May 2018 Newsletter

A Message from Your Co-Chairs

At long last, the summer is finally here! For members of the DFLC, the summer is a meaningful season filled with events that remind us of the strength of the Dana-Farber community and its mission. No matter which of the many events you choose to participate in, we encourage you to get outside and get involved. There’s truly something for everyone and no better way to enjoy this time of year.

One of our most important duties as Leadership Council members is to serve as ambassadors for this wonderful group. If you connect with a volunteer at the PMC or a fellow ice cream-eater at the Scooper Bowl, suggest that they reinforce their ties to Dana-Farber by joining the DFLC. We’re always here to answer questions and support the membership experience in any way we can. See you soon!

All the best,
Jeff Beale and Deb Drapalla

Save the Date

June 5-7, 2018 – Jimmy Fund Scooper Bowl® presented by Valvoline Instant Oil Change™
City Hall Plaza

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

July 22, 2018 – Jimmy Fund 5K & Fun Run presented by Bayer – NEW EVENT!
Millennium Park

August 4-5, 2018 – Pan-Mass Challenge Weekend

September 19, 2018 – DFLC Fall Social
Webster Bank

September 23, 2018 – Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai
Hopkinton to Boston (with 26.2-mile, 13.1-mile, 10K, and 5K route options)

New Member Spotlight: Jacqueline Noyes
Name: Jacqueline Noyes  
My hometown is: Reading, Mass.  
I attended: NYU Stern  
My workplace and title are: Executive Assistant to the CFO and Office Manager, Narragansett Bay Insurance Company  
If I am not working I am most likely: Spending time with my husband, children and close friends, reading for my book club, gardening, going to the beach, having dinner and drinks (preferably outside) or training for the PMC.  
My favorite Boston restaurant is: This is an impossible question! We like Abe & Louie’s and Legal Harborside. In the North End—they are all fabulous, but Nico and Mamma Maria come to mind. For drinks, we like Mare also in the North End, and The Envoy rooftop.  
I joined DFLC because: Dana-Farber became near and dear to my heart during my mother’s battle with multiple myeloma. I witnessed firsthand the top-notch care, compassion and dignity she received from Dana-Farber. Unfortunately, my mom lost her battle with cancer in 2014. I decided to channel my grief into something positive and find a way to support Dana-Farber for all that they had done for her and so many others. That is when my PMC journey began. My husband decided to join the DFLC for many of the same reasons I rode the PMC. I came to a few Leadership Council events with him and was thoroughly impressed when listening to the speeches of doctors and fellows regarding research. The Council members were so welcoming and the varied passionate and personal stories of each member’s “why” were so compelling. I realized that I wanted to be part of this special group to serve as an ambassador, spreading the word and supporting the lifesaving work of the Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund in any way I can.

Committee Corner

Outreach Committee  
Bethany Grazie and Katelin Kalal, Co-Chairs

We’re halfway through FY18 and as of May 15, we have already welcomed 10 new members to the DFLC!

Julie Andrade          Kenneth Gustin  
Andrew Cipro           Jacqueline Noyes  
Ellen Eisner           Lynn Sommer  
Desmond Gallagher      Andy Waples  
Tess Gallagher         Richard Walsh  

Help us grow the Council by sharing the mission of Dana-Farber and the DFLC with your friends, colleagues, and family members. You can find helpful recruitment tools and other resources on our website, www.Dana-FarberLeadershipCouncil.org. If you have not yet set a password, please email Francesca Miller and she’ll send you the information you need to register. As always, we’re happy to connect with any prospective members you have in mind.
Annual Giving Committee
Larry Fahey and J.W. Craig, Co-Chairs

The Annual Giving Committee would like to thank all members listed below for their support of the FY18 Annual Fund. We’re happy to report that as of March 31, the Committee has raised $100,673.93 with 36% member participation, bringing us closer to our goal of $250,000!

As a reminder, members must fulfill their $250 minimum giving requirement to the Leadership Council Annual Fund by the end of the fiscal year on September 30, 2018. There are many ways to fulfill your membership commitment and reach President’s Circle level at $1,500 or above, including naming a gene in DFCI’s Gene Display. If you have questions about the DFUC Annual Fund or would like to make a gift today, please contact Casey Quinn or call (617) 632-4780.

DFLC President’s Circle Members
Cumulative Giving of $1,500 and more as of March 31, 2018

Jeff Beale    J.P. Fine    John Murphy
Jeffrey Brody Desmond Gallacher Robert Nicewicz
Camille Colatosti Kim & John Kelley Nancy Pulco
J.W. Craig    Timothy Kierstead John Shea
Jack Dahlstedt Andrew Kiley Amy Sullivan
Chris Durbin   Laura Lake  Brian Taranto
Wendy & Stephen Faberman Eric Marandett Kevin Wasielewski
Larry Fahey    Katlyn May

DFLC Members
Cumulative Giving of $250 and more as of May 31, 2018

Charles Abrams Kathryn Doherty Ian McLeod
Christine Anastos Paul Enderle Zach Natale
Helen Balboni Laura Fischman Cindy O’Brien
Sarah Canepari Bethany Grazio Jed Ruccio
Andrew Cipro Sean Kelly Elliot Silver
Mike Cunningham Drew Kettering Leah & Howard Singer
Craig Maurer

Golf Committee
Victor Chiang and Rob Nicewicz, Co-Chairs
The 15th annual DF LC Golf Tournament is just a few weeks away! All DF LC members are invited to spend a day golfing with fellow members, friends, and colleagues at Granite Links Golf Club in Quincy on Wednesday, June 13. Even if you don’t golf, a cocktail reception, dinner, auction, and more make this event fun for everyone. We’re still accepting new sponsorships and donations of auction items, and are happy to answer any questions about this great event. Reach out to Victor and Rob or visit www.DFLCGolfTournament.com to learn more.

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

Swing by City Hall Plaza from 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. June 5-7 for the 36th annual Jimmy Fund Scooper Bowl® presented by Valvoline Instant Oil Change℠. Looking to make your after work happy hour a little sweeter? The first Scoop@Night 21+, presented in partnership with Harpoon and UFO Beers, 90+ Cellars wine, and Martignetti wine, will be held Thursday, June 7 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. $30 tickets for this special adults-only night will include two beverage tickets and unlimited ice cream. Tickets for the Scooper Bowl® and Scoop@Night 21+ can be purchased in advance or at the door, and 100% of sales will benefit Dana-Farber. If you can’t make it, consider purchasing a $10 “Patient Ticket,” which will allow a patient to enjoy the event for free. Visit www.ScooperBowl.org for tickets, ice cream flavors, and more.

We’re also excited to announce the inaugural Jimmy Fund 5K & Fun Run presented by Bayer! This brand-new Dana-Farber running event will be held on July 22 in Boston’s scenic Millennium Park. Register now (and recruit your friends and family!) for the 3.1-mile run or half-mile fun run as an individual or as part of a team. Registration is only $35 for adults and $15 for kids ages 3-12, and will include entry to a post-run party featuring music, food, and Harpoon beer. Any additional fundraising is encouraged but completely optional. Questions? Call 617-632-1970 or contact DFRunners@dfci.harvard.edu for more information.

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

It’s not too late to ride the PMC! Registration is still open for select routes catering to riders of all skill levels, and volunteer opportunities are also available. If you’re not sure whether the PMC is right for you, we’re here to answer any questions you may have and
talk about what it’s like to experience the PMC. DFLC riders raised $70K in 2017 and we’re aiming even higher this year. We hope you’ll get involved and share this iconic weekend with us.

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Walk Committee
Rachel Pearson and Jamie Chafel, Co-Chairs

Register today for the 30th annual Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai! We hope you’ll walk with us on Sunday, September 23 and help Team DFLC reach our goal of recruiting 40 members and raising $40,000 for Dana-Farber. Family, friends, and colleagues are encouraged to join us! Choose between four different routes and know that you’re welcome to walk as an individual, join a different team, or participate as a volunteer instead. Contact us to learn more, or click here for FAQs, fundraising tips, and other helpful info.

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Science Spotlight

Researchers have developed innovative new methods for growing human cancers that have been removed from patients and implanted in models. These patient-derived xenografts (PDXs) can be used to study how drugs and drug combinations work in a living model before testing in patients. A recent transfer of 400 such xenografts from the pharmaceutical company Novartis to Dana-Farber makes the Institute’s xenograft bank—the Public Repository of Xenografts (PRoXe)—one of the most comprehensive in the world with more than 750 tumor models. PRoXe is linked to an open-source website and its models are available to researchers in the U.S. and abroad, promoting the sharing of valuable research tools with the global scientific community. You can learn more about PRoXe by visiting www.proxe.org.