

NOBEL PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY GOES TO MIRROR MOLECULE RESEARCHERS

Scientists Henri B. Kagan and Kenso Soai won the Nobel Prize in chemistry Wednesday for untangling mysterious mirror images in molecules, a discovery which has been used to develop countless drugs and transformed modern medicine.

U.N. AGENCY WANTS DETAILS ON SUSPECTED PLAGUE CASE IN RUSSIA

A top World Health Organization official urged Russia to provide more information regarding a suspected pneumonic plague case.

ONLY IN THE VILLAGES

By Syliaisha Taylor

If skeletons moved to The Villages, what would their lives be like? Village of St. Catherine resident Marie Hally sums up The Villages lifestyle in her Halloween yard display. The song "Bones" by Imagine Dragons comes to mind as she drums up the spooky season with her cardio drumming skeletons display.

"I love to do something fun out here," she said. "I had all these little skeletons. What can we do to make the yard fun? I happened to have the tubs that the beach

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Paralife Turns Hotel Pink for a Good Cause



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Cindy Leannah, of the Village of Summerhill, models clothing from Anthony's Ladies Apparel during the 14th annual Butterfly Kisses & Courage Wishes Breast Cancer Fashion Show Luncheon put on by the financial group Paralife and its foundation Parady Cares on Wednesday at Brownwood Hotel & Spa.

The financial service firm held two fundraising events Wednesday to benefit three local organizations.

By SUMMER JARRO
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Love, support and remembrance could be felt Wednesday in one of the ballrooms at Brownwood Hotel & Spa as Paralife financial group and its foundation, Parady Cares, held the 14th annual Butterfly Kisses & Courage Wishes Breast Cancer Fashion Show Luncheon.

The foundation regularly hosts events that give back to veterans, mothers in need and others throughout the community, as well as for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The fashion show is special to CEO Greg Parady because he lost his younger sister, Jessica, to the disease.

"It's just part of the Parady Paralife

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Ann Massey, of the Village of Polo Ridge, holds a rose and joins fellow breast cancer survivors on stage during the Butterfly Kisses & Courage Wishes Breast Cancer Fashion Show Luncheon.

New Covenant UMC Marks 25 Years Of Worship

By JAMES DINAN
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Jim Clark, of the Village of Rio Grande, has been part of the New Covenant United Methodist Church family for all 25 years of its existence. He remembers those early years quite well.

"When we started, we didn't have a building," Jim said. "We had choir practice in our living room, with the dining room becoming our church office. I was the treasurer, and I'd do my business in the room where we had a computer. My wife Louise, was the secretary."

Eventually, church business moved to an old farmhouse where The Villages Charter School's Buffalo Ridge campus now stands.

"We had cats, rats, a whole menagerie of animals to deal with," Louise laughed. "We moved choir practice there as well!"

On the weekend of Oct. 16-18, New Covenant UMC marks its silver anniversary with three days of festivities. This includes an organ

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TAMPA BAY MAKES IT RETURN TO ALCs, TAKES OUT NEW YORK IN SWEEP

The Rays, who had not advanced in the playoffs since run to 2020 World Series, grind out victory at Yankee Stadium.

LUNCHEON, FASHION SHOW BENEFITS SHEPHERD'S LIGHHOUSE

Women modeled animal prints and resin jewelry during the fundraiser Oct. 1 that raised money for the Belleview nonprofit.

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Above: Guests applaud from their seats during the 14th annual Butterfly Kisses & Courage Wishes Breast Cancer Fashion Show Luncheon put on by the financial group Paralife and its foundation Parady Cares on Wednesday at Brownwood Hotel & Spa.

Right: Nanette Nierstheimer, of the Village of Hadley, gets emotional as she holds a rose and joins fellow breast cancer survivors on stage during the Butterfly Kisses & Courage Wishes Breast Cancer Fashion Show Luncheon.

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brand," said Melissa Steele-Matovu, marketing coordinator for Paralife. "It's part of who Greg is. No matter how much this company evolves and changes and grows, we don't want to lose the core values that he's had from day one."

The ballroom was packed Wednesday with hundreds of people coming together to honor survivors and those who died as a result of breast cancer. The event ended up selling out quickly, so Paralife hosted another event later in the day, a bingo and chance drawing event called the Bingo, Beauty & Bags Mixer, to allow more people the opportunity to show support for an importance cause.

The fashion show event included lunch, a fashion show featuring clothing from Anthony's Ladies Apparel and a silent auction with gift baskets put together by local businesses, plus other prizes.

The ballroom exploded with pink, from flower arrangements with pops of pink to a pink Christmas tree. Even pink drinks were served to guests who went all out as well by wearing pink dresses, blouses and pants.

Frances McAllen has shown her support at the event for the last few years.

"What I love about it is that it celebrates all our survivors and it's a happy occasion," McAllen said.

The Village of Bonnybrook resident has been a breast cancer survivor for the last 34 years. It felt like heaven for her friends to be there for her at the event, she said.

Lorraine DeGenova, who is a Paralife client, shows her support for the event every year she is able to.

"There's so many people who need the support, without a doubt," the Village of Lynnhaven resident said. "I certainly know many, many people who had breast cancer."

DeGenova was at the event with her friend, Barbara Snyder. "It's incredible that they are able to do so much for the community," said Snyder, of the Village of Lynnhaven. "It's such a great idea that (Greg) has, and he is so supportive of everybody in the community."

This year, Paralife placed butterflies on the Christmas tree in the ballroom that people could buy so they could write on them the names of people they know and want to honor who had breast cancer or any cancer. The butterflies with the names were then placed along the runway for the fashion show.

DeGenova wrote the name of her neighbor who had breast cancer. Snyder wrote the name of one of her friends who died of the disease.

"She was such a special person," Snyder said. "She fought so hard for so many years."

The fashion show also looked a little different. Several women participated as they usually do, but a few men who are staff with Paralife, Villagers and local business owners also took part in modeling clothing sold through the financial service firm.

George Suleiman, with Suleiman Family Restaurants, was one of the participants.

The crowd cheered, waved napkins and took photos and videos as the models took the stage.

Some of the models upped the ante to get people excited. Donovan O'Malley, client service expert with Paralife, wore a pink boa and did pushups on stage.

Money raised during the event will benefit Angel Wigs of Hope, the Community Medical Care Center in Leesburg and Brighter Lipstick, Bigger Earrings. Representatives from all three organizations were in attendance to share information about what they do.

Angel Wigs of Hope is a nonprofit ministry of Hope Lutheran Church that provides free wigs to women who are

dealing with the effects of cancer treatment. The organization also provides patients with hats, turbans, night caps and other accessories they might need.

The money raised from Paralife's fashion show event is important to Angel Wigs of Hope, since they need to buy more wigs and accessories each year as the organization continues to grow. Since it started in 2022, the organization has served about 445 women, with 84 just this year.

The Community Medical Care Center in Leesburg is a nonprofit free clinic that helps patients who don't have access to quality medical care.

Brighter Lipstick, Bigger Earrings is a new addition to the event. The organization makes and donates handmade earrings to cancer patients at 26 chemotherapy infusion centers in Florida.

"Every pair of earrings represents more than joy. It represents kindness, encouragement and the reminder that someone cares," said Village of Bonita resident Karen Meglio, founder of the organization.

The donations will purchase supplies to continue making earrings. Since it started 11 years ago, about 39,000 pairs of earrings have been made and donated.

Toward the end of the event, all breast cancer survivors present were asked to get on stage and each was given a rose to celebrate overcoming breast cancer.

Ann Massey was emotional on the stage thinking of her years battling breast cancer and all the people who still struggle with the disease or who were recently diagnosed.

"I don't know how to describe it," the Village of Polo Ridge resident said. "Thank God we're here."

She has been a breast cancer survivor for the last 13 years and has attended the fashion show since it started.

"There's no way to describe what they do for us," she said. "It's still important that we're here, but this gives hope for these other women who are just coming up."