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News

Laughter Is the Best Medicine

Comedians Come Out for Breast Cancer Research

By Joe Rizza

In 1994, Jane Stanczuk, a resident of Franklin Square, experienced sadness and fear. She had received the diagnosis of breast cancer. For Stanczuk, the diagnosis was not something foreign to her family. Within a three-year period, her two sisters - Lucille Montrony of Elmont and Kathleen Sarna of Valley Stream - also had faced a battle against breast cancer.

With the cancer in remission, the sisters are fighting back now. Forming a foundation, which they named The Three Strohm (their maiden name) Sisters Family Foundation, and have been raising money for breast cancer research.

Their first annual dinner dance fund raiser in October proved to be successful. But, the Strohm sisters have made it their mission to try to put an end to a disease that had stricken each of them.

Although they may have experienced depression in the early 1990s when they actually began their fight, the Strohm sisters and supporters of their foundation couldn't help laughing last Sunday night. That's because the Strohm sisters held a benefit at the Brokerage Comedy Club in which local comedians came out to support the cause.

Chris Montrony, Lucille's son, is a Long Island comedian and together with some other talented comics such as Peter Bales, who acted as the master of ceremonies, performed in front of a full audience at the Brokerage in Bellmore, which donated the tickets for the event. Tickets were then sold with all benefits going to The Three Strohm Sisters Family Foundation for breast cancer research.

With the Strohm sisters and people like them on a crusade, perhaps one day no woman will have to go through the emotions the three

sisters experienced years ago.

Thanks to the sisters and the comics who participated in the benefit, not only may laughter be the best medicine, but yet another way to find a cure.



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