

BEING A DAME



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Our Mission:

To ensure a strong local/regional effort in the fight against cancer through funding, research and education.

Being a Dame...

First and foremost, thank you for saying YES! Your membership makes the Ocala Royal Dames more complete. We are pleased to share how you can get to know this amazing organization better. This brochure will describe membership and suggest opportunities to see some other Dames in action.

Congratulations! As a new pledge member, you are already making a positive difference in the funding of cancer research. It happens when you pay your membership pledge/dues. Sometimes there are questions about the details of the pledge commitment. Please email the Membership Chair noted on the last page of this document.

Importance of your sponsor (designee)

Your sponsor is the Dame who asked you to join the Ocala Royal Dames. Typically, in the early months of membership, sponsors are somewhat like an ORD “Big Sisters” because they usually can answer questions and will answer questions and will welcome you to attend meetings and events with her. If a sponsor is unavailable, another Dame will be pleased to fill the role.

Becoming Involved

The degrees of involvement in the organization is based on the member. Some members get highly involved as soon as they join, while others simply pat their annual pledge commitment and attend December holiday-inspired Annual Meeting. For you to better identify the level of involvement that best fits your life, we have designed way to get to know the work of the organization.

We would like you to join us at a board meeting to meet, its members and to experience the sharing of information and see how decisions are made. There are also several committee meetings available to visit, including the:

- Debutant Ball Committee
- Fundraising / Event Committee
- Marketing Committee
- Membership Committee
- Signature Event Committee
- ShopTalk / Education Committee



To make arrangements to attend a board meeting and/or a committee meeting, please call the membership chair who will answer any questions you may have and let the applicable chairperson of the plan. Mary Ellen Poe's number is 941-315-0667.



New Members for a Cure...

The meeting is voluntary, though we strongly encourage new members to participate. In over a little hours' time, you will meet with other new members and get to know some longer-term ORD members. We take this opportunity to give you a more in-depth understanding of the organization. We will let you know when the next new member orientation is scheduled.



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Ways we communicate...

The most frequent method of communication is via email. Messages and invites will appear in the email account provided when you joined. Two favorite emailed publications are News and notes created after each board meeting and the calendar of events. We ask that you click on the email and read the message; it is very important to be in the know about organizational happenings.

The additional ways you could receive information is through text messaging, the postal service or an occasional phone call. Also, please go out and like our social media sites.

Spread the word.....

- Let others know that you now are a Dame!
- Gain an understanding of how ORD is helping to find a cure for cancer
- Ask friends and family to consider becoming members
- Volunteer to help with events and designated meetings
- Identify businesses and groups that may consider being a sponsor for events and meetings
- Ask friends and family to purchase tickets to fundraising events

Educational Partner:

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Knowing what to say when asked...

When someone asks you a quick question about the Ocala Royal Dames, we have identified a, brief response to get the discussion started.

"The Ocala Royal Dames for Cancer Research is a passionate group of volunteers dedicated to funding cutting-edge cancer research conducted at the University of Florida and the Moffitt Cancer Center. By organizing events and fundraising efforts, we are making a difference in the fight against cancer as we award grants to fund the needed seed money for ground-breaking research, bringing hope to those affected by this disease."

Resources and Links...

- Website:
 - www.OcalaRoyalDames.org
- FaceBook | Instagram | X:
 - OcalaRoyalDames
- LinkedIn | Tik-Toc:
 - ORD - Under Construction
- You-Tube:
 - ORD
- College of Central Florida
 - Events/Shoptalk



Who to contact when you have ideas, questions and suggestions?

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Thank You
FOR JOINING US!

