



**August - November 2009**

August found the team gearing up for another race in Fort Dodge Iowa. The team was eager to avenge the loss in Windsor and thus was ready to paddle. Several "Support Oars" came along to help the team. The team made a statement in the preliminaries by taking a commanding lead of the BCS division. A request was made that we race our finals without the boys, which we did in a blow out of the other teams, thus taking the BCS crown. After the race, we were invited back to the house of one of the local Iowa team members. We continue to be amazed at the hospitality and friendship of the teams we compete against, reminding us of the common bond we have in this disease.

September was a very exciting month for the team as we geared up to host our own little mini race. The Pink Heals Tour was coming to Indy and through a series of events, our team was invited to participate. The tour is a pink fire truck made up of fire fighters from all over the country that bring awareness to breast cancer. We decided to invite the firement out to see what the team was all about and have a couple of fun races along with

local firefighters, paramedics from Lifeline and police. The day was very special to us and we will never forget it. We were honored to have Officer Leslie Hulce in attendance from the Fisher's police department. She passed away a few days afterwards from breast cancer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family, friends and coworkers.

In October, three team members travelled to Orlando, FL to compete with the Tampa Bay Pink Dragon Ladies. The Tampa team was awesome and we had a great time. We even got the opportunity to paddle in a 2000m race which was a truly awesome experience, especially with Disney world as the backdrop.

This November found the team hosting its first annual fundraiser, a "pink paddle party". A tremendous amount of work was put it to making it a huge success. The funds we received that evening were enough to allow us to be able to compete next year in the world dragon boat championships in Canada.

The team is eagerly awaiting the 2010 season and wishes everyone joy and happiness in the new year.