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"There's a special sisterhood. There's so much you don't know that happens so quickly. You need people around you to absorb the information and give it back to you."

"The thing that's incredible about an experience like this is that it was a blessing, really. There is nothing like a life-threatening experience to have a tremendous impact on you. You hold onto life in a far more precious way. Every day is a gift and we need to set about how to unwrap the package each day."

"I focus more on the power we have as women and the responsibility we have to look out for each other. We are nurturers and that's a good thing."

Her friend Alice Faye, a Farmington comedienne and fundraiser for cancer research, is currently fighting a battle with lung cancer.

"Alice is an exceptional woman and it's ironic that someone who has devoted so much to cancer

awareness is fighting her own battle now," she said.

"Alice is handling this with humor. We talk on the phone regularly. We often begin in tears and end in hysterical laughter."

Although she does speaking engagements and has been supportive of friends, Cooperman "has chosen to move on with my life."

In January 1997 she accompanied Robbio Timmons and Kathy Schenbecker, wife of former U-M football coach Bo, to a Miami spa for a story on makeover. "By that time my hair had grown back in. You want to get back to the way you were as soon as possible."

"Every day is an awakening. Love and support means a lot."

"These days Cooperman is busy in her offices on Northwestern Highway in Southfield or on the road with production assignments. Her award-winning company has clients as diverse as

private corporations to original programming including animation, commercials, documentaries, television show pilots and broadcasting entertainment programming.

Public service work includes several shows for United Way, the Junior League of Detroit, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan and the American Cancer Society.

September Moon for the past six years has produced and directed all of the Detroit Lions home games at the Pontiac Silverdome, annual motorsports specials for ESPN-TV, opening ceremonies for the 1996 Olympic Soccer Competition in Birmingham, Ala., and directed World Cup 94 Opening Ceremonies, which were broadcast to an international audience of over one billion.



**'You hold onto life in a far more precious way.'**

*Roz Cooperman  
—cancer survivor*

# Cancer Answer

## Be a Wise Guy: The Facts on Prostate Cancer

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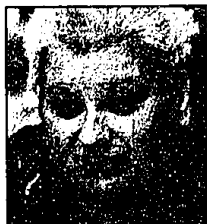
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**'I'm lucky not to be going through this alone.'**

*Alice Faye  
—local comic*

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Support from family and friends, as well as her strong faith, keep her going and her outlook positive.

"I'm a very positive person," she said. "There's a 20-percent chance of total remission."

"I have the most wonderful family. I told them I don't want a pity pot. I'm going to fight like hell, and I need all the positive energy possible to stay strong."

Almost as much as the medicine that courses through her veins, the 60 daily e-mails she gets from friends and friends of friends are sustaining her.

"I'm getting some wonderful material," said Faye, finding

humor as important as ever to daily survival. "All my life I wanted someone to tell me to eat. Now it's finally happened and I can't eat."

"I feel blessed, though. I'm lucky to not be going through this alone. I don't know what people do without faith in God."

One of her best friends is Roz Cooperman, owner of September Moon Productions and a breast cancer survivor.

"She is wonderful. She came out to the hospital the day she found out. She has been so supportive."

Although performing publicly is out for the time being, Faye is

busy putting together a book about courage to encourage others in her predicament.

"It will include little things people use when they need courage," she said. E-mails she has received from fellow comics Mark Ridley, Kenny Brown and Frank Turner will be included.

"All proceeds will go for cancer research. I don't intend to use the time I have left to feel sorry for myself."

Over the years Faye has helped raise over \$160,000 for Gilda's Club and hospice.

Alice Faye receives e-mail at queenfunny@aol.com

## Farmington Musicale presents a 'Tribute to Chopin' Oct. 6

"A Tribute to Chopin" will be presented by the Farmington Musicale in the Longacre House on Farmington Road on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 12:30 p.m.

Member pianists Eleanor Peets, Christina Rakoczy and Elaine Vermiglio, along with

guest artist Anna Sorokhtei, will perform Ballades, Valses, Etudes and Preludes of Frederic Chopin in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of his death. Program chairman is Brenda Thacker.

Anna Sorokhtei was born in

Lviv, Ukraine, where she made her piano solo debut at age 9 with the Lviv Philharmonic. In 1997, she moved to Michigan, following graduation from Lviv Conservatory. Now a student at Wayne State University, she performs regularly with the

Livonia Symphony and in solo recitals.

This concert also marks the one year anniversary of the arrival of the new grand piano at the Longacre House.

The public is invited to attend. Donations are welcome.

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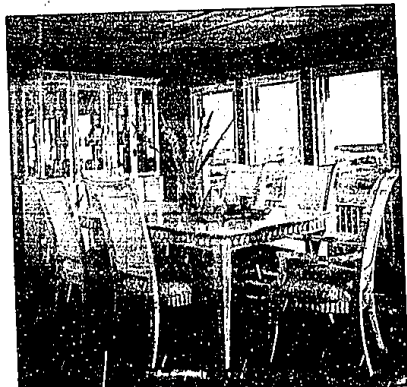
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