



Chamber Honours Veronica ... Twice

BCSC Director Veronica O'Leary was doubly honoured when she was presented with two awards in as many months earlier this year.

First she was presented with the Vodafone *Passion for the World Around Us* Award at a function hosted by Bray and District Chamber of Commerce on March 30th.

Eight weeks later, she was in the limelight again when she was honoured with a *Lifetime Achievement Award* at the Chamber's annual Dell Endeavour Awards Ceremony. The citation said Veronica had received the award in recognition of her courage and vision in establishing Ireland's first - and largest- cancer support facility.

Presenting the Vodafone award, Wicklow Area Business Account Manager Sonya McSherry paid tribute to Veronica for the hard work and



Phyl Farrelly (left) of Bray Chamber presents Veronica with her Lifetime Achievement Award

dedication she had put into making BCSC such a success over the years. "She has founded and dedicated herself to a charity which has benefited thousands of people and is now recognised as a leader for other such centres around the country," she said.

Bray Chamber President Clifford Sullivan described Veronica as "an extremely worthy winner" and added, "She has certainly shown a passion and commitment for those who need it most in the community around her."



It's Been a Hectic Summer at BCSC

The weather may have disappointed, but BCSC's busy programme of social outings and events provided our friends and clients with plenty of opportunity to socialise over recent months. A group of 12 people enjoyed a production of *The Wall Flowering* at the Mermaid Arts Centre as part of the Bealtaine arts programme, while a similar number saw *The Magic of Gilbert and Sullivan* staged by Jim Molloy Productions at the National Concert Hall.

A group of 38 people took part in a very successful weekend away at the Talbot Hotel in Wexford Town in March, while April saw 29 clients enjoying a recording of RTE's popular *Jigs and Reels* programme at Ardmore Studios. Two very successful Flower Craft Workshops facilitated by Rosaleen Kilkenny attracted 19 clients to the Villa Pacis parish centre in February and 21 in April.

Also in April, one of BCSC's clients was among those to be honoured at a presentation of certificates in St. Vincent's Hospital to graduates of the first Cancer Rehabilitation Programme - The Cansurvivor Project.

The Bray Manchester United Supporters Club organised a race night in the Royal Hotel, Bray that proved to be both a social and fundraising success.

Coming right up to date, 13 people from BCSC travelled on the last weekend in June for the 23rd annual Conference of Cancer Self Help Groups in Manchester. In addition to a busy programme of workshops, seminars and expert talks, this event had a very lively social aspect, which was enjoyed by all who attended. In July, a Gala Summer Concert at Christ Church, Bray featuring Aisling Greene- Madden, Ross Scanlon and the Worthington Civic Band from Mount Vernon, Ohio, proved to be a big draw, as did a day trip to Glendalough, which included a guided tour of the Visitor's Centre. ♥



Lug Challenge

The annual sponsored climb of Lugnaquilla Mountain in aid of BCSC takes place on Sunday 2nd September 2007. Weekly training sessions take place throughout August for all those who want to prepare for the event. Contact Margaret at BCSC for further details. Sponsorship cards and T-shirts are available. The Lug Challenge takes place on EU designated conservation areas by kind permission of Coillte, private landowners and the National Parks and Wildlife Service. ♥

Help is at Hand

Alertline is a 24-hour personal monitoring service you can use to alert family or neighbours if you need help in the event of an emergency in your home. Application forms are available from BCSC. ♥

Randonée

The annual Joe Loughman memorial Randonée organised by Bray Wheelers Cycling Club in aid of BCSC takes place on Sunday 16th September 2007. Starting from Wheelers' clubhouse at 9.30am, this event offers three different routes through some of Co. Wicklow's finest scenery. Contact BCSC for sponsorship cards. For further information about the event, contact Victor Edmonds on 086 8734059. ♥

Trip to Knock

A one day trip to Knock organised in conjunction with the Order of Malta takes place on Sunday 26th August 2007 with a bus leaving Bray at 7am. Contact the Centre to book. ♥

Men Needed

A Trinity College Dublin student completing a masters degree in social research wishes to interview men willing to discuss their experience as the husbands or partners of women diagnosed with breast cancer. The interview will be in total confidence, last from one to two hours and take place at a time and location of the subject's choice. For further information contact Carmel on 087 921 8453 or BCSC. ♥

Bray Vista

Popular local country and bluegrass band Bray Vista play a one-off gig in aid of BCSC upstairs at the Martello, Bray Seafront, Friday 14th September 2007. Admission €15. All proceeds for BCSC. For more information, contact the Centre on 01 286 6966, or Conor on 086 340 7553. ♥

Look and Feel Good

As part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, BCSC is this October organising another series of our popular workshops on relaxing and looking and feeling good. Contact BCSC for details. ♥

Sexuality & Cancer

The Irish Psycho-oncology Group is organising a daylong seminar on the topic of sexuality and cancer in Belfast on Friday 5th October. For further information, contact Clíodhna O'Byrne on 01 231 0522, or email: ipog@irishcancer.ie ♥

• For further information or to book any of the above activities, contact BCSC. Tel: 01 286 6966 or email bcsc@iol.ie



Maureen O'Toole and her daughter Paula pictured during BCSC's weekend away at the Talbot Hotel, Wexford.