

General Membership Meeting

February 4, 2008

Advisor- Wendi Keeler KeelerW@usa.redcross.org

- Congressional award- www.congressionalaward.org –
 - This award was created by Congress to promote and recognize achievement, initiative, and service in America's youth.
 - The National Youth Counsel is really urging Red Cross Youth to get involved with this award. Everyone that volunteers in the club is eligible for this award and it is a great resume builder so definitely look into it!
- All you can eat pancake dinner- Tuesday, Feb 4th from 5:30-7pm at St. Andrew's Church which is located at the corner of Foster Ave and Fraser Street. It is \$5.00 all you can eat so definitely come out and get some pancakes!
- Redcrossyouth@wordpress.com – The National Youth Counsel has set up a blog for Red Crossers that can keep you up to date with the youth involved in Red Cross. Visit the website to see what other youth are doing for the Red Cross.
 - Also, everyone should get involved in other activities that the Red Cross has to offer (Disasters Services, CPR/First Aid, etc.)
 - Disasters Services is starting a program where local PSU Red Cross Students can get involved in case of local emergencies (something happening at a football game, single family house fires, etc). If you are interested in helping out we are looking for a liaison to start this initiative. Contact Wendi if interested.

President- Toni Gibson tlg5004

- Officer Descriptions- Elections are coming up soon.
 - We combined the membership chair and the Blood Drive Coordinator position for next year. The membership chair is now in charge of setting up blood drives and making sure they are staffed with volunteers, keeping the volunteer membership updated with volunteer hours, and maintaining the list serve. The BDC will no longer be in charge of OSCs but will be overseeing an OSC chair who will be in charge of training and scheduling OSCs at blood drives.
 - Please feel free to ask anyone about their position.
- Platelet fundraiser- \$25 goes to the club when you donate platelets downtown.
 - We are still looking for people to help out Jim with recruiting platelets. If you are interested in helping recruiting platelet donors please sign up online to join the platelet committee or email Jim Harvey at jwh5076@psu.edu.
 - We would love to get people at the drives this week so that platelet donors could be recruited at all hours of the drives.
 - It is really easy to do and its about a 2 hour process.
 - The restrictions are the same with blood donors along with the iron requirement.
 - The perks of donating platelets is that instead of needing 16 different people for platelets (from blood donations) which causes a lot of rejection in the patient's body, patients can have only one donor which will cause a lesser chance of rejection
- Elections- They are coming up soon
 - They are the second Monday after Spring break. Platforms will be read on March 24 and officers will be announced on March 31. Voting will take place online.
 - If you are running you will need to write a platform that you will be presenting to the

club.

- Backpack Flier- Don't forget to print out the backpack flier and attach it to your bag to let others know about the drives!!

Vice President- Emily Ritter ear5000

- Canning- February 15th-16th-17th is the last canning weekend.
 - We are going to the Angus', our THON family, for the last canning weekend. The kids are really excited for us to come so please sign up, we need a lot of people.
 - We also have a trip going to Toni's house so please sign up because it is the last canning weekend and we want to beat goal.
- THON Fundraising Goal: Our old goal was \$15,000 but now we are upping our goal to \$20,000 so we can try and get two more dancers for next year
- THON- Dancer numbers are not official yet but once they are posted on www.THON.org there will be an email sent out with the dancer numbers.
 - Please make dancer mail and kids mail (there will be an email with everyone's name, including the kids)
- THON weekend events-
 - THON weekend we're working on arranging a mid afternoon lunch on Saturday with the Angus' at Chili's, Brian will be in charge of this.
 - The Angus' will be around all weekend so if you have any ideas for things to do over the course of the weekend please let Emily know.
 - There will be a need for some babysitting so let Emily know if you are interested in helping out with that.
 - We also want to have something in the Angus' hotel room as a surprise for them so if you have any ideas let Emily know.
- Relay for Life:
http://relay.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RelayForLifePennsylvaniaDivision?fr_id=6918&pg=entry
 - April 12th-13th. Starts at noon on Sat and ends at noon on Sun.
 - The cost is \$10 which goes towards a t-shirt and a donation to the American Cancer Society.
 - We are hoping people will be able to stay all weekend but if not you are more than welcome to sign up for certain time shifts.
- THON t-shirts: THON shirts will be at the Angus' ready for the 4th canning weekend.
 - If you haven't paid Emily please get her \$7 asap

Treasurer- Brian Ault bma136

- Budget Update:
 - Spent 20 dollars on Gabe's birthday present
 - The current club balance is \$1002.00
 - Wendi has a check for \$1700 from the region which will get us back up for the Spring Drives
 - Please donate platelets!!!

Membership – Jenn Schweighauser jas5224

- Letter Writing Social- This Wed, Feb 6 from 7-9pm in 111 HUB.
- Ice Skating- This Saturday, Feb 9th from 1-3pm at the Ice Pavilion on Campus. Meet in the lobby at 12:45pm
- Change in Officers- If you have any questions regarding hours please email Jenn at

jas5224@psu.edu

- List Serve- If you need to be put on the list serve and are not on there yet please email Jenn at jas5224@psu.edu and she will put you on there asap
- Volunteer Hours- If your volunteer hours are not up to date yet it's just because I am getting used to the system.
 - If you go to the drives and you did not sign up online please put your PSU user ID next to your name because it makes it easier to update the volunteer hours.

Education- Jessica Havern jeh5079

Peg Schoening mgs5002

- Bone Marrow Registry- Takes place on the 14th, 15th, and 23rd of February. (THON weekend).
 - Sign up to be in the bone marrow registry for free.
 - It's very simple, it's only cheek swabs and it only takes a few minutes. If you do want to sign up for the bone marrow registry please make sure that if you were to be called that you are actually committed to donate your marrow.
 - If you do sign up and find out later that you are unsure about being in it you are able to take yourself out of the registry.
 - The eligibility is different than donating blood please email Peggy or Jess if you have any questions
 - There is a specific spot online to help out with the Bone Marrow Registry drives. We need a minimum of ten people per hour to help staff the National Marrow Donor Program (There are sponsors, but the more the merrier!!)
- Charles Drew Blood Drive- email Jess if you have any questions regarding these drives. The drives will take place on February 14th and 15th.

Publicity – Aleana Kuhn ark201

- HUB sign up tables- 6th and 13th need help at the HUB sign up tables
 - These times on Feb 6th need to be filled: 9-10am and 2-4pm
- Ballooning Feb 14th- has been officially canceled

Blood Drive Coordinator – Tricia Groleau pfg5000

- Upcoming Drives- Tuesday/Wednesday has two drives each day.
 - Still need help with OSCs and volunteers so please sign up for these times on Tuesday and Wednesday
 - Also the blue band building next week is in need of volunteers.
- OSC training- Right after the meeting on Feb 4th.

Special Projects- Andrea Schwander ams5351

- Rotelli's-
 - March 5th from 5-9pm. We will have a table about the club with information about where the money is going.
 - We will need to staff the table from 5-9 so if you are interested in staffing the table please sign up online
- Paint The Town Red- If you are interested in helping out with the invitation committee for the benefit please sign up online or email Andrea.