

## **Pioneer Pacific College Sponsors Relay for Life**

The incidence of cancer in the United States in 2004 was 10,326,000 people. At some point in time all of us have been or will be touched by this disease. Whether it is a friend, relative, co-worker or even one of us, the probability that we know someone or love someone with cancer is high just based on the current reported incidence numbers.

Pioneer Pacific College has been touched by Cancer. For nine years the College was fortunate enough to employ a woman by the name of Merrily Osborn. Merrily brought enthusiasm, dedication and a passion for business education to Pioneer Pacific that was unrivaled and infectious. A simple Dr. visit, for what was thought to be allergies, led to a lung cancer diagnosis. Four weeks after her diagnosis, Merrily was taken by her disease.



As a tribute to Merrily, and all others in the Pioneer Pacific College family that have been affected by this terrible disease, the College sponsors and participates in the Relay for Life every year. The Relay for Life was started in the 1980's by Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon who wanted to raise money for his local

American Cancer Society office. The first year, 300 people participated with Dr. Klatt. Today, more than 3 million Americans participate in Relay events nationwide. Proof that one person really can make a difference!

### **You can make a difference in Pioneer Pacific College's efforts to support the American Cancer Society's mission by participating in a few ways:**

- 1) Become a Relay for Life Team Member---Event is June 20-21 in Wilsonville.
- 2) Participation in the PPC Relay Team's fundraising activities
- 3) Make a donation to the PPC Relay Team
- 4) Come out on Relay day to show your support

Over the next few months, we'll be updating you on events and ways you can get involved. If you would like more information on participating on the Relay for Life Team, please contact Team Captains, Lisa Armstrong at [larmstrong@pioneerpacific.edu](mailto:larmstrong@pioneerpacific.edu) or Jeanne Gustafson at [jgustafson@pioneerpacific.edu](mailto:jgustafson@pioneerpacific.edu).

**YOU can make a difference in the life of someone with cancer.** Participate in Pioneer Pacific College's support of the Relay for Life campaign today!

