

Cancer survivors, caregivers take part in Relay for Life in Shelton

By Patricia Villers

SHELTON - Survivors, supporters, friends, and family converged Saturday at the Riverwalk to honor all who have battled and continue to battle cancer.

The event was the two-day American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Naugatuck Valley. As a survivor I was invited to attend a luncheon hosted by Griffin Hospital before the Relay started.

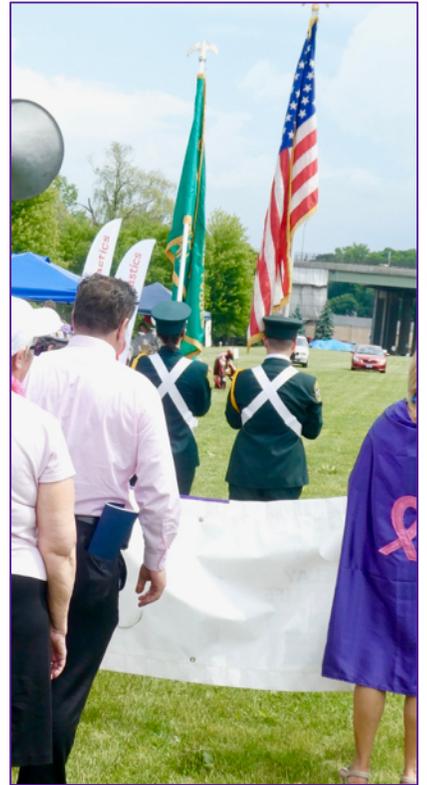
The luncheon honored survivors and their caregivers. My husband, Ralph, and I enjoyed sitting with my 'Circle of Friends' breast cancer support group friends from Griffin Hospital.

It had been several years since we had attended a Relay for Life, and we were glad we returned! It is always an inspiring, moving event.

Truth be told I've never experienced the luminaria ceremony held after darkness falls. I know it is an emotionally-charged part of Relay, and I need to experience it someday.

Kudos to everyone on the committee who works year-round to make this event an annual success.

See Mayor Cassetti's remarks to Relay for Life here: <https://youtu.be/4v3aXN9iGXU>



Stunt cyclists bring anti-bullying message to Seymour students

Photos by Rob Dyer

Last week, Seymour’s Bungay and Chatfield-LoPresti Elementary Schools 4th and 5th grade students were visited from the Dialed Action Sports Team, a professional action sports BMX bike stunt team based out of New Jersey.

The team was there to deliver a message that bullying isn’t cool, and making healthy choices will help allow students achieve their goals and dreams.

Seymour Schools Director of Security Rich Kearns coordinated the program as part of his drug and bullying prevention efforts in the schools.

The program focused on how students can help stop bullying, stay drug free, make healthy choices and touched on bike safety.

Afterwards, professional action sports athletes Andrew Fox from Illinois, Zach Newman from Kentucky, and Jay Dalton from Pennsylvania performed a high flying BMX aerial stunt show at both schools.

The action sports athletes who travel around the country brought in ramps and jumps to fly through the air doing flips and tricks! The program was presented by Motocross and BMX veteran Seymour’s own Bill Ragaini who travels the country now with the Dialed Action Sports Team performing and delivering the positive message through action sports.

Several lucky students won free BMX Freestyle bikes, while several other lucky students won bike helmets as part of a free raffle that Kearns held for the students. The event was sponsored by: THULE Company, Former Freestyle Motor Cross Action Sports Athlete Rich Kearns, The Valley Community Foundation, Seymour Schools Local Prevention Group, Connecticut Children’s Hospital, Seymour Lions Club and the Seymour Nutrition Services.

This has been taken from a press release from Rich Kearns, Director of Security, Seymour Public Schools. (203) 888-2561 ext. 1003



Dialed Action Sports Team at Chatfield-LoPresti School



Jay Dalton flies over School Resource Officer Brian Friedlander, Principal Dave Olechna and Teacher Dave Fleming



Bungay School BMX Bike and helmet winners



Chatfield-LoPresti BMX Bike and helmet winners

