

Making strides for cancer research

Junior Board walks three miles for fundraising event
by Eleanor Kaplan

On a brisk Sunday morning by the side of a clear blue lake, hundreds of people streamed down a hill, decked out in pink, dancing and cheering for a charitable cause.

They made their way to tents and began to help each other paint ribbons on their cheeks. In just half an hour, they walked three miles around the lake, raising money for the American Cancer Society.

The Making Strides Walk took place on Oct. 1 as a kick-off to Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Thirty-five members of the American Cancer Society North Shore Junior Board attended, almost all of whom were from New Trier.

The event was, “Really energetic and positive, everyone was dancing and having a good time” said senior co-head Allie Larkin.

In total, the North Shore chapter raised \$8,319 and was the largest fundraising group for this event. Including all groups, the walk, which had 450 participants, raised almost \$70,000.

Junior Maggie Leonard remarked on the positive and uplifting atmosphere of the event. The walk was “super fun” said Leonard.

“Everyone there had the same goal in mind.”

Compared to last year, senior co-head Lauren Laible noted more girls showed up, “everyone was wearing matching pink shirts and we brought beads and pink face paint.” The co-heads designed the t-shirts for the group, which they wore while walking their three laps around the lake next to Underwriter Laboratories in Northbrook.

The walk consisted of members of the Junior Board strolling along in large groups of their friends, laughing and snapping pictures as they went. Breast cancer survivors who chose to complete the walk were given pink sashes, and all sported ribbons in their hair and pinned to their clothes.

Last year, the Making Strides Walk raised \$3,500, according to the co-heads. This year, the significant increase in fundraising can be attributed to more social media presence and therefore more awareness, said Larkin.

Junior Alyssa Leveille, who joined the organization at the end of her freshman year, said, “I support this cause over others because making strides for cancer is very important; it helps everybody because it helps those who are diagnosed and their families.”

The American Cancer Society Junior Board is open to all high school students in the North Shore area. The group meets once a month



Junior Board is all smiles as they prepare to raise money to fight cancer in their matching pink shirts | Junior Board

on Sundays to plan their fundraising events. Before their two main events of the year, the Making Strides Walk and Relay for Life, the group raises awareness and money outside The Grand Food Center, collecting money in bright red buckets.

Additionally, the board makes holiday cards for hospitals to give to cancer patients.

The Relay for Life event, which takes place in the spring, goes from 5pm to 10pm at night. Participants, including survivors and supporters, walk around a candle-lit track on the Northfield campus.

This event is more solemn than the Making Strides Walk. Relay for Life “Honors those we have lost to cancer and it is a reminder to keep fighting and have hope that one day they will find a cure,” said Larkin.

Carolyn Duris, who is the liaison for the American Cancer Society North Shore Junior Board, said that last year the Relay for Life raised \$55,000. The large amount was due to a memorial event they had during the walk.

According to Larkin, by joining the board, “You really become more aware about cancer. It can affect

anyone, at any age. Not wearing sunscreen [puts you] at risk.”

While educating people about the risk factors for cancer is important, the organization focuses more on fundraising money for hospitals and research facilities.

The opportunity to help other people was the main attraction for those joining the board, stated Junior Board members.

Leonard said, “Almost everybody’s family has been affected with cancer so it is very important that we find a cure.”

Penny for your thoughts? “It” delivers, breaks records



Bill Skarsgard, who some believe delivered an Oscar worthy performance, shows off his creepy smile | itthemovie.com

“It” breaks new ground for the horror film industry

by Jesse McCauley

Just like Pennywise the Dancing Clown, the movie “It,” based on the novel by Stephen King, has resurfaced after 27 years of safety.

The last “It” movie to air was a 1990 film directed by Tommy Lee Wallace, featuring Tim Curry as “Pennywise.”

But, on Sept. 8, director Andrés Muschietti released his own spin on the novel, and “It” became an instant hit. Since the novel is so lengthy, the movie only covers about half of the book’s contents.

Nevertheless, it shattered box office records, grossing \$603 million worldwide upon release, as well as becoming the first horror movie to

reach \$300 million domestically.

Wait, so what’s this whole 27 years thing all about?

Set in 1988, the town of Derry, Maine, becomes terrorized by Pennywise the Dancing Clown (Bill Skarsgard). Pennywise wakes up after his 27 year hibernation to terrorize the kids of Derry, feeding on each of their deep-seeded fears.

It all begins with a kid named Georgie who runs into Pennywise after chasing a sailboat down a curb that eventually falls into a sewer, which we learn is Pennywise’s main source of transportation.

From then on, we see a red balloon at every attack. This balloon becomes a warning sign that Pennywise is about to strike. Before he attacks, he shape shifts into the kid’s worst nightmare whether it is a memory of parents dying in a fire, a creepy painting, or of course, clowns. He acts much like the Bogart from Harry Potter, except he is far more

terrifying.

However, this film, jump scares and all, contains humorous material and a sophisticated plot line. Stephen King’s brilliant narrative is depicted with a rich backstory, as well as a realistic representation of pre-pubescent boys.

The movie features Finn Wolfhard, famous for his role as Mike Wheeler in the Netflix original “Stranger Things.” Wolfhard plays Richie “Trashmouth” Tozier, whose crude jokes makes him a lovable character.

When I first went to see the movie, there was an incredible amount of build up. It was all anyone would talk about. Despite this, the movie exceeded expectations and matched the hype. Throughout the movie, I went from belly laughs to throwing my popcorn straight into the air.

Even after watching the movie, it was still the popular topic of

conversation. My friends and I could not stop repeating lines or talking about how some of us could not stand to be home alone.

The movie also stirred pranks of the red balloon variety.

In Lititz, Pennsylvania a local prankster tied red balloons to the grates in the ground, horrifying the police force. They even published a letter via Facebook asking for the madness to stop.

“We give points for creativity, however, we want the local prankster to know that we were completely terrified as we removed these balloons from the grates and we respectfully request they do not do that again,” said Lititz Borough Police Department.

“It” themed pranks have been quite popular after the positive response to the movie. Whether it be using a red balloon or dressing up as a clown, the movie has been a catalyst for many terrifying pranks.

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Fans have also turned to social media to share various “It” memes, many of which revolve around the scene with Georgie and Pennywise.

The movie definitely lived up to the hype and 27 years of anticipation. It received an 85% on Rotten Tomatoes as well as a 7.9/10 on IMDB.

New Line Cinema and Warner Bros, the producers of the movie, have also announced a release of a sequel set to premiere in September of 2019. The sequel will most likely cover the other half of the novel.

Until then, I highly recommend the movie. And perhaps you’ll float, too.

Club Corner

Anime Club meets every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 in room 377N to watch anime with snacks and commentary.

Chinese Music and Arts Club meets every Thursday from 3:30 - 4:30 in room G009 to enjoy music, dance, martial arts, Chinese snacks and more.

In The Mood For Food Club meets every Tuesday after school in room W033 to make and snack on delicious goods.

Madonna Mission Club meets every Tuesday (by the tennis courts) from 3:30 to 6:00 to tutor kids.

NQA Improv Club meets every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:00 in room W023.

Social Service Board’s many clubs enable students to help others through community outreach programs throughout Chicago. Go to socialserviceboard.com for more information.

SWEETS club meets every Monday from 3:30 to 5:00 in room W310 to discuss and perform experiments while creating a community of women interested in STEM.

NT Political Journal meets Mondays in W359. You’ll have the opportunity to write about politics and have your work published in a quarterly journal.

Please share your club information with us at <https://newtriernews.org/club-corner>

Corrections

In “Letter catches the eye of administration” the article stated Principal Dubrovic said she will put a form together. It should have read, put a forum together