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**Girls Just Wanna Have Fun: WOMEN MEMBERS OF ORCHID ISLAND'S "CONNECTING FOR CANCER" HELD 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GIRLS' NIGHT OUT BASH**

The women of Orchid Island Golf & Beach Club have combined having fun and doing good for others for the third year in a row. The third annual "Connecting for Cancer Girls' Night Out" was held Monday, March 7 at the home of Ruth and Murray Martin. This night, which was an ultimate hen party, raised more funds than last year and all of the funds from the Event will benefit cancer patients in need through the **"Pay-It-Forward" Fund**, which is part of the Excellence in Cancer Care Program of IRMC. This special donor generated fund is a wonderful source of hope and comfort to those in need of care. It provides financial assistance to carefully screened patients who are unable to afford needed cancer treatment, diagnostic services and preventative care. Five cancer colors, pink (breast), teal (ovarian), light blue (prostate), white (lung) and lavender (all cancers), were the color du jour for the close to 150 attendees. *"Since I am a cancer survivor and I also did some oncology nursing, I have great sympathy for those with cancer,"* said Ruth Martin, who had been asked to host this year by event. *"God has gifted us with good health now so we are happy to share that good for-tune with others."*

The Connecting for Cancer concept was created by *Committee Chairs* Gerry Collins and Nancy Cruce, based on a similar activity in Vail, Colorado where Nancy summers. *"We use the talents and resources, which are so abundant within the Orchid Community and channel them in a direction to assist with programs and improve the lives of others within our county,"* shared Nancy Cruce. Other committee members are Polly Behrens, Muci Clemens, Deedee Cunningham, Joanne Dorey, Kathy Dunlop, Carole Finck, Patti Gaede, Charlotte Klein, Marilyn Kinsella, Carol Lincoln, Annette Lovell, Ruth Martin, Kathleen O'Brien, Janet Ramer, Pat Scott, Dorsey Smith-Seed, Carol Spurgeon, Lynda Stinson and Ronnie Weyrauch. *"We are so honored Orchid is held this event for us. They touch so many patient lives,"* said Bev Sanders, Director of Gift Planning at the IRMC Foundation. *"It's truly a gift that you cannot put a price tag on."*



2015-16 Connecting for Cancer Committee

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**Connecting for Cancer** is a grass roots, "home grown" group of women Members from Orchid Island Golf & Beach Club raising money for cancer patients and their families to help them adjust through the stages of recovery. The group is not connected with any national or state organization and is not a 501(c)3 tax organization. For more information, contact Nancy Cruce at [nancylcruce@comcast.net](mailto:nancylcruce@comcast.net) or Gerry Collins at [jomamager@aol.com](mailto:jomamager@aol.com)