



Lions Clubs International District 4-C4

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Dear Fellow Lions:

In 1983, my stepmother lost her fight against breast cancer. Janice Ibarra was a 42 year old single mother raising four children. She fought for three years and never once complained about the pain and unfairness that this insidious disease brought into her life. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think about her. Much of who I am and what I have accomplished can be attributed to Janice Ibarra. On September 29 she would had celebrated her 70th birthday.

Unfortunately, too many of us know of a loved one who is afflicted by or has succumbed to cancer. Fortunately, we have come a long way to battle the disease and find ways to eliminate and cure many forms of cancer. It is a never ending fight that reminds us every day of our ongoing struggles. We continue to fight because we have hope. Hope is what keeps us all strong and committed Hope is what keeps the memory of my stepmother alive. The hope that one day our children and grandchildren will live in a cancer-free world.

*Walk for Hope is one way to help create that world. Walk for Hope is a national breast cancer walk series that raises millions of dollars in support of breast cancer research, treatment and education programs at **City of Hope**. Walk for Hope is about action. It is a statement from our community that no one will ever fight this disease alone. Our Walkers are advocates for those who turn to City of Hope for help when they need it most. The money raised saves lives. Join the fight against breast cancer and walk with us toward a world without breast cancer.*

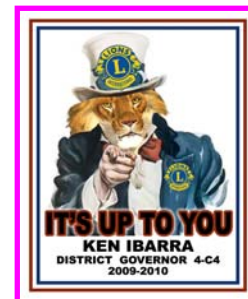
Join the Lions of Districts 4C4 and 4C6, Lions for Hope, in support of City of Hope's Walk for Hope to Cure Breast Cancer in San Francisco on Saturday, October 3, 2009. Walk with our team or make a donation and together, we are helping the important research, education and treatment programs that are essential in the fight against this disease!

For more information go to <http://tinyurl.com/2009lionsforhope> Help support the walk by donating to Team Sponsors Lion Yvonne Kantola, Lion Sandee Ige or First Lady Amy Fink.

We can all do our part to rid breast cancer. It's up to you!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Ken Ibarra, District Governor



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