



## GULF STREAMERS E-NEWS

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### GREETINGS FROM GULF STREAMERS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

**March**....In like a lion, out like a lamb? Who can tell with all the snow? I think this is a record cold for all states! It is hard for the cold weather not to affect us, but I know that camping season is just around the corner and can't wait to see all our campground friends that go their separate ways during the winter.

The **Tampa Buddy Rally, held January 12-17, 2010** had a good turnout and a great time was had by all!. We had a good group who attended the rally and many others who showed up for the day to visit with us or attend the Tampa Supershow. The weather was a little cool for the majority of the rally, but Friday turned out to be a beautiful, warm day when we attended our lunch cruise on Tampa Bay. Kathleen Nock and Karen Glas provided us with some great pictures and most have been posted on our website <http://streamers.gulfstreamcoach.com> for your viewing pleasure.

As many of you are already aware, **The Back Home in Indiana Rally**, planned for June, has been cancelled. Lester Potteiger has been asked by our members to proceed with planning an alternate rally and has put together "**RVFest 2010**". Information is available with this newsletter or by contacting Les direct at 540-220-7649 until April 3rd, 540-972-8399 or by e-mailing him at [lpotteiger@aol.com](mailto:lpotteiger@aol.com).

Also, our member David Bott is co-hosting a **RV Cruise at Sea**. Information is available in this newsletter and posted on the website for those who are interested in attending, or just finding out more info. You may also want to check out the Chapter Rally Calendar enclosed to see if one or more of the chapters is offering a rally near you or in a area where you will be traveling to, that you have interest in attending.

For you that own motorized products, you might want to consider attending one of the FMCA Conventions. **The 83rd International Convention, March 22-25, 2010 in Albuquerque, New Mexico**. This will be the second convention at EXPO New Mexico, a beautiful southwestern city. Family parking will be available at Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Park. **The 84th FMCA International Convention, August 11-14, 2010, at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center in Redmond Oregon**. Visit their website at [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com) to find out more about the conventions, sign up and what seminars and entertainment is planned for each one.



*Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

## *New Horizons by Les and Jean*

We departed 27 December for Pomona, California and the Adventure Caravans Rose Parade rally. We flew out of Dulles International Airport, Chantilly, Virginia after I was patted down by security for the first of three times during the trip because I have a titanium hip. At Dulles, the security wand was set so sensitive that it was set off by my wallet which did not contain any metal (!) and my breast plate which was wired together after my heart surgery in 2007. Security was strictly enforced because of the recent incident with the 'loaded briefs'. We flew to California for at least three reasons: we could be home for Christmas; it was less expensive than driving the motor home (\$2014.61 for air flights, hotel and rental car) and we could easily make the Buddy rally at the Tampa show because our motorhome was already in Florida!

The rally was held at the Fairplex KOA in Pomona. Barry and Terry Klein were the rally masters for Adventure Caravans. Assistant rally masters were Ken and Carole Adams, and Hex Hoechstebach and Sandy Heyne. There were a total of forty-three RVs in attendance and Jean and I – ninety-two individuals. Gulf Streamers Norm and Mary Burger (GS#10984), Sun Voyager owners Jim and Linda Harvey, Gulf Streamers Larry and Joyce Suggs (GS#12927) and former Gulf Streamer Jane (Dreager GS#3863) Swift (widow) attended the rally.

The first rally activity was an Orientation and Get Acquainted Dinner Party Monday, 28 December. On Tuesday we were bused to the Equestfest where the equestrian teams participating in the Friday parade, performed drills that they could not do along the parade route. That evening we were bused to the Crystal Cathedral for the *Glory of Christmas*. This was a spectacular, professional performance, with at one time seven 'angels' suspended and traveling in space above the audience. It was awesome!

Wednesday we went to see some of the parade floats under construction. This was enlightening, providing an insight into the many people, hours, flowers, seeds, etc. required to construct the floats, many of which cost in the neighborhood of \$300,000. Until you see the floats up close, you have no idea how intricate they are. The white on many floats is shredded coconut! The pictures of people on the floats can be prepared in August/September because they are composed of seeds, corn, beans, etc. The flowers are added at the last minute so that they are fresh for the parade – many individual stems are in plastic containers of water. Late morning it started to rain – the floats are prepared under cover! This was the only rain we had during the rally. The Bandfest was scheduled for the afternoon – only a few hardy souls braved it because it was held at an outdoor stadium – we did not attend!

Thursday we were given a guided tour of Los Angeles by bus with lunch at the Farmers Market. We then visited the La Brea Tar Pits and Museum before returning to the campground for a New Years Eve Dinner and Party. Ron and Kay Rivoli were to perform; however, they were delayed on a snow/ice covered Interstate in Oklahoma. They did not make it; if they had, they would have had to beat it back to Tampa for the RV Show where they entertained the 16<sup>th</sup>.

We celebrated New Years Eve with those on the East Coast at 9:00 PM Pacific Time. One reason for this was that our buses departed the campground at 5:30 AM New Years Day! We arrived at our designated parking space in Ralph's Grocery parking lot in plenty of time for the 8:00 AM start of the parade. Each bus in the lot paid a \$175.00 parking fee – Ralph was losing business! The lot was next to the bleachers on the east side of the Colorado Boulevard near the beginning of the parade route. We probably walked less than 500 feet to our seats on a tall set of bleachers – we were about half way up so that we could look down on the parade. There were people in front of the bleachers who had slept there all night to get a good spot!

The 121<sup>st</sup> Rose Parade was spectacular to say the least with 91 entries. There were 40 float entries (some 600 tons of steel, 5,000 gallons of glue and 18 million flowers), 22 band entries and 23 equestrian entries. The Opening Spectacular was comprised of four units and there were three Tournament Entries. This year's Grand Marshall was Captain Chesley Sullenberger (Sully). "With his theme, *A Cut Above the Rest*, (the late) President Gary DiSano wanted to honor those who strive to make every effort better than the last. Sullenberger has certainly shown how we can do that and we are honored to have him host the 2010 festivities," said Acting President Jeff Throop. It was a thrill to see Sully, although when he looked our way, he had to shield his eyes from the sun with one hand! The parade was two hours long; the crowd was estimated at 750,000 to a million by our bus driver. We thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the parade and as someone said, to view it in person is a once in a lifetime experience – once is enough because of the mass of humanity in attendance! One notable float was the West Covina Rose Float Foundation "*Tuskegee Airmen: A Cut Above*" with fifteen Tuskegee Airmen from the original Tuskegee fighter group of WWII on the float – I believe the oldest was 93!

Saturday the buses took us to view the floats close-up at the Post Parade Float Viewing area and they only had to pay

\$75.00 each to park on the street! The aroma of coconut was pleasant near many of the floats! As Jean says, television does not do the parade justice, you've got to be there and get up close to the floats to appreciate their beauty. We had arranged to meet Bryan and C. Beamon, Adventure Caravan Wagon Masters on our 2004 Alaska Caravan, at this event. We met them and went to lunch before they delivered us to our car at the campground. They are Goodwill Ambassadors for Camping World meaning that they visit some 27 campgrounds in southern California providing them with Camping World literature and goodies. We were delighted to see them again; we had seen them about three years ago at the Tampa RV Show when we were camped next to them.

Sunday after the 'Hitch-up breakfast & Good Byes' we arranged to meet Chet and Helen Cawthon at the Crystal Cathedral. Chet and Helen were sob (some other buddies driving some other brand!) members of our Alaska Caravan last year. Chet is the cousin of Hal McIntosh (GS#8871) who invited him and his brother Roy (Brinda) to accompany him and his wife Nancy on the caravan. We and other caravaners were delighted to have the six of them with us. Chet took some 12,000 pictures on the trip! We had a great visit and lunch with Chet and Helen. Guess who welcomed us to the Crystal Cathedral that morning? – Bill and Mary Ann Campbell (GS#11184)! What a pleasant surprise. Bill is the International Director for the Gulf Stream Chapter of FMCA. He and Mary Ann were on their way to meet-up with some Golden Bear chapter Gulf Streamers to caravan to an FMCA rally at Indio, California.

We flew home on Monday 4 January and departed by car Thursday 7 January for Homosassa, Florida. We stopped overnight at the Holiday Inn Express, Hardeeville, South Carolina. When I inquired about the rate, I was told \$99.00 and I asked if that included taxes. Of course it did not, so I said that I did not intend to pay that much! The clerk said let me see what I can do! He gave me a total rate of \$99.68, the corporate rate. So is it logical for RVers to complain about rates approaching \$50.00? Of course, we did get a nice breakfast the next morning! We had stayed in a Holiday Inn Express in Rancho Cucamonga, California the week before and it was very nice. We were directed to a good restaurant in Hardeeville – 'The Original Cripple Crab'. We each had a two crab-cake platter. Each cake was huge and delicious, consisting mostly of crab meat!

We met up with our RV at Don and Suzanne Palczynski's (GS#00241) home, Homosassa, Florida on Friday. We highly recommend Don as an RV sitter! Suzanne and Jean baked some goodies for the Buddy rally and we departed Monday for the Florida State Fairgrounds and the Buddy Rally. Bonnie, husband Norm and son Michael were already there. We went shopping for supplies that night after dinner. There were 37 RVs with 70 individuals in attendance – 4 sob RVs with 7 some other buddies in them. Highlights of the rally included the Alaska Reunion lunch with thirty-seven in attendance - five couples (three from the 2004 caravan) came just for the Reunion lunch. Of course there was adequate food for the pot luck dinner, two lunches and five breakfasts! The optional dinner and South Pacific show was enjoyable and the lunch cruise of Tampa Bay was delightful with perfect weather. The pre-show meal and the lunch were absolutely delicious.

After the catered farewell breakfast, we traveled across Florida to Manatee Hammock RV Park, Titusville, Florida. This is a Brevard County park. We have an electric/water site overlooking the Indian River for two weeks before we go on an Eastern Caribbean cruise on the Royal Caribbean *Freedom of the Seas* 31 January out of Port Canaveral, about 15 miles from here. When we get back from the cruise, we will move to a full hook-up site, losing our view of the river! We probably will stay in this park until the end of March before heading home for Easter.

Please remember our service, police, fire and medical personnel who protect and heal us. God bless the USA.



LTA, *Les and Jean*

## Invitation to RVFEST 2010

Dear Fellow RVers,

RVFEST 2010 is an independent RV (self-contained and towable) rally with no connection to the Gulf Streamers International RV Club and Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. I (Les) have planned it for Monday June 21, 2010 to Monday June 28, 2010 at the Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds, Goshen, Indiana. It will be hosted by yours truly and my wife, Jean Potteiger, Richard and Virginia Raikes, Don and Suzanne Palczynski, and all who volunteer to help! I have had requests to do this! I chose to extend the rally to the 28th to give us more time together, after all, some of us travel a great distance to get to Goshen!

**This will be an inexpensive rally, \$250 or less for two people in an RV with a full hook-up site! We will have entertainment, craft classes, perhaps meals other than pot-luck dinners and much time to renew friendships, and time for fellowship, fun and games.** We will have use of the carpeted area of the ECC air-conditioned building 24/7. I will solicit seminars, craft classes, talent, etc from attendees. You can invite your friends to attend no matter what brand RV they have. **Please notify your friends who do not receive e-mail!** There are many nearby hotels for those who do not want to bring their RV. I've asked local RV repair facility personnel to come to the Fairgrounds to look at your coach, to give estimates for repairs and perhaps do on-site repairs for a fee. We will use our cars or RVs for transportation (there will be several golf carts at our disposal on the Fairgrounds - I can get one for you to use personally at about \$30.00 per day if you wish). **There will be no buses!**

**I need to know ASAP what your interest is in this rally.** I am hoping that I can get at least one hundred units to commit and make this feasible, 150 units would be great! I plan on making this a success at minimal cost to you. **It is possible with a hundred units and volunteer support.**

**There is a kicker - to get the discounts I must write one check for all of the Fairground charges. Their cash register is not set up to handle discounts - you cannot individually register and pay at the reduced camping fee. To do this, I will have to have cash (personal check, cashiers check, money order, etc.) - obviously, I as an individual cannot process credit cards!** As soon as I have an adequate number of replies, I will finalize the plans and cost (\$250.00 or less). I will prepare an application form with standard waiver (you will be asked to list your site preference, second and third choices) and send it via e-mail for your signature and submission with a \$50.00 refundable deposit. The application also will include an Emergency Information/Medical form for you to fill out. (If you want to send me a \$50.00 deposit earlier, I will not refuse it!) **Payment in full will be required by April 21, 2010 - ~60 days before the rally begins.**

**Please respond ASAP either by e-mail or telephone.**

Sincerely,

LTA, Lester A. Potteiger  
13103 Trapp Drive  
Spotsylvania, VA 22551-8023  
(540) 220-7649 (c) (please use until 3 April 2010)  
(540) 972-8399 (H)

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **RV Ready For a Cruise!**

Savannah, TX, February 12, 2010 -- RV@Sea announced today that the world's first Theme Cruise for RVers will depart Nov. 6, 2010. For the first time, a cruise will include three days of RV seminars. This new and exciting RV adventure will set sail from the port of Miami for a 7-day Eastern Caribbean cruise.

"There are other group cruises sponsored by RV-related companies, but none with seminars. Our RV seminars will be held during the three days at sea so there is no overlap or conflict with any ports of call, shore excursions, or major entertainment venues on board," said Ron Jones, Cruise Co-Host and RV author. "You get it all... the cruise, the ports and the RV seminars."

According to David Bott, Cruise Co-Host, "We chose our maiden voyage aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's newest ship, the 'EPIC of the Seas' since this will be one epic event for the RV industry. RV@Sea is a true theme-based cruise with special events taking place on board. Plus, we have great ports of call including St. Maarten, St. Thomas (US Virgin Islands), and Nassau, Bahamas."

RV seminars will include up-to-date information applicable to most RVers and RVs. According to Jones, "From the wannabies to new RVers to fulltime RVers, there is always something to learn including Driving, Maintenance, Fulltiming, RVing to Alaska, and much more."

Six experienced RV-industry presenters are being finalized now and will have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share on a variety of RV topics. Presenters are either fulltime or part time and they walk the walk. Attendees will experience nearly fourteen hours of seminars during the three days at sea.

To be registered on the "theme cruise" and eligible for the RV seminars, individuals must book by calling 888-516-6306.

For more information about the RV@Sea cruise, the ship, RV seminars, and to contact the Co-Hosts, visit <http://www.RVatSea.com>

Please plan to join us for our  
**New York Gulf Streamers Spring Rally**  
June 4, 5, and 6, 2010 at  
*Charlie Brown Campground*

*98 Chaplin Road, Rt. 198, Eastford, CT. 06242*

We have reserved sites, wagon wheel fashion, around a large pavilion. The sites all have water, electric, cable and **shared grey water**. You will need a garden hose connector cap (available in the camp store) for your grey water outflow and an old piece of hose.

Early arrivals or late departures must be arranged ASAP with the campground and paid for separately by calling 1-877-974-0142. Mention that you are with the New York Gulf Streamers and Diane Foster. Check in for the rally is anytime after 12 noon on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Natchaug River and small Rabbit Pond are bordering the property and the Natchaug State Forest with hiking trails and fishing is within 10 minutes of camp.

Other close by activities:

Walmart	15 minutes
Bats of Bedlam Maple Farm	15 minutes,
Sturbridge Village	30 minutes,
CT Railroad Museum	30 minutes,
Windham Textile and History Museum	30 minutes
Annual Victorian House Tour	30 minutes
(This was held the first weekend in June in 2009),	
CT Trolley Museum	55 minutes
Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun Casinos	60 minutes.

I will have more information on these and other local activities for you at check in.

**Directions:**

**From I-84 – Exit 69** – Take exit 69 onto Route 74 East, at stop sign and intersection take left onto Route 44, continue on Route 44 East to Route 198 South intersection, take a right onto Route 198 South. Charlie Brown Campground is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile on the left.

**From I-395, Exit 91** – Take Exit 91 onto Route 6 heading West. Continue on Route 6 for about 15 miles. At the signal light and Junction of Route 6 and 198, take a right onto Route 198 North. Charlie Brown Campground is about 7 miles down the road on the right.

**From I-395 – Exit 93** – Take exit 93, heading west on Route 101 toward Pomfret. Route 101 merges into Route 44 West. Continue on Route 44 West to Route 198 South. Charlie Brown Campground is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile on the left.

# *New York Gulf Streamers Spring Rally*

June 4, 5, and 6, 2010 at

## *Charlie Brown Campground*

*98 Chaplin Road, Rt. 198, Eastford, CT. 06242*

The tentative weekend menu:

### Friday Welcome:

Homemade Kale Soup with Linguicia  
Rolls, coffee and tea

### Saturday Breakfast by the men

Pancakes, bacon, coffee, tea and juice

Lunch on your own.

### Saturday Dinner Meeting.

Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, coffee and tea.

### Sunday

Farewell Continental Breakfast:

Donuts and muffins, coffee, tea and juice.

Welcome Wagon Bag  
Door prizes and surprises

**Cost for the weekend** - RV and two people - \$115

Reservations with payment in full should be sent to the Diane Foster  
no later than **April 19<sup>th</sup>**, 2010.

*New York Gulf Streamers*  
*Spring Rally*                      *June 4,5,& 6, 2010*

*Charlie Brown Campground*  
*98 Chaplin Road, Eastford, CT 06242*

**Reservation Form**

**Please complete and return with full payment of**  
**\$115, by April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ | International Gulf stream # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ |

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Rig size \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ Slide-outs \_\_\_\_\_

Number in your party: Adults \_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_ Planned arrival date \_\_\_\_\_

**Early arrival or late departure reservations should be arranged ASAP with the staff at Charlie Brown Campground, 1-877-974-0141 and paid separately. Please mention that you are attending the New York Gulf Stream Rally under my name – Diane Foster.**

Please mail this form and full payment of \$115, with a check payable to Diane Foster to

Diane Foster  
1834 Main Street  
West Barnstable, MA 02668.

*New York Gulf Streamers*  
*Fall Rally- September 17-19, 2010*

Come and join the Halpin's and the Atkinson's as Wagon Masters for a weekend of fun in Amish Country Pennsylvania at

Spring Gulch Resort, 475 Lynch Road, New Holland, PA. 17557

[www.springgulch.com](http://www.springgulch.com)

Phone: 717-354-3100

**Tentative Schedule/meals:**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Welcome:**

Pot luck Dinner 5/6 till 8:00

At the Dance Barn

We will provide hot dogs, coffee and tea

**Saturday - 18<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfast at the Dance Barn

Courtesy of the Men folk

Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Coffee, Tea

Afternoon - free time - browse the Kitchen Kettle Village - local shops - Strasburg Railroad, Shady Maple Smorgasbord/gift shop, Amish Farmlands.

Note: White House Inn is a good place for lunch.

**Saturday Night-Hershey Farm Restaurant**

Optional Traditional Family Style Dinner

Famous Fried Chicken, baked ham, real mashed potatoes, green beans, buttered corn, sweet and sour relishes, home-made rolls, the areas best shoo-fly pie, apple pie, hand dipped vanilla ice cream. Fresh brewed sweet and unsweet tea and coffee.

**Sunday Morning - the 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Join us for coffee, tea, juice and homemade treats from a local Amish home bakery.

We have 17 sites with water, electric and sewer and 12 with water and electric available. *Please note: If you want to arrive early or stay late for this rally you need to contact the RV Park directly.* Contact information for the park is listed above.

\* As noted above, an optional trip to The Hershey Farm Restaurant for a traditional family style dinner on Saturday has been arranged. The plan is to car pool to the restaurant. The cost for dinner is \$16 per person. If you are interested in this option please indicate that on the registration form and include the cost of dinner to the total of the registration money you send in.

*New York Gulf Streamers - Fall Rally*  
*September 17-19, 2010*  
*Spring Gulch Resort,*  
*475 Lynch Rd., New Holland, PA 17557*

**Reservation Form**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ | International Gulf stream # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Rig size \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ Number of slides \_\_\_\_\_

Number in your party: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Planned arrival date \_\_\_\_\_

*Reminder: If you want to arrive early or stay late for this rally you need to contact the RV Park directly.*

Site with Electric and Water - \$95/unit

Site with Electric, water and sewer – \$109/unit

Payment for weekend \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Saturday dinner at \$16 per person \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

***FULL PAYMENT DUE BY MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2010.***

(Park requires full payment by April 1)

Please mail this form with a check payable to Janet Halpin for the full amount to:

Janet Halpin  
14 Glendale Avenue  
Whitesboro, NY 13492  
Phone: 315-271-5492

## THE STAMP

Please read the following story and consider purchasing the postage stamps! Thank You Ken & Shirley Mitchell for sharing with us!

Like most elementary schools, it was typical to have a parade of students in and out of the health clinic throughout the day. We dispensed ice for bumps and bruises, Band-Aids for cuts, and liberal doses of sympathy and hugs. As principal, my office was right next door to the clinic, so I often dropped in to lend a hand and help out with the hugs. I knew that for some kids, mine might be the only one they got all day.

One morning I was putting a Band-Aid on a little girl's scraped knee. Her blonde hair was matted, and I noticed that she was shivering in her thin little sleeveless blouse. I found her a warm sweatshirt and helped her pull it on. "Thanks for taking care of me," she whispered as she climbed into my lap and snuggled up against me.

It wasn't long after that when I ran across an unfamiliar lump under my arm. Cancer, an aggressively spreading kind, had already invaded thirteen of my lymph nodes. I pondered whether or not to tell the students about my diagnosis. The word breast seemed so hard to say out loud to them, and the word cancer seemed so frightening. When it became evident that the children were going to find out one way or another, either the straight scoop from me or possibly a garbled version from someone else, I decided to tell them myself.

It wasn't easy to get the words out, but the empathy and concern I saw in their faces as I explained it to them told me I had made the right decision. When I gave them a chance to ask questions, they mostly wanted to know how they could help.

I told them that what I would like best would be their letters, pictures, and prayers.

I stood by the gym door as the children solemnly filed out. My little blonde friend darted out of line and threw herself into my arms. Then she stepped back to look up into my face. "Don't be afraid, Dr. Perry," she said earnestly, "I know you'll be back because now it's our turn to take care of you."

No one could have ever done a better job. The kids sent me off to my first chemotherapy session with a hilarious book of nausea remedies that they had written.

A video of every class in the school singing get-well songs accompanied me to the next chemotherapy appointment.

By the third visit, the nurses were waiting at the door to find out what I would bring next. It was a delicate music box that played "I Will Always Love You.."

Even when I went into isolation at the hospital for a bone marrow transplant, the letters and pictures kept coming until they covered every wall of my room.

Then the kids traced their hands onto colored paper, cut them out and glued them together to make a freestanding rainbow of helping hands. "I feel like I've stepped into Disneyland every time I walk into this room," my doctor laughed...

That was even before the six-foot apple blossom tree arrived adorned with messages written on paper apples from the students and teachers. What healing comfort I found in being surrounded by these tokens of their caring.

At long last I was well enough to return to work. As I headed up the road to the school, I was suddenly overcome by doubts. What if the kids have forgotten all about me? I wondered, What if they don't want a skinny bald principal? What if.

I caught sight of the school marquee as I rounded the bend. "Welcome Back, Dr. Perry," it read. As I drew closer, everywhere I looked were pink ribbons - ribbons in the windows, tied on the doorknobs, even up in the trees. The children and staff wore pink ribbons, too.

My blonde buddy was first in line to greet me. "You're back, Dr. Perry, you're back!" she called. "See, I told you we'd take care of you!"

As I hugged her tight, in the back of my mind I faintly heard my music box playing ... . "I will always love you.."

Please read and pass this on. It would be wonderful if 2010 were the year a cure for breast cancer was found!!!!

This is one email you should be glad to pass on. The notion that we could raise \$35 million by buying a book of stamps is powerful! As you may be aware, the US Postal Service has the "Fund the Cure" stamp to help fund breast cancer research. The stamp was designed by Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, Maryland. It is important that we take a stand against this disease that affects so many of our Mothers, Sisters, Friends, Coworkers, and Spouses of Coworkers. Instead of the normal 44 cents for a stamp, this one costs 55 cents. The additional 11 cents will go to breast cancer research. A "normal" book costs \$8.80. This one is only \$11.00. It takes a few minutes in line at the Post Office and means so much. If all stamps are sold, it will raise an additional \$35,000,000 for this vital research. Just as important as the money is our support. What a statement it would make if the stamp outsold the lottery this week. What a statement it would make that we care.



I urge you to do two things TODAY:

1. Go out and purchase some of these stamps.
- 2.. E-mail your friends to do the same.

Many of us know women and their families whose lives are turned upside-down by breast cancer..

It takes so little to do so much in this drive.

For those of you who can afford the \$0.55. Please help & pass it on.