



February 2014 Newsletter

Dear Susan,

The weather may be frigid in DC, but we're fired up here at the Alliance!

Congress passed a bill early in January that restores some funding for ovarian cancer research and education for the remainder of FY 2014. A huge thank you to everyone in our community who helped us advocate for ovarian cancer. We'll need your help again this year, as we anticipate a fresh battle over appropriations.

We are less than three weeks away from our annual Turn Up the Heat! gala, and this year's event is shaping up to be our biggest yet. **So many women chefs and bartenders wanted to support our cause that we had to create a waiting list!**

We also welcomed two new board members this month, along with a new slate of officers (including our President, Diane Rader O'Connor, a survivor of ovarian cancer).

This is just the tip of the iceberg! **Watch your inbox for updates on our conference and other news--we've got a lot cooking for 2014.**

With warm regards,



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Chief Executive Officer
Ovarian Cancer National Alliance

Funds for Ovarian Cancer Research Increased in Recent Federal Spending Deal; Fight Looming for FY2015



Congress recently passed an omnibus appropriations bill that will fund the federal government for the remainder of the 2014 fiscal year. We're pleased to tell you that the hard work of everyone in our community has paid off!

The Ovarian Cancer Research Program (OCR) received \$20 million in funding--the amount that the Alliance and our community requested. Cancer control and awareness programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also received robust funding. Furthermore, funding for both the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute--which typically fund at least \$100 million in ovarian cancer research yearly--will rise by around 3%.

While we are happy to see small improvements in funding for ovarian cancer research, most advocates expect next year's budget battle to be even harder. We will need to organize and fight so that we don't lose any ground in 2015. [Click here to learn more about this year's appropriations and how you can get involved as an advocate.](#)

Just 16 Days to Buy Tickets for Our Biggest Gala Ever

Guests at our annual gala will get to sample drinks and dishes from 57 women chefs while raising funds to support the Alliance. [Don't miss out! Buy your tickets today.](#)



Our guests will also have a chance to bid on more than 80 items in our live and silent auctions, including passes to Disneyworld, ski lessons, private wine tastings, jewelry and more! **One highlight of the live auction is our Gulf Coast Getaway for Two** with roundtrip airfare, a three-day stay at the La Playa Beach and Golf Resort in Naples, Florida, and gift certificates for local restaurants, yoga classes, boutique spas and a chocolate-making class with famed chocolatier Norman Love! [Click here to preview our auction list and plan what you want to bid on at Turn Up the Heat.](#)

Upcoming Events

[Webinar: Peripheral Neuropathy and Ovarian Cancer](#)
February 5, 2014
2:00 pm EST

[Turn Up the Heat Gala](#)
Washington, DC
February 19, 2014

[World Ovarian Cancer Day](#)
May 8, 2014

[Annual Teal Gala](#)
New York City
May 15, 2014

[Ovarian Cancer National Conference](#)
Washington, DC
July 11-14, 2014

Learn About Peripheral Neuropathy

[Join us on February 5 at 2:00 pm EST for a free webinar on preventing and coping with one of the most common side effects of ovarian cancer treatment: peripheral neuropathy.](#) The webinar features an expert speaker from Foundation for Peripheral Neuropathy.



Did you miss one of our recent webinars? [Visit our site to watch video from sessions on Caregivers, Coping with Lymphedema and Eating a Low-Fiber Diet.](#)

**Coming Soon:
Registration to Open
for Ovarian Cancer
National Conference**

Watch your email for an announcement about our upcoming Ovarian Cancer National Conference, which will take place in Washington, DC, on July 11-14, 2014.

We hope you will join us for the evening as we celebrate women chefs and support those whose lives are touched by ovarian cancer. [Click here to purchase tickets and join us for a tasting to benefit our work.](#)

Wearever Supports Women with Ovarian Cancer in February

This month, a portion of proceeds from sales of select Wearever products will benefit the Alliance and our work on behalf of women with ovarian cancer. **We've partnered with Wearever throughout the month of February to raise funds and awareness.**



Wearever will donate 10 percent of sales in February from all purchases of their women's underwear line to the Alliance. This includes all sizes, styles, colors and purchases in singles, three-packs and six-packs from the [Wearever Women's Incontinence Panties](#) line.

Wearever offers comfortable solutions for urinary incontinence with its line of women's panties that look and feel just like traditional underwear but offer absorbency protection to contain leaks within. [Click here to learn more about Wearever's full line of incontinence panties](#). [For news and updates from Wearever, click here.](#)

Partner Member Profile: Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Arizona



In 2008, a group of ovarian cancer patients and survivors created the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Arizona. They were tired of the lack of resources in Arizona: no support network, no one to talk to outside of the doctor's office, no extracurricular meetings or events and no resources for caretakers. They started OCAZ to fill that gap, and since then the

members of the organization have shown a strong passion for spreading awareness.

OCAZ's current president, Joe Casey, started working with the organization in 2010 after his mother passed away from ovarian cancer. She was closely affiliated and active with the organization, so he wanted to fill her spot: **"Call me selfish, but I found it to be cathartic for me. I was a twenty year old dude not sure what to do with his emotions."**

[Click here to read more about the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Arizona.](#)



Past attendees have called our conference a "life-changing" event that is a "can't miss" for survivors. Save the date and watch for our email when registration opens later this month.

Announcing the Alliance's 2014 Board of Directors

Please join us in welcoming Diane Rader O'Connor as our new Board President! We also welcome two new members of our board of directors: Jennifer Bisacre and Joan McEntee. [Click here to learn about our board of directors.](#)

News Updates

[One in Five Women with Ovarian Cancer Have a Genetic Predisposition](#)

[New Combination Therapy for Ovarian Cancer Shows Positive Results in Phase I Clinical Trials](#)

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