



WRITERS UP

LIFE'S REWARDS

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On a typically frigid winter evening in 2004, a group of friends met for dinner at Debbie Long's Dudley's restaurant in Lexington, Kentucky. The discussion shifted from one topic to another, but finally settled on two women, Janice Marie Jones, who lost her gallant battle against ovarian cancer in September 2003, and Susan Annette Saxon Hundley, who was at the tail-end of her brave fight against the dreaded disease. Jones, highly regarded in the Thoroughbred world for her charity and fund-raising work, was the wife of Walmac International President John T.L. Jones Jr, who was responsible for introducing top international sires Nureyev, Miswaki and Alleged to the United States. Another fixture on the central Kentucky scene was Hundley, who along with her husband Bruce, owned and operated Saxony Farm, which produced 1991 champion juvenile Arazi and 1987 English champion sprinter Ajdal.

"They were the last of an era, cornerstones of the Bluegrass and Thoroughbred communities," Long said. "They did a lot of entertaining in their homes, which were always open during special times of the year for many of the Thoroughbred industries' premier events, like the Kentucky Derby. They always had parties to celebrate the sport. They made a mark."

After recounting numerous stories about their friends that night at Dudley's, a feeling of sadness and helplessness soon fell over the group, but the women, all of whom had been affected by ovarian or breast cancer either personally or through a loved one, decided to turn these tragedies into stories of enduring legacy. Instead of a memorial, the rendez-vous would prove to be the starting point of a tremendous physical, emotional and spiritual journey. That night, the bud that would later flourish into the 'Ladies of Life' was born.

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The trek is privately funded and all proceeds will go to the University of Kentucky Ovarian Cancer Research and Early Detection Program, directed by Dr. Jack van Nagell. For more information or for women wishing to participate in the Ovarian Cancer Screening Program, please call 800-766-8279 or 859-323-4687.

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"They had such an impact because they were such gracious and lovely women," Long said. "These were never women to ask for anything, they were givers. That's why we want to honor them."

Modeled after a similar expedition organized by a group of California women who raised over \$500,000 for breast cancer research, the original group of Cabby Boone, Debbie Long, Lori Kirk Wagner and Mari Ann Huber decided to challenge themselves with an eight-day trek, from Mar. 1-8, through Patagonia in the southern region of Chile. The trip would benefit the University of Kentucky's ovarian cancer research and early detection program conducted by Dr. Jack van Nagell. It didn't take long for the women to enlist several others to the cause.

"We were surprised with how quickly we got everyone on board," conceded Long. "We decided that it would be easier to communicate our ideas to a smaller group, so we tried to keep it within a small group where everybody would bring something to the table. In the end, all the women were friends of Janice and Susan, but we wanted each individual to use their inherent strengths, whether it was a background in fund-raising or in the medical industry or whatever the case may be."

Armed with a strong and select assembly of women, the team worked to bring the original plan to fruition.

"It has been an amazing experience for me so far, because the women I have been involved with have been just unbelievable," explained Long. "I said that if I ever open another business or corporation I would know exactly who my board would be, because they have been so organized. They have done a fabulous job with the planning of this event."

Traveling from Las Torres to Estancia, the team is expected to make stops at Los Cuernos, Grey and Pehoe, all the while encountering some of nature's greatest phenomena. Through valleys and past lakes, rivers and mountains, the women will walk in the shadows of awe-inspiring glaciers, beech forests and waterfalls.

And while the trip is expected to be memorable because of its breathtaking beauty and splendor, it will not be without its challenges.

"In our group there are many levels of physical fitness," explained Long. "We have seven to eight hours of hiking a day to get from point A to point B, but it doesn't matter if some us get there three hours ahead and another group gets there three hours behind, because we are all going to be at our destination at one point in that evening. Also, we don't know what elements we are going to encounter down there and how the altitude is going to affect each of us. In fact, we don't really know how the journey will affect us emotionally either. Hopefully, we will have some time for reflection on why we are doing this."

And according to Boone, the countless hours of preparation are fully justified.

"[Jones and Hundley] have been an inspiration for the horse racing industry, spanning way past Kentucky, into Texas and to friends all over the world," said Boone. "They were well liked and well respected. They were two ladies that were honorable. They were my friends."

With the trip less than a month away, the 'Ladies for Life' march on with a single-minded intensity, focused on providing women with basic information concerning the detection of ovarian cancer, and making sure that once diagnosed, women are aware of their options.

"We just want people to be aware that although this is a serious disease, there are some things that can be done, if it is caught in its early stages," said Long, explaining the impetus behind the trip.

"This is not about us. We are just trying to spread the word."

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