



Pam Sain (center) and friends

Food for the Fight

TASTE OF POINTE ORLANDO FOR
ESOPHAGEAL CANCER AWARENESS

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> From its first event 7 months ago, Thoracic 100 held another outstanding event to support Esophageal Cancer. When Pam and Gary Sain introduced Thoracic 100 to the Orlando community, we learned about the love and compassion they had for any and all families that have been affected by this disease. As Pam Sain and her family suffered the unfortunate loss of her father, Jack Wooldridge, just over a year ago to Esophageal Cancer, she has taken the initiative to step up and make a difference. Not only have they been affected personally, but also they are making a change in the community to spread awareness. The results have shown a growing network of the members from our community coming together in support of this life threatening illness.

Hosting it's first event on September 8th, 2010 at the Capital Grille, Pam, Gary, and several other supporters worked together to host a successful event on April 10th, 2011 at Pointe Orlando. Thoracic 100 and Pointe Orlando have come together to host the Taste of Pointe Orlando with participating restaurants such as; Adobe Gila's, B.B. King's Blues Club, Ben & Jerry's, Copper Canyon Grill, Cuba Libre Restaurant & Rum Bar, Fat Fish Blue, Funky Monkey Wine Company,

Maggiano's Little Italy, Pizzeria Valdiano, Taverna Opa, The Oceanaire Seafood Room, and Tommy Bahama's Restaurant & Bar. Serving small samples of their finest menu items, the guests of this ticketed event enjoyed an afternoon of eating and socializing for a heartfelt cause. Since April was Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month, the proceeds from this event were to benefit the Florida Hospital Esophageal Cancer Program.

With being around for less than a year, Thoracic 100 has grown tremendously and will continue to grow with the support and contribution from the residents of our wonderful city. Pam's biggest supporter is none other than her very own husband, Gary Sain, who is President & CEO of Visit Orlando. As the community becomes better aware of the seriousness of this disease, Pam and Gary are doing all they can to let the community know that the warning signs of Esophageal Cancer is not something that should be overlooked or taken lightly. Pam can be reached at Pamela.sain@gmail.com for any questions, concerns, or comments and all upcoming Thoracic 100 events are frequently updated at www.jackscourse.com.