

May 2025



PLEASE JOIN US - ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our annual FREE Cancer Care Celebration with the Auburn Doubledays is set for Saturday, July 12 at Falcon Park - 130 N. Division Street, Auburn, NY 13021.

Gates open at 6 p.m., and the game begins at 7 p.m. after a recognition ceremony for cancer survivors. There will be a gift for the first 500 guests and a separate gift for each cancer survivor.

While the event is free, tickets are required and can be obtained by:

- [clicking here](#) to register
- picking them up at one of our offices
- calling 315-472-7504 ext. 1303

See you at the game!

Your voice matters and we want to hear it!

HOA is committed to providing world-class care and the best treatment experience for our patients and families. We believe an important way to enhance that care is by listening directly to our patients. We are asking patients and caregivers to join our [Patient Experience Committee \(PEC\)](#) - a group of patients, caregivers and staff who work together to improve how we communicate, deliver care and support our patients.

A PEC member will have the opportunity to:

- share their experiences,
- offer suggestions to our care team, and
- help improve communication and support services so that future HOA patients will benefit from shared insights.

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The PEC:

- meets quarterly for 60 minutes,
- can have in-person or virtual participation, and
- needs your experience as a patient or caregiver to participate.

If you are interested in joining our Patient Experience Committee, please email [Marianne M. Sullivan, MS](mailto:Marianne.M.Sullivan@mcgill.ca), Marketing and Outreach Coordinator, by Friday, May 30.

Thank you in advance for your time and for considering this commitment to making a difference in the lives of others!

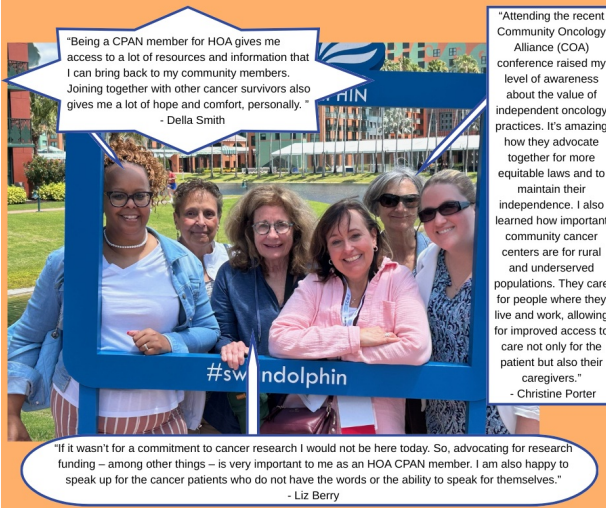
HOA Patient Advocacy!

The [Community Oncology Alliance \(COA\)](#) created the [Community Oncology Patient Advocacy Network \(CPAN\)](#) in recognition of the vital role patients should play in advocating for access to local, affordable, quality care for all cancer patients. CPAN members include patients in active treatment, cancer survivors, professional caregivers, family members, medical and oncology professionals and members of the general community.

Our local chapter was launched in 2016 and is going strong under the direction of Chelsea Klock, RN, OCN. In April Chelsea led a group of patient members through various advocacy activities and meetings at the annual COA conference in Orlando. **Some members will also join her in June at a COA Capitol Hill Advocacy event.**

The group who went to Orlando are pictured below: (l to r) Della Smith, Marion Napoli, Liz Berry, Paulette Gilberti and Christine Porter. Chelsea Klock is at the far right. We are very grateful to them, and to all of our patient advocates, for their commitment and support!

For anyone considering joining our CPAN chapter, we thought you might like to hear why others participate in the quotes below. If you wish to join the HOA CPAN, and/or for more information, please reach out to Chelsea at cklock@hoacny.com.



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