Research Committee Update

Nanci Mayer-Mihalski
Research Chair
Research Initiatives

- Quality of Life Study
- Research Grant
- Peer Mentors Trained in Clinical Trials
- Patient Advocates
- Breast Cancer Research Advisory Board
Quality of Life Study

- Designed to measure the impact of DBCC programs on the quality of life
- Two year prospective study
  - Surveys sent out (3, 6, 12, 24 months)
  - Covered 4 primary areas of well-being: physical, social/family, emotional and functional
Quality of Life Study

- Data collection nearing completion
- Robust response rates!!!!
- Data analyses to be completed by September
Quality of Life Study

• First research study undertaken by DBCC
  o DBCC staff committed to this complex process over 2 years

• Thanks to
  o Study participants
  o Barbara Goldberg and Associates
Research Travel Grant

• Open to graduate students attending a DE university with an interest in breast cancer
• Must have a paper or poster accepted at a national scientific meeting
• Agree to present their research at DBCC Annual Update
Nicole Flynn

• Presented at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting
• Received BS in Geobiology from Penn State University
• PhD candidate in Biological Sciences at the University of DE – graduating this summer!
• Cancer research in Biotech industry
Nicole Flynn
Research Committee

Connie Holdridge
Marilyn Hyte
Linda Powell
Lois Wilkinson
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