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## **100 DRAGON BOAT TEAMS REACH FINISH LINE FOR BREAST CANCER**

### **Attention news desk:**

PETERBOROUGH—Cheers of delight were heard today on Little Lake as one hundred dragon boat teams raced to the finish line for breast cancer awareness and funds for the PRHC's breast assessment centre under balmy temperatures on Saturday, June 17.

Festival organizers send their congratulations to all the winning teams. The grand championship for the mixed teams goes to the well-deserved Motley Crew team with a winning time of 1:46.38. Second place was TAS Griffins at 1:47.30, third—GE Power Dragons at 1:48.30, fourth—Healing Hands at 1:50.20, fifth—Investors Group at 1:51.50 and sixth place—Del Bocco Vista Social Club at 1:52.41. Spectators cheered on the teams in a close and exciting race.

Twohey's Titans won the ladies division championship again this year with a time of 1:59.41, second place—a visiting breast cancer survivor team, Canadians Abreast at 2:00.70, third place was Sticklings Hot Baguettes, 2:00.44 and fourth place, Fleming's Collegial Dragons, 2:02.05. Another really close race!

Once again, teams worked hard to raise pledges for diagnostic equipment for the hospital's breast assessment centre. Winners for teams raising pledges this year were: top team, Dave and the Puronauts \$12,767.50, second place, Scotia Rows 4 U \$11,507.42, third place, Peterborough Tugboat \$10,768.00 fourth, Annie's Oars \$8,000 and fifth, Flaming Spirits \$6,678.99.

Winners for top individuals raising pledges were David Nicholls \$7,828.00, second, Laura Adamson, \$5,674.74 and third, Linda Martinelli \$3,839.71.

John Gullick, festival chair, announced the pledge tally at 3:00 p.m. of about \$150,000, with more to come. The final amount raised for the hospital will be announced later in the summer and will include revenue from the event.

Winning races and raising pledges are important parts of the day but another highlight for spectators and paddlers is the breast cancer race and memorial ceremony. The four breast cancer survivor teams held pink carnations in the air as Danny Bronson sang the moving song "I Remember You." Paul Laing, festival announcer, read names of former survivor team members who lost their battle

against breast cancer and after a moment of silence the teams tossed the carnations into the water.

Canadians Abreast, one of the two visiting survivor teams, won the survivor race with a time of 1:59.69, followed by one of our home teams, Survivors Abreast, 2:10.44, in second place. The other Survivors Abreast boat took third place with a time of 2:11.26 and fourth was the second visiting team, the Dragon Flies from Lindsay/Port Perry, 2:13.91.

Festival organizers and host team, Survivors Abreast, wish to thank the 2006 festival sponsors for making it all possible: Platinum—Kawartha Credit Union, Gold—CHEX TV/Wolf/Kruz and Minute Maid/Coca Cola Ltd.; Silver—Americredit, Tim Hortons and Country 105; Bronze—Investors Group, Peterborough This Week and Mark's Work Wearhouse; Teak—The Peterborough Examiner, Saturn, Purolator, Price Chopper, Saville Publishing, Liftlock Fiberglass Fabrication, Global TeleSales, Commercial Press and Design, Shirley Mcdowell/ReMax, BE Catering and Coach Canada.

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