjusted young man. He and his grandmother also support BCPI. Donna wants to continue to raise awareness that young women do get breast cancer. She also wants them to know how they can reduce their risks and supports BCPI for these efforts. In 2009, Dolle was the author of a paper that showed oral contraceptives taken for at least one year increased a young woman's risk of triple negative breast cancer by 320%.

Laurie was one of those women and Donna wishes that she and her daughter knew that before she started using them. BCPI will be producing another brochure on the risks of oral contraceptives directed to teenagers and young women. BCPI welcomes the stories of other woman impacted by breast cancer so that they may be honored at future BCPI events.

## Major Donation...

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short, colorful and designed to appeal to young women.

The brochure, "Abortion and Breast Cancer," informs women of the breast changes that occur when a woman chooses abortion. It informs them of the increasing rates of breast cancer in young women and their own biology which causes increased risk if they choose abortion.

A third brochure is being developed to reach young women about the dangers of oral contraceptives.

BCPI is very grateful for Autosport Honda's support that has allowed the production of new literature to support our mission.

### **Announcing Recent Additions to the BCPI Website and an Upcoming New Brochure**

New to our website, and available for reading, download or purchase, are 2 new brochures:

**"Abortion & Breast Cancer—Is there a Risk: What is the truth behind the controversy?"**

**"The Whys of Breast Cancer"**

**Coming soon**—a new brochure which discusses the dangers of oral contraceptives. This brochure will join BCPI's current brochures as soon as it is ready.

[www.bcpinstitute.org/onlinepub.htm](http://www.bcpinstitute.org/onlinepub.htm)



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