

Let Every Woman Know-Alaska (LEWK) Spring 2021 Newsletter

Our Mission: Let Every Woman Know – Alaska (LEWK) provides creative statewide education, support, advocacy, and arts programs unique to Alaska's diverse communities and is dedicated to preventing, facing and ending gynecologic cancers.

Save the Dates:

TEAL Soccer Game May 1st at 7 pm Service High School

Bike4Women Virtual race, anytime between April 24 and May 9, 2021 Live in-person race on Sunday, May 2, 2021.

> Gold Nugget Triathlon Virtual options May 7th – 16th, 2021 Live in-person options on May 16th, 2021

Alaska Run for Women Registration opens April 15th, 2021 Virtual Race Days June 12th-19th, 2021

> Summer Women's Retreat August 25th & 26th

Alyeska Climbathon Registration opens Saturday, June 26th, 2021 at noon Race Day: TBD

> Fall Caregiver Retreat September 18th









2021 Annual Awareness Weekend Recap

The 9th annual Gynecologic Cancer Awareness & Arts of Healing Weekend took place virtually January 29th-31st. 380 people registered for the weekend events with virtual attendance throughout Alaska, the US and even internationally!

Weekend events started with an Art Showcase displayed at the Georgia Blue Gallery. Thank you to the many Alaskan artists and makers who donated their pieces to our showcase. 100% of the sales from donated pieces go directly to GYN cancer awareness, education, and support in Alaska.

Our free one-day Gynecologic Cancer Course was held on Saturday, January 30th. We heard from 12 leading U.S. experts in gynecologic cancers and had four movement activities spaced throughout the day. Recorded panels and speaker slides are available: Website: <u>https://leteverywomanknow.org/reference-materials/</u> YouTube page: <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/LetEveryWomanKnow</u>

On Saturday night, LEWK celebrated hope and healing with a free virtual Rhythm Heals Song Circle that featured Alaskan artists Emma Hill, Nick Carpenter and Jamie Whiteman. Thank you to That Feeling Co for providing a beautiful space for this concert. You can view the concert on our YouTube page: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ox0-kkaXyAs</u>

\$70,000 was raised to further LEWK's mission of gynecologic cancer awareness, education, and support in Alaska. Thank you to our generous sponsors, and all who attended and donated!

Thank You 2021 Sponsors!

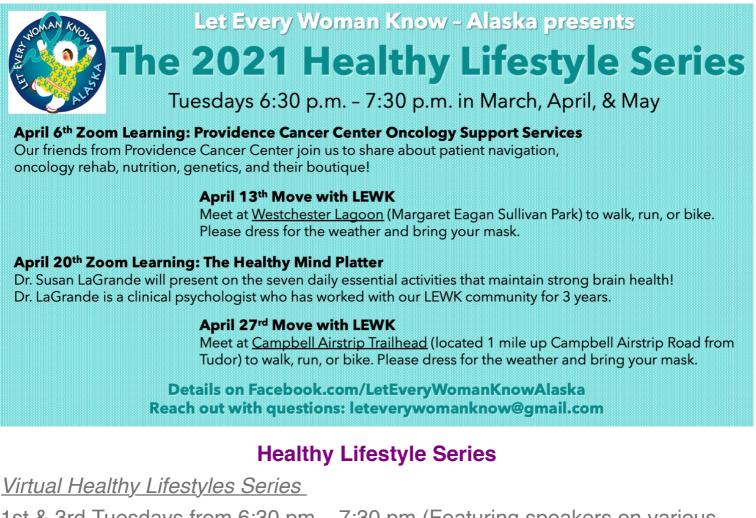
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A Special Thank You to Our Event Partners

Georgia Blue Gallery That Feeling Co

Leading a Healthy Lifestyle Campaign

Let Every Woman Know – Alaska developed the Leading a Healthy Lifestyle Campaign to encourage all women to make healthy lifestyle choices to reduce their risk of cancer. Local athletic events are a great place for LEWK to reach women and raise awareness of gynecologic cancers. Let's get outside and be active!



1st & 3rd Tuesdays from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (Featuring speakers on various healthy lifestyle topics)

April 6th – Providence Alaska Cancer Center: Oncology Support Services

April 20th – Dr. Susan LaGrande on the Healthy Mind Platter

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86789581462? pwd=dGpzL2ZaQkRtQ1FlQ3hrT1Z3M1Jjdz09 Meeting ID: 867 8958 1462 Passcode: 129570

Active Healthy Lifestyles Series

2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm (Walk, Run, Bike: Participate at your energy level)

- April 13th Westchester Lagoon
- April 27th- Campbell Tract



Virtual EXTRA-TOUGHS Program: Anchorage and Mat-Su Valley

Let Every Woman Know offers a unique 12-week integrative weight loss, survivorship and support program for women with gynecologic and breast cancers. The EXTRA-TOUGHS program has been successful in Anchorage for 6 years and we recently expanded to the Mat-Su Valley thanks to generous grant funding from Mat-Su Health Foundation. Virtual 12-week cohorts are currently happening in both Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley. Please email <u>leteverywomanknow@gmail.com</u>

for additional information and visit our website for more details <u>https://leteverywomanknow.org/extra-toughs/</u>



2021 Bike for Women

Please follow updates at <u>http://www.bike4women.com/</u>. LEWK has been the charity of choice eight years in a row! Anything you can do to support this amazing event would be greatly appreciated!



2020 ALASKA WOMEN'S GOLD NUGGET TRIATHLON

2021 Gold Nugget Triathlon (GNT)

Please follow updates at: <u>http://www.goldnuggettriathlon.com/</u>. The GNT generously donated 5 slots to Team LEWK. We are thankful to have GYN cancer survivors and medical providers participating! Please consider volunteering and cheering on the many women at this incredible event.

Alaska Run For Women Fighting Breast Cancer Since 1993

2021 Alaska Run for Women (AKRFW)

Virtual race days are June 12th-19th. Registration opens April 15th at <u>https://www.akrfw.org/</u> .Please consider joining team LEWK for this fun summer event. The Alaska Run for Women generously provides LEWK with a grant to include women with a breast cancer diagnosis into our unique EXTRA-TOUGHS program.



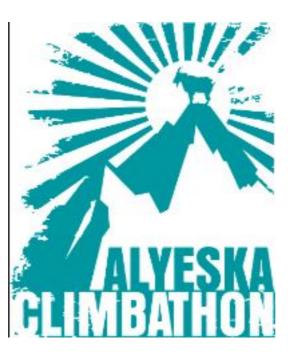
ANY MOUNTAIN The Any Mountain Project launched in September 2020. Please visit our website to see our progress and how you can be involved and help us make an impact. Website: <u>https://www.anymountainsong.com/</u>

Social media: @AnyMountainSong



2021 Summer Retreat

The 2021 LEWK Summer Retreat is a one day retreat that we will offer two days in a row, August 25th & 26th in Anchorage, Alaska. This retreat designed for women who have any kind of gynecologic cancer diagnosis and are interested in spending time with other GYN cancer survivors in a relaxed setting. There will be time to rest, walk, enjoy quiet time, and share experiences with each other. This retreat is being offered free of charge to women with GYN cancers through Let Every Woman Know-Alaska and generous grant funding from the State of Alaska. *Preference is given to first time attendees.* We are currently finalizing the retreat brochure and application. If you are interested, please email us at <u>leteverywomanknow@gmail.com</u> and we will send you information once it is available. We hope you can join us!



14th annual Alyeska Climbathon

The 2021 Alyeska Climbathon will take place in September. As we plan for the 2021 event, we would appreciate your feedback. Please take a few moments to fill out this survey. We value your feedback. Survey is open April 5^{th} – April 16^{th} .

2021 Alyeska Climbathon Survey: https://forms.gle/z2dkuBGHMD9tUKD27

Online registration and pledge pages will open on Saturday, June 26th at noon on the Alyeska Climbathon website: <u>https://akclimbathon.dojiggy.com/</u> The Alyeska Climbathon is held in September to as part of Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month.

In 2020, the Alyeska Climbathon went virtual and took place from September 1st - 12th. 223 dedicated climbers hit the mountain! A heartfelt thank you to our event partner Alyeska Resort, event sponsors: Advanced Oncology Associates, Alaska Cyberknife Center, Dimond Vision Clinic and Chugach Chocolates, all of the climbers and generous donors who helped raise \$33 thousand dollars. 100% of funds stay in the state of Alaska with 25% going to the Girdwood Health Clinic and 75% to Let Every Woman Know-Alaska to further our mission of gynecologic cancer awareness and support for Alaskan women and families faced with a GYN cancer diagnosis.



2021 Fall Caregiver Retreat

Let Every Woman Know-Alaska's annual caregiver retreat will be Saturday, September 18th in Girdwood, Alaska. This retreat is being offered free of charge to GYN cancer caregivers through Let Every Woman Know-Alaska and generous grant funding from the State of Alaska. The retreat will include an outdoor adventure through Chugach Adventures and time for relaxation and connection. We are currently finalizing the brochure and applications for this retreat. Please email us at <u>leteverywomanknow@gmail.com</u> if you are interested and we can send you the details as they become available. We hope you can join us!

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