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## **SIXTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OPENS REGISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY TEAMS**

### **Attention news desk:**

Peterborough—Organizers opened registration today for the sixth annual dragon boat festival set for June 17 on Little Lake. Almost 100 teams with a maximum roster of 24 per team—about 2000 paddlers—will race 4 boats at a time for breast cancer awareness and pledges to the local Breast Assessment Centre.

Registration packages are available at Kawartha Credit Union, platinum sponsor, at the Monaghan branch. Susan Miller, in charge of registration, urges teams to hurry and register before the closing date, April 21.

“Last year we had more than thirty teams rushing to sign up the first day registration opened” said Miller. The registration fee of \$700 includes a practice and free team pictures for everyone on the roster.

Survivors Abreast, hosts of the festival, are committed to making sure all funds raised stay in the community to purchase diagnostic equipment and new technology for use at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre’s Breast Assessment Centre. In the past two years, almost \$350,000 of new equipment has been purchased, helping to detect cancer sooner and with greater accuracy.

For example, a recent purchase is a sentinel biopsy probe, which allows for a less invasive procedure and involves the removal of only two or three nodes to determine if the cancer in the breast area has spread. Patients experience less pain and in most cases, can go home the same day.

With the completion of the new hospital, a major transformation will take place inside the building especially in the diagnostic imaging area – where the introduction of digital imaging technology will facilitate faster, clearer images that can be stored, retrieved and shared with physicians in other hospitals. Julie Davis, CEO of the PRHC Foundation, noted “Funds raised through this year’s dragon boat festival will help in the purchase of equipment and technology to ensure this transformation benefits patients in the Breast Assessment Centre.”

Robert Wellstood, Kawartha Credit Union CEO is proud to be platinum sponsor for the fourth consecutive year. “It’s been a perfect fit for us,” said Wellstood. “As a local

organization wanting to make a contribution back into our community, we take pride in supporting the festival and its important cause.”

During the news conference, John Gullick, festival chair, thanked sponsors for their support this year, including: 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 Warehouse; Teak—The Peterborough Examiner, Saturn, Purolator, Price Chopper, Saville Publishing, Liftlock Fiberglass Fabrication, GlobalTeleSales, Commercial Press and Design, Shirley McDowell/ReMax and Coach Canada.

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# 2005 DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL RESULTS

## FESTIVAL PROCEEDS

### **Total raised \$ 193, 663.14 (pledges and revenue)**

- Portion donated to the PRHC \$175,205.39 (pledges and revenue).
- Portion to Survivors Abreast \$13,457.75(from revenue)
- Hold over for Festival 2006 \$5,000 (from revenue)

## CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

### Mixed Teams Championship

1. Dragon Flyers community division 1:36.86.
2. The Snapt Dragons business division 1:37.33
3. TAS Griffins education division 1:37.39
4. Team Synergy, health division 1:40.04
5. Price Chopper sponsor division 1.40.43
6. Allen Centurions newcomers division 1:46.31.

### Ladies Division Championship

1. Twohey's Titans 1:48.50
2. Draggin' R Butts 1:50.12
3. Rowbust third 1:51.50
4. Paddling Pistillites 1:52.71

### Breast Cancer Survivors Race

1. Rowbust (London) 1:50:33
2. Survivors Abreast 1:51:95
3. Dragon Flies (Lindsay) 1:54:75
4. Canadians Abreast 1:55:19
5. A Breast or Knot (Windsor) 1:55:83

## PLEDGE WINNERS

### Top Teams

1. Ptbo Tugboat \$9,573.55
2. Survivors Abreast \$7,008.50
3. Dave and the Puroonauts \$5,306.55
4. GE Motor Maniacs \$5,266.58
5. Res Ipsa Loquitor II \$4,251.00

### Top Individuals

1. Dave Nicholls of Dave and the Puroonauts \$4,124.55
2. Laura Adamson of Price Chopper Panthers \$2,482.50
3. Stewart King of Telus Titans \$1,025.00
4. Anne Munroe of Annie's Oars \$1,000.00
5. Paula Graham of Carlson Wagonlit Stewart Travel \$849.00