

Team up and make every breath count

The American Lung Association of Michigan will hold its annual Breath of Life Walk on Saturday, May 11 at Oakland County Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

"The 5-K walk will help to raise community awareness that we all must work together in the fight against lung disease," said Mary Baumgartner, the Associa-

tion's Metro Detroit regional manager. "It takes everyone coming together to advocate, educate and support the research that will eventually eradicate lung disease."

Once again, WKXZ-TV, Channel 7 Anchor Diana Lewis, will lead the Metro Detroit walk.

"We are grateful to both Ms. Lewis and Channel 7 for their time and commitment in the

fight against lung disease," said Baumgartner.

The Breath of Life Walk is an event in which family and friends, young and old can take part. Everyone knows someone with lung disease. Registration on walk day is 8 a.m. The walk begins at 9 a.m., rain or shine.

Nearly 100,000 children in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties struggle to breathe

during an asthma episode. Asthma, the #1 chronic disease of childhood is rising dramatically. Lung disease is the nation's #3 killer, and #1 killer of infants.

To find out more about team formation or to volunteer your support call the American Lung Association of Michigan at (800) LUNG-USA or visit online at www.alam.org.

ENGAGEMENT

Husk-Hambley

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Husk of Troy announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela, to Anthony Hambley, son of Dr. and Mrs. Allan Hambley of Houghton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Central Michigan University. She is a human resource generalist at Trans Inns Management in Farmington. Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan Technological University. He is a vendor support engineer at Alcan Aluminum Corp. in Farmington.

A June wedding is planned at Historical Mill Race Village in Northville.



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range, lunch, putting contest, shotgun start at 2 p.m., closed to the pin and longest drive awards, men, women and mixed team awards, dinner, silent auction, recognition awards and a raffle. The course is located at 6773 Nine Mile Road.

Last year, more than \$8,000 was raised — but much more is needed. REGAP is run solely by volunteers and funded completely by donations.

REGAP wants to end all greyhound racing.

Here's why: Thousands of incidents of starvation, neglect, injury and abuse have been publicized by the Greyhound Protection League, a national group that works to inform the media about greyhound atrocity.

Here are just some of the incidents that have been printed in daily newspapers nationwide over the years:

- In West Virginia 50 dogs were left to die of heatstroke (Greyhound Network News). At a Massachusetts racetrack, a small greyhound was trampled

to death when she got caught between other dogs during a race (Sunday Enterprise). A Wisconsin kennel owner sold more than 850 dogs to a cardiac research laboratory without permission from the dogs' owners (Wisconsin State Journal).

■ Forty-two abused greyhounds were seized in Austin, Texas. Six greyhounds died of heatstroke while being transported from Oregon to Florida in 95 degree heat, source Fox 35 News.

■ Two hundred greyhounds were abandoned and left to starve in Alabama after racing season was over, source PR Newswire.

■ Two hundred more greyhounds were found starving to death in Sumterfield, Fla., laying in their own waste, source GPL. More than 400 greyhounds were found starving in their crates in Venezuela — the dogs raced in the U.S. and were then sold off to South America. In Tucson, 101 skeletal greyhounds were carried out of a kennel.

They had been left to starve, and 36 died, source GPL.

The National Greyhound Association, which promotes racing, says the dogs are kept in climate controlled kennels. It called cases of neglect rare and says abusers are punished.

Needless to say, REGAP needs money to help these poor dogs.

Another fund-raiser

To benefit animals that are found homeless in Oakland County, The Michigan Animal Rescue League is hosting the 9th Annual Tail-Wagger Two-Step Walk for the Animals at Independence Oaks Park at 9501 Sashabaw Road in Clarkston from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 19.

MARL is a wonderful group that does not euthanize homeless animals. Adoption, rescue and spaying and neutering is their goal. The group rescues in animals in low income areas of Pontiac, Detroit and other areas. MARL needs foster families, families looking to adopt a new

animal and of course, donations. Call 248-335-9290 for more information.

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