

Eleventh Annual Red Dress Run

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We had a fabulous and record breaking turnout for the 11th Annual Red Dress Run. One hundred twenty nine runners in a wide array of fantastic fashions raised a record amount, \$1,468, for the Crime Victims Assistance Center! Our turnout last year was 74 runners, so Brendan Flynn and I are truly amazed at the big increase this year. The red dress stock at Salvation Army, Old Navy and other popular shopping spots must be depleted.

Everyone looked great and if you are ever having a hard day, just look at some of the pictures and the smiles. All the smiles. That's what makes it so fun and so worth it. I don't know if the young kids dare each other to dress up and come, but we have quite a contingent of high school age runners that show up and they clearly have a blast.

Okay. On to the results! We had a couple of ties since so many runners took such care and thought with their ensembles.

- First Frock Male- Shawn Horan. His long legs looked great in a short, sleeveless dress. His time was 15:58. Great job on the hills Shawn!
- First Frock Female- Janine Fitzgerald. She looked just perfect in a v-neck dress and shoes with red accents. Her time was 19:12. Well done.
- Finest Frock- Michelle Clark. Very pretty with lots of sparkles on the top part of her dress and red, feathery head band. Elegant!
- Best Buns- Scott Parks. A short, very form fitting, strapless red dress accentuated by a string of pearls.
- Most Cleverly Coordinated Ensemble- A tie! Myron Mokris and Joe Gwizdaloski. I don't think they consulted with each other before the race, but Myron and Joe both went all out with red hats, bags and socks, in addition to fabulous frocks. Very nice gentlemen.
- Most Creative Coiffure- Aaron Wilkes. Drawing inspiration from Shirley Temple, Aaron had a head full of blond curls with a red bow. Cute!
- Most Desperate Housewife- John Kopollack. Lip stick, red sports bra, long red polka dot dress, red socks, red ball cap. Seemed a bit desperate with the lip stick! Good job.
- Greatest Gams- Margaret Betz. Besides looking good, those gams sure do some great running!
- Male Most in Touch with His Feminine Side- Another tie! Ken Weir. He had a pink chiffon dress with a tight bodice and flowy skirt, which looked lovely in motion. Brian Shatara. He was naughty ... or nice. His dress was described by judges as a "Santa see thru nightie." Oh my.

Saucony donated four gift certificates for shoes. Two go to the first male and female finishers and the other two are raffled off. Raffle winners were Emily Greenfield and Tom Ferraro.

Brendan and I could not do this without all the help from volunteers. Much thanks and appreciation to Sue Priestly, Bob Hartmann, Ed Jenner - water station; George Joseph, Mike Vachon and son - water station, Larry and Jennifer Lepak - traffic control; Barb Morrissey, Vince Kelley, Esther Frustino, Jennifer Woltjen - judges; Mike Cordi - ME liaison/providing restrooms; Alan Jones - marking the course; Karren Bee Donohoe - coordinating raffle and official whistler; George Joseph - clock; Kevin Pasterchik - the money man! A big thanks also to Michael Niddaugh, Mary Ellen Jennison and Jean Rose-Klein from Crime Victims Assistance Center for all the help with registration and for bringing water. Hope we didn't forget anyone. Thanks again and see you next year!

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