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O'Mara hosts Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester forum in Bath ~ See more about last night's 'A Round Table Discussion for Breast Cancer Survivors'

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Bath, N.Y., October 15—As part of the continuing observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month throughout October, State Senator Tom O'Mara (R,I,C-Big Flats) and the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester (BCCR) held “A Round Table Discussion for Breast Cancer Survivors” Wednesday night at the Dormann Library in Bath.

The evening's discussion drew approximately 25 participants and ran from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the library on 101 W. Morris Street. Coalition representatives led the evening's discussion. Area breast cancer survivors and family members were invited to attend to listen

and to share their own stories. It was the first of six breast cancer survivor round table being held across the region throughout the fall (see the schedule [HERE](#)).

“We know that millions of American women are living right now in the aftermath of a breast cancer diagnosis,” said O’Mara. “The Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester is already an active and welcome source of support for breast cancer survivors and their families across our region. This local input will help the Coalition improve and strengthen their vital services for patients and families in the future.”

According to the Coalition, “We would like to invite breast cancer survivors and family members to a community round table to learn about their experiences following diagnosis. What happened when you were diagnosed with breast cancer? What resources were you and your family given? To where did you turn for support or help? What resources did you find in the community? What resources did you access? What do you wish you would have had access to at any point following your diagnosis?”

It’s estimated that almost 3 million women in the United States are currently living in the aftermath of a breast cancer diagnosis.

For more information on the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester, visit www.bccr.org.

[The photo above shows Senator O’Mara, Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester staff and attendees at last night's event.]