



# COMMUNITY



## Girl Scout Troop #35 Thinks Pink

Junior Girl Scout Troop #35 of Celebration woke up at sunrise on a Saturday morning and joined 1,500 other girl scouts at Universal Studios in the "Think Pink" walk for breast cancer awareness.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women today (after lung cancer) and is the most common cancer among women. According to the World Health Organization, over a million people worldwide will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year! The American Cancer Society estimates that about 213,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer each year (Stages I-IV). The chance of developing invasive breast cancer during a woman's lifetime is approximately 1 in 8 (about 13%). Another 62,000 women will be diagnosed with in situ breast cancer, a very early form of the disease. Though much less common, breast cancer also occurs in men. An estimated 1,720 cases were diagnosed in men in 2005.



*Troop #35 is pictured with Dr. Shenin Sachedina, a physician from Winter Park who specializes in breast cancer. She is the author of a book written for children entitled, *Metu and Lee learn about Breast Cancer*. Thank you Dr. S for writing a book that makes understanding breast cancer a little easier.*



*More than 1,500 girl scouts from Central Florida walked to help bring breast cancer awareness.*

It is estimated that about 40,970 women and 460 men will die from breast cancer in the United States this year. According to the American Cancer Society, the chance that breast cancer will be responsible for a woman's death is about 1 in 33 (3%). The incidence rate of breast cancer (number of new breast cancers per 100,000 women) increased by approximately 4% during the 1980s but leveled off to 100.6 cases per 100,000 women in the 1990s. The death rates from breast cancer also declined significantly between 1992 and 1996, with the largest decreases among younger women. Medical experts attribute the decline in breast cancer deaths to earlier detection and more effective treatments.

## Get Ready for the Celebration Games!

This March, our community will welcome a new way to express the Celebration spirit. The Celebration Games will take place across the community from March 9 - 11, welcoming all ages and skill levels to join in the fun!

From the Torch Lighting Ceremony on Friday evening, to the Awards Ceremony on Sunday night, Celebration will be filled with everything from softball, volleyball, baseball and basketball games, to tennis, swimming, pentanque, bocce, Texas Hold-em and chess competitions, and even a round of "goofy games" to keep the humor in the competition! There will be something for everyone, and events will be added throughout the planning process.

The event, which is being spearheaded by a group of Celebration residents, led by Robin Malatino, John Gebhardt, John and Petie Bilyk, Kim and Rod Hawk, and coordinated by Parks & Recreation staff, will

also serve as a fundraiser for local charities. Celebration will be split into four teams; Celebration Village, North Village, South Village/Artisan Park and East Village. Each team, led by a volunteer captain from that Village, will be raising money for the charity of the team's choice.

Sign-up forms for both volunteers and participants will be posted on the Front Porch ([www.celebration.fl.us](http://www.celebration.fl.us)) in mid-January, and will be printed in the February edition of *Celebration News*.

If your business is interested in sponsoring the Celebration Games, a variety of creative promotional outlets are available. Please call (407) 566-1222 for more information.

For additional information about the Celebration Games, please visit the Parks & Recreation page of the Front Porch ([www.celebration.fl.us](http://www.celebration.fl.us)), call (407) 566-1222 or e-mail [parks.rec@celebration.fl.us](mailto:parks.rec@celebration.fl.us).