



## A vision to end cancer

By Janet Morlock

For 40 years, passionate supporters have come together to advance the American Cancer Society's vision to end cancer as we know it, for everyone. Relay for Life celebrates survivors, honors caregivers, remembers loved ones lost, and raises funds to ensure everyone can have the chance to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer. It all started with a single man's passion to raise money for Cancer Awareness.

In 1985 Surgeon, Dr. Gordy Klatt, ran/walked in Tacoma, WA for 24-hours without a break in memory of a young man who lost his life to Cancer; his

goal was to raise research money for the American Cancer Society (ACS) and raise cancer awareness for the public. His efforts raised \$27,000 with people paying to walk/run with him.

Thanks to a little media attention it has grown stronger every year since, with events popping up in 1986 throughout the U.S. and funding to ACS for research and awareness both grew; hearing about the success of these fundraisers throughout the country ACS made Relay for Life its signature event in 1992!

In 1995 Relay for Life went Global

with events in the United Kingdom. Today Relay has worldwide events in 31 countries with more than 250K participants celebrating survivors and caregivers, remembering loved ones lost, and raising money for research and support for patients, caregivers, families, and friends. Relay is always a Community Celebration of Hope.

Sierra Vista has been a Relay for Life Community since 1994 and we are looking forward to Celebrating 31-years of Hope with a fun filled day of caring and support for those impacted by cancer. We are asking Sierra Vista and surrounding communities to start or join a team, sponsor the event, donate and most importantly come out and support those battling cancer and those who help them stay strong on October 25th. Help us Celebrate, Remember, and Fight for the Cure!

This year, the annual relay is planned October 25 at Veterans' Memorial Park, with events planned from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Information/Registration/Donations: [www.relayforlife.org/sieravistaaz](http://www.relayforlife.org/sieravistaaz). Check us out on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/svrelayforlife](http://www.facebook.com/groups/svrelayforlife) Event point of contact: Nina Sanchez / [relayforlifeofsv@gmail.com](mailto:relayforlifeofsv@gmail.com), (520) 249-3615.

### AUGUST 25 Photography Show

Attention all photographers in the greater Southeastern Arizona area! The annual San Pedro River Arts Council (SPRAC) Photography Show is quickly approaching. It is open to all ages and levels of photographers. You can enter up to three pieces in the following categories: Youth, Color for Amateurs, Color for Advanced Pro, Monochrome, and Digital Artistry. The entry fee is \$15 per piece for non SPRAC members. \$12 for members. Drop off for the Photography is October 1st at Cochise College on the Benson campus. Hanging will be October 2nd and judging on October 3rd with a critique at 1:30 p.m. There will be a reception (date to follow). Entries can be done at [sprarts.org](http://sprarts.org), by mail or at the Endeavor Gallery, 298 E 4th St, Benson, AZ 85602.

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### AUGUST 28 ReadAround

Beginning at 11 a.m. ReadAround located at the Mall at Sierra Vista area near Playland. "I Am The Shark" is the book we'll read this month. Paper bag sharks are going to be a super fun (not) scary craft. Free "Hark A Shark!" book to attending families. This PreK program is sponsored by

the Sierra Vista Woman's Club and is open to all ages. Get to know us on Facebook and learn about community service organization.

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### AUGUST 30 Sonita Labor Day Rodeo

Come out to the annual Labor Day Rodeo at Santa Cruz Fairgrounds and enjoy some bronco busting fun! Gates open at 10 a.m., the junior rodeo scheduled for noon and the main performance at 2 p.m. The event will include a steak fry and live music on Saturday and Sunday.

**SANTA CRUZ**

### SEPTEMBER 25 ReadAround

Beginning at 11 a.m. "Where's Spot?" is the question we will be asking at ReadAround as we read this book. Join us at the Mall at Sierra Vista near Playland We will each craft a home for Spot and his family. Attending families receive a free book. Sponsored by the Sierra Vista Woman's Club. Get to know us on Facebook.

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