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- **Ski fundraiser on Jan. 31 is huge success, net profit over \$11,000.** Chair and originator Jeff Kantor reports, “More than 100 volunteers, individuals, sponsors and donors gave generously of their resources and time.” Jeff’s committee met two days after the event and were so elated they set the date for the next year’s SKIBOARDNTUBE on March 6 at the McIntyre Ski Area.
- **The Silent Auction, led by Bob Dedrick,** collected 78 gifts valued at more than \$5,000. All directors gathered gifts but Harvey Keye and Bill Mullen led the way.
- **Some highlights of the ski fundraiser.** VP Harry Purkhiser played a significant role... Jeff Kantor led and Harry was the glue that held it all together...WGIR’s Charlie Sherman gave much of his considerable talents...all the Coalition directors got involved...Papa John’s Pizza added our promo literature to more than 2,000 orders...E & R Cleaners did the same...Candia Boy Scouts were big help setting up tents...those ski hats with the SKIBOARDNTUBE logo were in high demand...so were 125 long sleeve T shirts...
- **More about the fundraiser.** All proceeds went to the Coalition's programs to help save lives...directors staffed our prostate cancer info table at the Mall of NH on Jan. 30...passed out hundreds of prostate cancer brochures...also distributed SKIBOARDNTUBE flyers...Jeff’s daughter Crissy made the Mall arrangements...Manchester Union Leader and Nashua Telegraph ran stories...so many people were involved it would require this entire publication to list them...thank you all!
- **“Ladies Night Out” on Feb. 23 at Southern NH Medical Center.** This event is “ladies only.” Coalition Director Arlene Creeden, who lost her husband to prostate cancer two years ago, will discuss how prostate cancer impacted her life. Arlene is chair of the Coalition’s new program, “Women for Prostate Health.”
- **Catholic Medical Center and the Coalition will hold a similar event** in June. Organized by CMC’s Kim Kennedy, both Arlene Creeden and President John Sias will relate their experiences with prostate cancer.

- **Speakers program chair Jim McCormick** will speak to the Bedford Rotary Club on Feb. 24. And Jack McBriarty will speak to the Milford Rotary on Feb. 17. More than 20 Rotary Clubs have heard our prostate cancer message.
- **Web site has busiest month ever. Webmaster Steve Ladew** reports 82 hits during the week of Jan. 4. And 400 hits for the month.
- **The first two “survivor” stories are on the web site. Don Davidson and Dick Drisko.** Don is a former Coalition director, former mayor of Nashua and directed our Speakers Program for two years. Dick is a five term member of the NH House and former VP of the Coalition. Pat Ladew prepared both stories.
- **Dr. Sai Cherala, NH State epidemiologist,** will speak to the directors at their Feb. 18 meeting. She is co-chair of Emerging Issues Work Group of the NH Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration.
- **A streamlined way to medical answers.** The board’s new procedure: when there’s a medical question regarding prostate cancer, the question is forwarded to Telisa Stewart. She is the newly appointed Director of Community Education and Prevention at Dartmouth Hitchcock. If necessary, she then forwards the question to urologist John Heaney and the Medical Advisory Board for further answers.
- **Prostate cancer forecast for the year** by American Cancer Society is 192,280 new cases, 27,360 deaths. For New Hampshire, the figures are 910 new cases and 130 deaths. Prostate cancer is a major health problem.