



Lear Corp. is named the 2011 Corporation of the Year during the 20th annual General Motors Supplier of the Year event last week in Detroit. From left, General Motors Vice President Global Purchasing and Supply Chain Bob Socia, Lear Executive Vice President Ray Scott, Lear President and CEO Matt Simoncini, GM Chairman and CEO Dan Akerson, and GM Vice Chairman Steve Girsky together celebrated the supplier achievement. The Detroit Institute of Arts hosted the event.

GM Honors Suppliers at DIA Function

DETROIT — General Motors recognized 82 of its best global automotive suppliers representing 13 countries last week with its 2011 General Motors Supplier of the Year award during the 20th annual awards presentation held at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"The Supplier of the Year award winners' partnership, dedication and commitment to consistently perform above expectations played an important role in GM's success in 2011," said Bob Socia, vice president, Global Purchasing and Supply Chain.

"In 2012, we will continue to improve supplier relations to achieve a world-class supply chain focused on quality, ca-

capacity management and total cost."

The Corporation of the Year was Lear Corp., a supplier of seats and electrical components. Lear has been honored as a Supplier of the Year 13 times previously.

Of the 82 winning recipients, 63 have been recognized at least once since the awards began in 1992.

Nineteen companies won the award for the first time, and three diversity suppliers were honored: ABC Group Inc., Chemico Mays LLC, and Ideal Contracting, LLC.

The award recognizes the significant contributions of GM's suppliers in 2011 as part of the company's global prod-

uct and performance achievement.

The winners represent GM's view of the best the automotive industry has to offer in innovative technology, superior quality, outstanding launch support, crisis management and competitive total enterprise cost solutions.

The Supplier of the Year winners are chosen by a global team of GM purchasing, engineering, quality, manufacturing and logistics executives.

Lear, based in Southfield, has long been one of metro Detroit's stalwart auto suppliers. Lear has 98,000 employees working out of 207 facilities across 35 countries.

Relay for Life in Warren Scheduled for June 9-10

by Gerald Scott News Dept.

Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye, the local Relay for Life Event for 2012 lands at Warren City Hall and City Square the weekend of June 9-10.

That was the word from the American Cancer Society (ACS), which held its Relay for Life kickoff event earlier this month at the Royalty House in Warren.

"This year, our Relay is going to be our best year ever, that's our goal, to have the most outstanding event that we can," said Bev Watson, event chair, at the kickoff function.

"We're coming on with a lot more community participation and support, so I think it's going to be a really great event."

Relay for Life raises funds to support the American Cancer Society mission of saving lives from cancer by helping people stay well, helping people to get well, by finding cures and by fighting back.

The June 9-10 Relay event at City Square is a campout and gathering point for participants to publicly display their support for all of these various cancer education and remediation activities.

While fundraising for Relay for Life is fun and competitive, it is also crucial to continuing the mission of the American Cancer Society.

Since the ACS research program was started, more than \$3.4 billion has been awarded to cancer researchers across the nation, including 44 who have gone on to win the Nobel Prize.

Through Relay for Life activities held across the nation and in Warren, participants make it possible for ACS' ongoing lifesaving research to continue on and thrive. It helps all of the Society's education, advocacy and service programs to continue on as well.

"(Volunteers or participants) can call Maureen Rovas (at 586-530-6554) and she can give them informa-

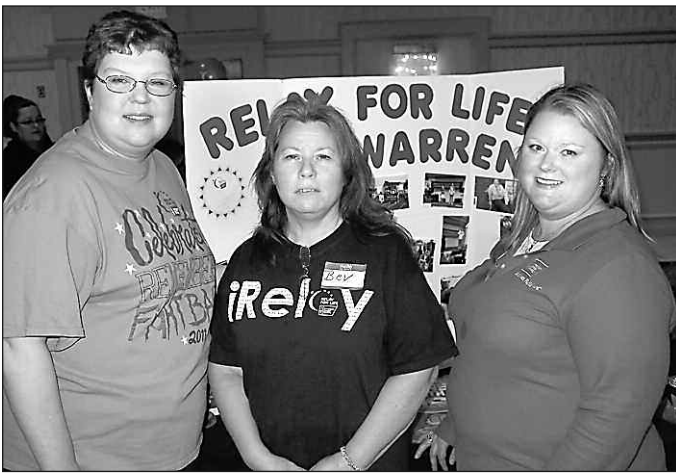


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Organizers of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life/Warren fundraiser held a kickoff party at the Royalty House earlier this month. From left are Mary Comfort (ceremonies chair), Bev Watson (event chair) and Maureen Rovas (ACS). The event will be held June 9-10 at Warren City Hall and City Square grounds.

tion, or they can go to our online Web site, RelayforLife/WarrenMI.org and they can sign on right there, or see where the next meeting's going to be," said event chair Bev Watson.

One trend Watson cited was even more participation from the local auto industry — supplier Henkel, which produces sealants and has factories in Madison Heights and Warren, will have its employees participating in an organized fashion for the first time.

"We've got a few other companies from Warren and Center Line, it's a blended community event (participating),"

she added.

"Every hour at the event, there's a brand new theme activity — even in the middle of the night we're going to have a sock hop. There's going to be lots of fun stuff all through the day."

"But of course, we'll focus on what the mission is for the event itself — celebrating those that are fighting cancer, teaching people how to fight back, and also an opportunity for them to honor, or remember those who are fighting cancer or lost their life."

"Teamwise, last year, we had 25 teams but we had thousands of people."

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