February 2018 Newsletter

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A Message from Your Co-Chairs

We had a wonderful time catching up with all of you at the Winter Gathering earlier this month. If you’re looking for ways to stay engaged before the Council gets together again at the Eaton Vance Rooftop Reception in May, we have a few ideas:

- Start a Rally for the Jimmy Fund team at your workplace
- Lace up and run the B.A.A. 5K on Saturday, April 14th, cheer for the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team on Marathon Monday, or lend a hand as a Marathon Weekend volunteer
- Share the mission of the DFLC with a friend or colleague, and encourage them to join

We look forward to hearing what you’ve been up to this spring!

All the best,
Jeff Beale and Deb Drapalla

Save the Date

May 17, 2018 – 17th Annual Rooftop Reception at Eaton Vance
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. / Eaton Vance Corporation – 2 International Place, Boston
Participate in round-robin-style discussions with Dana-Farber’s top faculty and staff at our signature annual event.

June 13, 2018 – 15th Annual DFLC Golf Tournament
Granite Links Golf Club, Quincy

August 4-5, 2018 – Pan-Mass Challenge Weekend
New Member Spotlight: Adria Sai-Halasz

Name: Adria Sai-Halasz
My hometown is: Mt. Kisco, New York
I currently reside in: Luxembourg City, Luxembourg
I attended: NYU Stern
My workplace and title are: Analyst, Private Equity, Blackstone
If I am not working I am most likely: Traveling around Europe—I’ve been able to visit Prague, Berlin, and Amsterdam this past month!
I joined DFLC because: After my mom was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2016, I wanted to become more involved and help fund research to advance precision medicine. So, my mom and I established a fund to support Dr. Pasi Janne’s research lab in developing new medications for the EGFR mutation. Through events at the Dana-Farber center over the next year, I was introduced to the DFLC team and it seemed like a natural next step to both be able to connect and work with other young professionals passionate about raising awareness and fundraising for the incredible life-saving work being done at the Institute.

Committee Corner

Outreach Committee
Bethany Grazio and Katelin Kalal, Co-Chairs

We’re starting the year off strong with 6 new Council members! We’ve welcomed the following to the DFLC in FY18:

  Ellen Eisner  
  Desmond Gallacher  
  Jacqueline Noyes  
  Lynn Sommer  
  Richard Walsh  
  Andy Waples

Be sure to introduce yourselves at the Rooftop Reception in May! We’d also like to remind members to check out our website, www.dana-farberleadershipcouncil.org. You can use the site to RSVP for events, search for members’ contact information, download recruitment tools, and more. If you have not yet set a password, please email Francesca Miller and she’ll send you the information you need to register.

Annual Giving Committee
Larry Fahey and J.W. Craig, Co-Chairs
We would like to thank all members listed below who have already made their FY18 Annual Fund gifts. We’re happy to report that as of December 31, the Leadership Council Annual Fund has raised $71,230 with 26% member participation.

DFLC President’s Circle Members
Cumulative Giving of $1,500 and more as of December 31, 2017

Jeff Beale  Larry Fahey  Robert Nicewicz
Jeffrey Brody  J.P. Fine  Nancy Puleo
Camille Colatozi  Desmond Gallacher  Amy Sullivan
J.W. Craig  Timothy Kierstead  Brian Taranto
Jack Dahlstedt  Andrew Kiley  Kevin Wasielewski
Chris Durbin  Eric Marandett
Wendy & Stephen Faberman  John Murphy

DFLC Members
Cumulative Giving of $250 and more as of December 31, 2017

Charles Abrams  Laura Fischman  Jed Ruccio
Sarah Canapari  Bethany Grazio  John Shea
Mike Cunningham  Kim & John Kelley  Elliot Silver
Chris Demo  Drew Kettering
Kathryn Doherty  Craig Maurer
Paul Enderle  Ian McLeod

We look forward to reaching our FY18 goal of $250,000 and thank you for your support. As a reminder, members must fulfill their $250 minimum giving requirement to the Leadership Council Annual Fund by September 30, 2018. There are many ways to fulfill your commitment, including naming a gene in Dana-Farber’s Gene Display. If you have questions about the DFLC Annual Fund or would like to make a gift today, please contact Casey Quinn or call (617) 632-4780.

Golf Committee
Victor Chiang and Rob Nicewicz, Co-Chairs
The Golf Committee is already hard at work planning the 15th Annual DFRC Golf Tournament, which will be held on Wednesday, June 13th at Granite Links Golf Club in Quincy. Even if you don’t golf, a cocktail reception, dinner, auction, and more make this event fun for everyone. Mark your calendars now to make sure you don’t miss out, and contact Co-Chairs Victor and Rob if you would like to donate auction items or learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

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Jimmy Fund Events Committee
Amy Sullivan and Chris Tracy, Co-Chairs

We’re excited to announce an upcoming event that is perfect for DFRC members: Rally for the Jimmy Fund! Each year, Red Sox fans support the Jimmy Fund by fundraising at their workplaces in the weeks leading up to the home opener. Participation in Rally is fun and easy:

1. Start a team at your workplace and recruit your colleagues
2. Give $10 or more to the Jimmy Fund and ask your teammates to do the same
3. Wear your favorite Sox gear to work on April 5th, opening day

You and your colleagues can win great prizes like hats or home game tickets. If you have any questions, please visit www.rallyforthejimmyfund.org or email RallyfortheJimmyFund@dfci.harvard.edu.

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Pan-Mass Challenge Committee
Henry Cataldo, Matt Delaney, and Paul Enderle, Co-Chairs

We'd like to thank members for their participation in January's PMC Winter Cycle! Team DFRC had 5 riders in its first year.
Registration for the 2018 PMC is now open! Join us August 4-5 for an unforgettable weekend of cycling fueled by a shared commitment to Dana-Farber. A variety of 1 and 2 day routes are open to riders of all skill levels, and volunteer opportunities are also available. DFLC PMC riders raised an amazing $70K in 2017 and we look forward to growing this number in 2018. We'd love to share our experiences with interested riders and volunteers, so please reach out!

Walk Committee
Rachel Pearson and Jamie Chafel, Co-Chairs

Save the date for the 2018 Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai — scheduled for Sunday, September 23! Whether you're interested in walking with Team DFLC, volunteering, or starting a team with family and friends, it's never too early to start thinking about how you'll participate in this year’s Jimmy Fund Walk. Reach out anytime—we're here to answer any questions you may have and share what it's like to be a part of this special day.

Science Spotlight

Several DFCI nurses have visited Capitol Hill in recent months to advocate for health care legislation that will impact their practice. Key initiatives they are calling for support of include H.R. 2976 The Deferment for Active Cancer Treatment Act, a bill that would allow cancer patients to defer student loan repayments without interest accrual. You can read more about our nurses' legislative advocacy efforts here.

Dana-Farber In The News

Two clinical trials led by Dana-Farber faculty were featured in a recent Nature article highlighting 2017’s advancements in cancer immunotherapy research. Over the last year, Melanoma Center Clinical Director Patrick Ott, MD, PhD, tested personalized vaccines he developed for patients with a high risk of melanoma recurrence, and Bladder Cancer Center Director Joaquim Bellmunt, MD, PhD, participated in a Merck-funded trial to test an antibody as an innovative second-line therapy for urothelial cancer. You can read more about their research here.