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**TRIBUTE TO
CATHERINE BAKER KNOLL**



The PA Breast Cancer Coalition and all Pennsylvanians lost a good friend last month with the passing of **Lt. Governor Catherine Baker Knoll**. Catherine Baker Knoll became the state's first female Lieutenant Governor in 2002. Governor Rendell called her "one

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PBCC'S FREE TREATMENT SEMINAR



Kim Howell presents the breast cancer patient's perspective on the FREE treatment program for uninsured women to healthcare professionals in the Pittsburgh area. Within 7 days of learning about the FREE treatment program, Kim was approved for coverage of all her medical care including blood work, surgery, chemo, radiation and the OncoType DX test for risk of recurrence.

Look for Kim's story in an upcoming Survivor Spotlight in the PBCC print newsletter Frontline™. [To learn more about the free treatment program or how to host, sponsor or attend a seminar click here.](#)



The PBCC thanks the host of our recent seminar, the Hospital Council of Western PA and the sponsor, the NSABP Foundation, Inc. Shown above L to R: **Jane Montgomery**, VP of Clinical Services and Quality at the Hospital Council of Western PA; **A. J. Harper**, President of the Hospital Council of Western PA; the PBCC's **Pat Halpin-Murphy**; and **Kip Goldberg**, CEO of the NSABP Foundation, Inc.

An excellent panel - Ros Rhodes from the PA Department of Health, Trudy Johnson from the PA Department of Public Welfare, and Erin Guay from the PA Health Law Project - explained how the FREE treatment program works.

of the strongest, most dedicated public servants in Pennsylvania's history". She was a true supported of the PBCC and spoke at many of our events. Catherine Baker Knoll will be greatly missed, and our thoughts are with her family.

Clinical Trial Information



Clinical trials are research studies in which patients help doctors to determine whether vaccines, drugs, new therapies, or new treatments are safe and effective.

Participation in a clinical trial can involve both benefits and risks so it is important to determine if a trial is right for you.

The Coalition of Cancer Cooperative Groups provides a free and unbiased service providing customized clinical trial information. TrialCheck® identifies appropriate and open cancer clinical trials in hospitals, cancer centers and oncology practices near patients' homes. For the most up-to-date source of cancer clinical trial information, [click here](#). To request FREE educational materials, email info@CancerTrialsHelp.org.

Events Calendar



It's basketball season at the PBCC! Cheer on the home teams at the following benefit games:

If you have been diagnosed with breast cancer and need **FREE treatment**, call the Pennsylvania Department of Health's HealthyWoman Program at 1-800-215-7494.

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR ADULTS AGES 19 THROUGH 64



AdultBasic offers health insurance covering preventive care, emergency care, hospital stays, inpatient/outpatient services and more. You are eligible if you:

- are between the ages of 19 and 64
- have been a PA resident for the past 90 days
- are a US citizen, permanent legal alien or refugee as determined by US Immigration and Naturalization Service
- have been without coverage for 90 days (unless no longer employed or you had CHIP or Medical Assistance before applying and no other coverage)
- are not eligible for Medicare or Medical Assistance

For more information or to apply for adultBasic, please call 1-800-727-5437 or [click here](#). Unfortunately, there is a waiting list because of the high number of uninsured people in Pennsylvania, but get on the list now if you need insurance.

INTERNET ~ HEALTH INFORMATION OR MIS- INFORMATION?



Ever wonder if the health information you read online is accurate and up-to-date? This fact sheet from the National Cancer Institute can help you decide whether the health information you find on the Internet is likely to be reliable.

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Information/internet>

PBCC BOARD MEMBER JUNE HOCH INCREASES

**December 28, December 31, and January 18
PBCC Days at Saint Joseph's
Basketball
Philadelphia**

St. Joe's men's basketball team plays Siena on 12/28, Drexel on 12/31 and Charlotte on 1/18. Games will be played at The Palestra on the UPenn campus. Tickets cost \$30 each, \$15 of which will be donated to the PBCC. See event listing for start times and more details.

**December 16
Think Pink Basketball Games at
Warwick HS and Garden Spot HS
Lititz and New Holland**

Garden Spot is holding Think Pink night at Warwick High School (girls' team) and Garden Spot High School (boys' team). Stop by the PBCC's info table and purchase a pink t-shirt. See event listing for start times and more details.

**December 23
Pink Out Boys' Basketball Game at
Susquenita HS
Duncannon**

Stop by the PBCC's info table. See event listing for start time and more details.

**January 5
Think Pink Girls' Basketball Game
at Bishop McDevitt HS
Harrisburg**

Stop by the PBCC's info table and purchase raffle tickets for prizes. See event listing for start time and more details.

[Please visit our website for a complete and detailed listing of these and other upcoming events.](#)

*Do you want to make **hope** grow?
Plant a seed in your community and watch it grow statewide by planning a special event or fundraiser for the PBCC! Contact **Sarah Lightman** with your community event idea at sarah@pabreastcancer.org or (800) 377-8828 x 107.*

[Free PBCC E-Cards](#)

AWARENESS OF PBCC



Check out this amazing photo of PBCC Board Member **June Hoch** wearing her PBCC logo shirt at the Great Wall of China! June was on an 18-day trip to China, and since the trip took place during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, she did her part to increase worldwide awareness.

Order your own PBCC shirt like June's for \$22 plus shipping on our [online marketplace](#).

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE LOST AND FOUND Found: Pink Fleece

A woman's pink fleece jacket was found and turned in to a PBCC staffer at the PA Breast Cancer Coalition Annual Conference™ this past October. If you attended the conference at the Harrisburg Hilton and are the owner of this fleece jacket, please contact Kim Eubanks at 800-377-8828 x 104 or kim@pabreastcancer.org with a description. We'll be happy to return it to you!

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Fundraisers of the Month Two School District Casual Days



This October two school districts held district-wide Casual Days to benefit the PBCC.

The Reading School District event, organized by Head Nurse **Anne Fisher** and Reading Specialist **Jo Ann Lightman** (shown above, kneeling, second from right), was a huge success, raising over \$3000 for the PBCC.

Governor Mifflin School District, also located in Berks County, had the same type of event. Led by **Kristyna Eagle** (shown below, standing far right), a French teacher, they were able to raise over \$1200.

The PBCC thanks both school districts for their donations and support!

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