



ALS Association
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The ALS Association Greater New York Chapter

Monthly Update

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June Support Groups

SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY

June 1, 2010 6:00-8:00 PM
(1st Tuesday of every month)
Stony Brook University, Dept. of Neurology
179 North Belle Meade Rd, E. Setauket
(631) 444-1970

Topic: Open Discussion.

Facilitator: Theresa Imperato, RN - (631) 444-4623

NASSAU COUNTY, NY

June 6, 2010 2:00-4:00 PM
(1st Sunday of every month)
North Shore's Central General Hospital
888 Old Country Road, Plainview
Downstairs Meeting Room; (516) 719-3000

Topic: Open Discussion.

Facilitators: Theresa Imperato, RN - (631) 444-4623
Jody Wiesel, PhD - (917) 699-9751

MANHATTAN, NY

June 15, 2010 6:00-8:00 PM
(3rd Tuesday of every month)
Phillips Ambulatory Care Center (Beth Israel)
10 Union Square East (Bet. 14th & 15th St.)
2nd Floor, Conference Room #1

Topic: Open Discussion.

Facilitator: Jody Wiesel, PhD - (917) 699-9751

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ

June 19, 2010 1:00-3:00 PM
(3rd Saturday of every month)
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
Medical Education Building, Rm 108A
180 Somerset Street, Follow signs to meeting.

Topic: Newly Diagnosed PALS.

Facilitators: Debbie Schlossberg, LMSW
(732) 710-8832
Mary Ann Mertz, RN

For more information about our Support Groups
go to the Patient Services section at:
www.als-ny.org or call 212-619-1400.

2010 Walk to Defeat ALS

JUNE WALKS

Saddle Brook Walk - Sunday, June 6

Westchester Walk - Sunday, June 13

Join us for a day of fun, food & music - and finding a cure for ALS!

For more information go to: www.alswalks.org.

We look forward to achieving greatness together this season.

Please contact us with any questions you may have!

Allison Lardner, Walk Manager, alardner@als-ny.org, 212.720.3042



Save The Date

Long Island Walk - Sunday, Sept. 26

Special Support Group Meeting for Newly Diagnosed PALS at Robert Wood Johnson.

June's support group meeting at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital will be designed especially for PALS and families who have been diagnosed within the past 10 months. The goal of the special meeting will be to provide basic information and share resources which are of particular relevance to individuals at the beginning of the ALS journey. Information will be available on The ALS Association and its services as well as facts about ALS, basic home care, information of interest to

Veterans, caregiving, and advocacy. If you have questions about clinical trials, the multi-disciplinary approach of ALS clinics, commonly used equipment and devices, and coping, this will be a safe place to get your questions answered by others who share your experiences and the professionals who partner with them.

For more information, contact Debbie Schlossberg, Patient Services coordinator at schlossberg@als-ny.org.



The NY Chapter has a Lending Library available to all PALS.
We have DVDs of movies & TV shows and books on CD or audio tape to lend.
Please contact Christine Dunn at the Chapter office or e/mail dunn@als-ny.org.





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June ALS Fundraiser to Feature Yanks World Series Trophy

The ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) fundraiser taking place on June 19 at Bocelli Ristorante in Staten Island got even more exciting for charity-minded Yankees fans when it was announced that the team's World Series trophy will be on display for taking personal pictures.

Featured in the New York Times and the Staten Island Advance, this stop on the World Series trophy's world tour represents the only fundraising event at which it will appear.

Fans of the Yankees on Staten Island and anyone who supports The ALS Association Greater New York Chapter has Allstate's Chris Scandaglia to thank. He has again taken the lead in the fight against Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Scandaglia, a licensed account manager for the Steven Schneider Allstate Agency at 1254 Prospect Avenue in Brooklyn, sponsors a May fundraising drive and sports memorabilia raffle in honor of his grandfather Frank Galinaro, who died of ALS in 1990. Scandaglia's efforts have raised over \$10,850 for the ALS NY Chapter in the last four years.

This year, the New York Yankees donated a special array of items including signed baseballs from Rich (Goose) Gosage and 2009 World Series MVP Hideki Matsui, an autographed Joe Girardi photo and an autographed old-timers ball (signed by Moose Skowron, Ron Guidry, Jim Coates, Don Larsen, Ken Griffey Sr., Mel Stottlemyre, Chad Curtis, Jerry Narron, Rick Cerone, Bobby Richard-

son, Mike Easler, Jesse Barfield, Hector Lopez and Dr. Bobby Brown).

The raffle ends at the dinner at Bocelli Ristorante in Staten Island on June 19 (Lou Gehrig's birthday) from 1-5 p.m. Tickets are \$70. For additional information, phone 718-686-1200.

"This year's fundraiser will be the first held at a restaurant," says Scandaglia, "and I look forward to it being a rousing success, raising many thousands of dollars for ALS NY and in the process, honoring the memory of my grandfather."

VOLUNTEER IN-HOME VISIT PROGRAM

The New York Chapter is pleased to announce the expansion of our long-standing volunteer program to now include home visit assistance and companionship.

Would you like help with tasks or errands, yard work or correspondence? Would you like companionship to listen to music or enjoy a book? Maybe you would like someone to walk your dog or help prepare a special meal. Volunteers can provide all this and much much more!

If your family can use help with any tasks, whether they be one-time projects or on-going in nature, we may be able to help. In New York contact Kayvan Freeman at 212-720-3055 or freeman@als-ny.org. In New Jersey contact Debbie Schlossberg at 732-710-8832 or schlossberg@als-ny.org.

In order to guarantee optimum quality, volunteers are interviewed and operate under the supervision of chapter professional staff.