

Jean, first of all I am sorry I am unable to attend today. Wanted to let you know too that Kim Setty also had dense breast and discovered her own lump after having a mammogram. She talked to me last year after my surgery in February per telephone conversation and said her situation was the same as mine. She had a mammogram and it was ok. Then she found her own lump. Due to dense breast the mammogram failed her also.

Amina babysat her two children for five summers and they attended McCollom also. They are now 16 and 13 years old. They live close to McCollom and I met Kim through McCollom.

Emotionally it is very difficult for me – this is why I was unable to come. Thank you for everything and I sure hope JoAnn from New York was able to make it.

Sincerely, Fora

My situation – I had a mammogram on December 29, 2010. Got the letter in the mail on January 3, 2011 telling me the mammmogram was fine. I discovered the lump on January 11, 2011. Then I called back the mammogram facility and they told me I have to go back to my OBGYN. I called back immediately to my OBGYN office and went in and showed him the lump. He made a prescription for me to go back to mammogram facility and have a sonogram. I went to the mammogram facility and they sonnogrammed the breast and they saw the tumor immediately. Then they told me I needed a biopsy. So they did this following the sonogram.

I went back to school to work and the next day they called me at work and told me it was cancer. This was 13 days after my mammogram that we as women all trust with our life. It sure seems like we are being fooled and not being told our honest results of our mammograms.

This is very difficult and hard for me to figure out why we are being told our mammograms are good when they know they cannot see the picture properly. It is like the fog yesterday. We take all the precautions to put on our headlights and not drive if the fog is bad. We have a brain and technology to know if we need our lights and not to drive if the visability is bad. We also have a brain that God gave us along with technology to know wohen we need further testing beyond a mammogram if we have dense breast. Lets all use our heads and pass this bill for all wimen now. Even a small child knows when a regular photograph is foggy and needs a clear picture to see the photo. Thanks again for everything.

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