
Les Girls 2026

IN MEMORIAM



In Memory of Arleen Sorkin

Your incredible wit, boundless creativity, and great sense of humor, combined with your unwavering dedication and deep compassion, have left an indelible mark on our hearts.

Your legacy will forever inspire us.

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OCTOBER 14, 1955 – AUGUST 24, 2023

A Letter from Fran

Dear Friends,

Thank you for choosing to spend tonight with us at our Les Girls Cabaret. We know there are so many worthy causes in need of support right now, and we are grateful for your continued commitment to NBCC's mission to end breast cancer.

Les Girls is a magical experience, but it is so much more than that. It is a celebration of community, courage, and the unwavering belief that we can end this disease. At Les Girls, joy meets purpose, and every attendee becomes part of something bigger than themselves. They become part of a movement.

Since 1991, NBCC has trained and empowered thousands of patient advocates, brought patient voices to the tables where decisions are made, and driven systems change through research and public policy.

Now, in the thick of a tumultuous political climate and contentious election season, this work is more important than ever. In the face of major cuts to research and health care, we continue to advance research in primary prevention and prevention of metastasis through the Artemis Project, advocate to pass the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act and increased federal funding for science, and ensure patients remain at the center of all breast cancer conversations.

Our mission is, and always has been, to end breast cancer—and we won't stop until we achieve it, no matter what obstacles lie in our path.

Many, many thanks to our extraordinary Event Committee, our generous sponsors, our gifted volunteer performers, and our creative production team, without whom this event would not be possible.

And on behalf of the hundreds of organizations and tens of thousands of advocates who are part of NBCC, thank you for sticking with us during these challenging times. We cannot end breast cancer without you.



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NBCC President

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Thanks for a successful event! Without your help and unwavering dedication, Les Girls would not be possible. On behalf of the hundreds of organizations and tens of thousands of individuals who are members of NBCC,

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(as of October 15, 2026)

Fran Visco, JD

PRESIDENT



Fran Visco, a more than 30-year breast cancer survivor, is the president of the National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC) and a member of its board of directors.

Ms. Visco is an honors graduate of Villanova Law School, where she was an editor of The Villanova Law Review and a chair of the Women's Law Caucus.

In recognition of Ms. Visco's leadership and contributions to breast cancer advocacy, she has received numerous awards and honors, including the Presidential Citizens Medal, the second highest civilian award in the United States. Other awards range from Glamour Woman of the Year, to honorary doctorates, to the AACR Outstanding Achievement Award in Public Service, Cancer Research, and Advocacy.

President Clinton appointed Ms. Visco to three terms as one of three members of the President's Cancer Panel; she was the first consumer to chair the Integration Panel of the Department of Defense Peer- Reviewed Breast Cancer Research Program; Ms. Visco co-chaired the National Action Plan on Breast Cancer and served on the National Cancer Policy Board.

She is a member of the board of directors of Translational Research in Oncology, an international non-profit clinical trials consortium.

Ms. Visco has been appointed to several Institute of Medicine (IOM) panels and served as a member of the IOM Roundtable on Evidence Based Medicine. She is a previous member of the board of directors of Women's Way in Philadelphia, the nation's oldest and largest women's funding federation.

SPEAKER

Dennis Slamon, M.D., Ph.D.



Dr. Dennis Slamon received his Ph.D. in cell biology and M.D. from the University of Chicago in 1975. His Ph.D. work involved the study of the Kirsten sarcoma virus in the laboratories of Dr. Winston Anderson and Werner Kirsten at that university. After graduation, he went on to complete his internship, residency and chief residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Chicago Hospitals and Clinics then went on to complete his specialty training in Hematology and Oncology at UCLA.

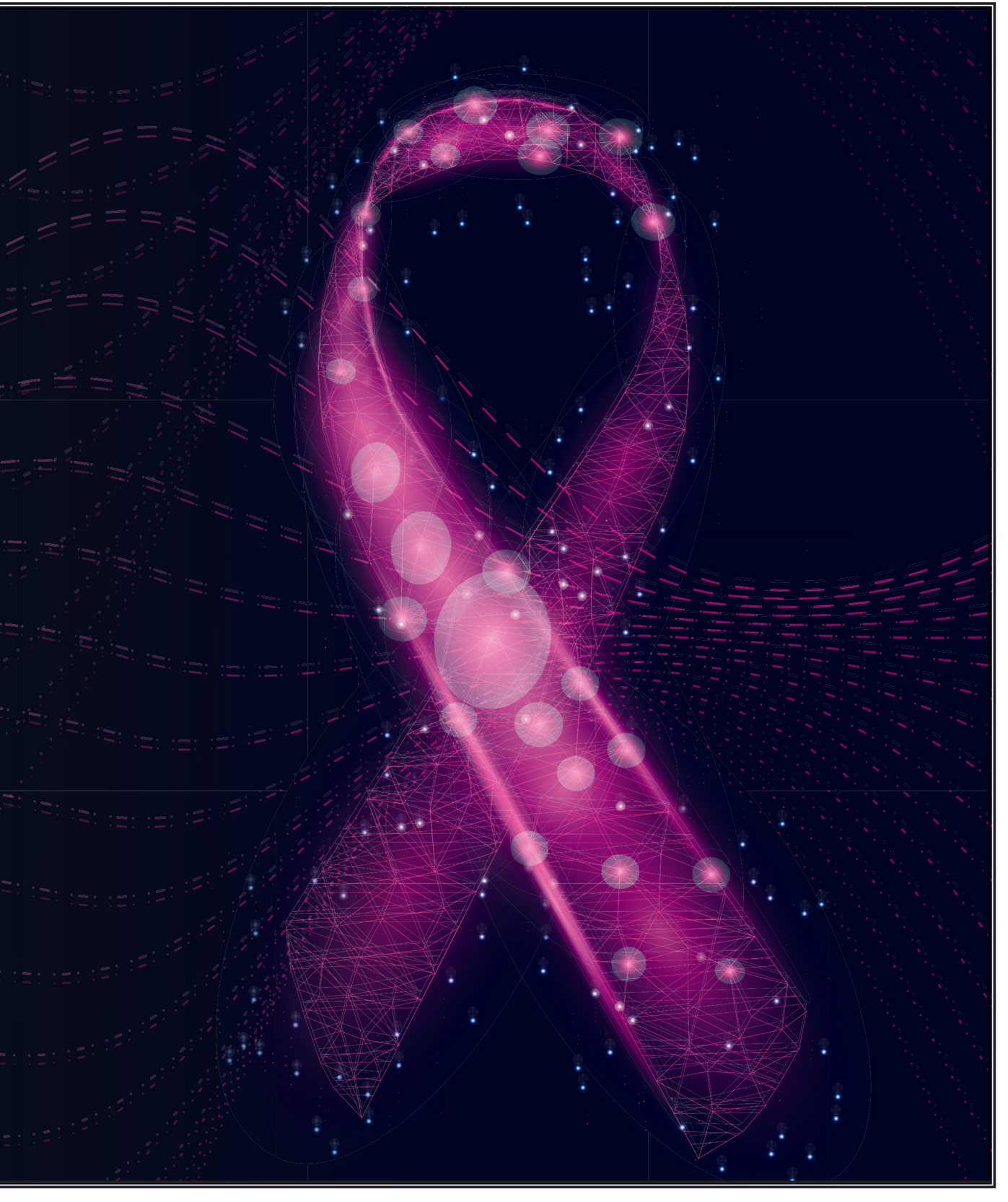
He joined the faculty of medicine at UCLA in 1982 where he now serves as Chief of the Division of Hematology/Oncology in the Department of Medicine and Director for the Division of Clinical/Translational Research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. He has published more than 270 scientific papers in the area of cancer research. He began his studies on the genes and molecular pathways involved in cancer with his initial work on the expression of these genes in a variety of human malignancies in 1984 published in Science that year. Subsequent early research involved the identification characterization of the proteins encoded by known cancer causing genes in order to better understand how they initiated and/or were involved in the malignant process.

He is best known for his work studying the HER2 gene and the role it plays in one of the most aggressive forms of breast cancer. He led some of the initial preclinical and ultimately clinical research that resulted in the breakthrough treatment, trastuzumab (Herceptin) that is now used worldwide to treat the 20% of human breast cancers in which this pathway is involved. His most recent work resulted in the approval of a new class of agents to treat the most common type of breast cancer, those that are hormonally driven. This class of agents inhibits the cdk-4/6 pathway which is critical in these particular breast cancers and accounts for some 60-65% of this disease. His laboratory has now expanded their research work into identifying new and novel therapies for a number of other human malignancies including ovarian, pancreatic, colorectal and lung cancers.

He has received numerous national and international awards for his research including the Albert & Hinda Rosenthal Award from the AACR in 1999, the Salk Translational Research Award from UCSD, the Bristol-Myers-Squibb Millenium Award in 2000, the Dorothy P. Landon Award from the AACR in 2003, the American Cancer Society Medal of Honor in 2004, the Karnofsky Award from ASCO in 2006, the Lister Award from the University of Glasgow in 2006, the Gairdner Foundation International Award for Research in 2007, the Warren Alpert Foundation Award from Harvard Medical School in 2007, the MTTC International Award for Molecular Targeted Therapy in 2013, the Hope Fund for Cancer Research Award in 2013, the Sjöberg Prize from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, the Lasker~DeBakey Clinical Medical Research Award in 2019, and Szent-Györgyi Prize for Progress in Cancer Research in 2024.

Thank you to NBCC for being a leader in ending breast cancer.

Linda Essakow & Stephen Gunther



Cindy and Alan Horn

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our mission to end breast cancer.

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A special thanks to the National Breast Cancer Coalition for the important work you do to end breast cancer through meaningful action and advocacy. Your strength inspires us.

-Lynda and Stewart Resnick

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OUR MISSION: TO END BREAST CANCER FOR EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, THROUGH THE POWER OF ACTION AND ADVOCACY

Founded in 1991, the National Breast Cancer Coalition is a collaboration of activists, survivors, researchers, policymakers, grassroots groups, and national organizations that have come together as disruptive innovators for social change.

NBCC links hundreds of organizations and tens of thousands of individuals from across the country in a dynamic, diverse coalition that gives breast cancer a meaningful voice in Washington, DC, and state capitals; in laboratories and health care institutions; and in local communities everywhere.

Visit **stopbreastcancer.org** to learn more.

Historic highlights

1991: NBCC, a collaboration of activists, survivors, researchers, policymakers, and grassroots and national organizations, is founded.



1993: NBCC grassroots advocates deliver more than 2.6 million signatures on a petition to President Clinton, sparking the launch of the National Action Plan on Breast Cancer.



1995: NBCC holds the first Project LEAD Institute to train breast cancer activists in the language, concepts, and processes they must understand to participate in breast cancer research. More than 2,500 advocates have completed the program to date.



2010: NBCC launches the Artemis Project®, an innovative, advocate-led collaborative research effort seeking solutions to stop people from getting and dying from breast cancer. These collaborations have resulted in a preventive vaccine that will soon enter a Phase I clinical trial.

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2017: NBCC launches the DNA.Land project to develop a large-scale genetic database for breast cancer research.



2018: NBCC introduces the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act to waive the lengthy waiting periods for SSDI and Medicare that eligible people with metastatic breast cancer face.



2024: NBCC advocates secure 272 House cosponsors in support of the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act — a record number for the bill.



2025: The Biden White House honored NBCC President Fran Visco with the Presidential Citizens Medal, the second-highest civilian award in the US, for her lifelong advocacy.



2026: Created in response to NBCC advocacy, the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program's cumulative investment in breast cancer research surpasses $4.6 billion.



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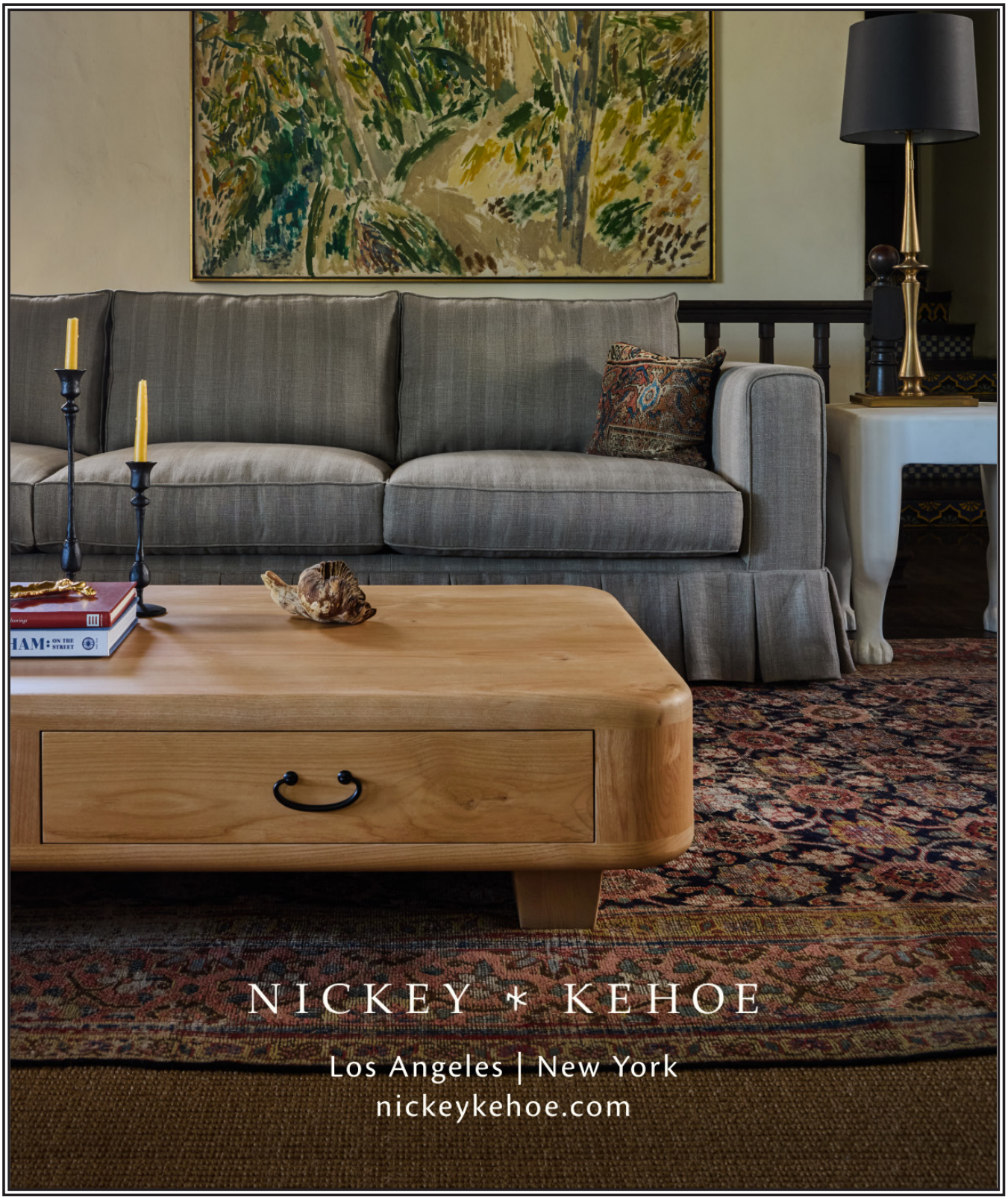
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for your vision, hard work,
and extraordinary
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Linda Essakow

Keep up the amazing work.....

Steve thanks for always being

there for Linda and Linda

for Steve...

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On behalf of Cedars-Sinai, thank you to

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for your determination to end breast cancer.

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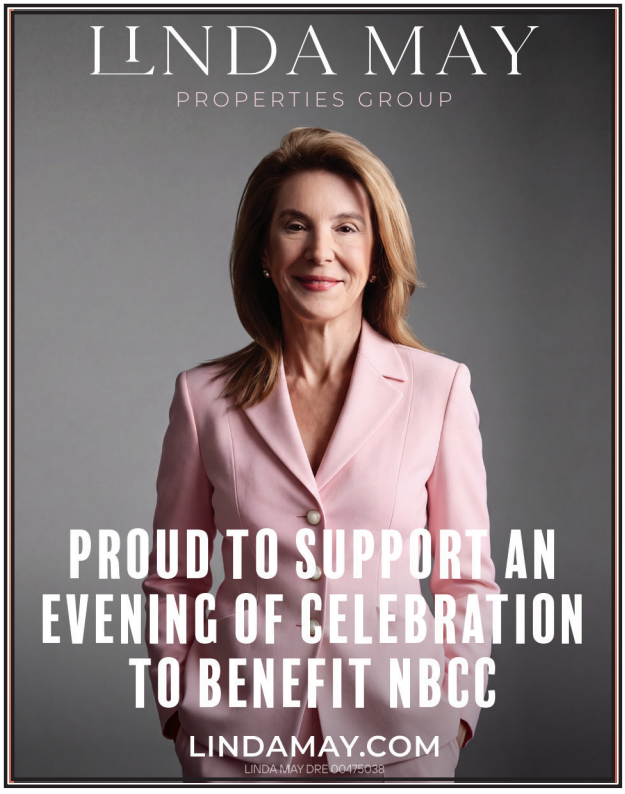
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NBCC continues to move forward in the fight to END BREAST CANCER.

So proud to be a part of this extraordinary organization.

Thank you all for your incredible support.

Sherry Goldman, NP



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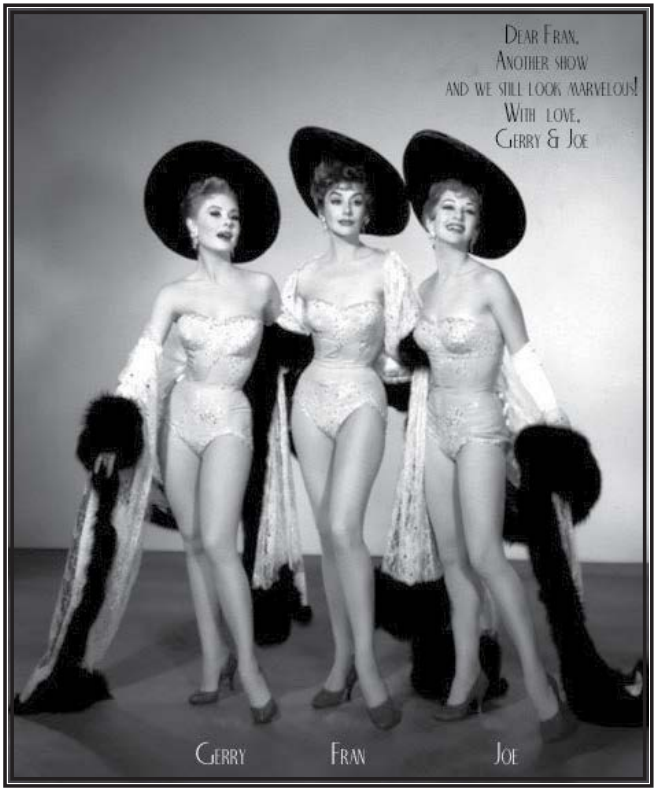
Linda Rothweiler

Robert Simmons

In honor of NBCC and Linda Essakow for all of your hard work to end breast cancer.

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Greg Essakow and Kira Posner



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Joe Keenan,

Your extraordinary talent, wit, and creativity have a way of bringing people together and making every moment unforgettable. We are incredibly grateful that you continue to share your gifts with us and help make Les Girls so special.

With heartfelt gratitude,

NBCC and the Les Girls Committee

Alec and Bryan,

Your generosity, friendship, and dedication to NBCC mean more to us than words can express. We are deeply grateful for the many ways you continue to show up for NBCC with your kindness, support, and a genuine commitment to our mission.

Thank you for believing in our work and making a meaningful difference year after year. We are truly fortunate to have you as part of NBCC.

With sincere appreciation,
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ANDREW,

Your dedication and countless hours behind the scenes bring this special evening to life. The magic of Les Girls would not be possible without you!

WITH GRATITUDE,

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ALLISON

It takes incredible talent, creativity, and heart to bring an event like Les Girls to life and you do it beautifully. Thank you for your hard work and all the magic you create behind the scenes. We are so grateful for everything you do to make Les Girls a night to remember!

With heartfelt thanks,

NBCC

Les Girls and Guys

Thank you for sharing your talents and for taking the time to do so. The passion, energy and dedication you show turn an evening of entertainment into an unforgettable night, and we are very grateful to each and every one of you.

With endless gratitude,
NBCC

Production Staff

Producer
Andrew Carlberg

Director & Choreographer
Lee Martino

Musical Director
Michael Orland

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Jenna Filippelli

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Christian Vincent

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Joe Keenan

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Thank You Les Girls Crew



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and how to get involved, please contact:

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