



The ALS Association Greater New York Chapter

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Monthly Update

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the Lower Hudson Valley and Northern and Central New Jersey

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July Support Groups

NASSAU COUNTY, NY

Regular group day/time rescheduled
for a summer party.

Please bring food. Beverages will be provided.

Thursday, July 7, 2011 at Noon

The Hempstead Harbour Club

1 Garvies Pt. Road, Glen Gove, NY 11542

For more info call Theresa at (516) 946-5467

SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY

Cancelled for July.

Will meet again in August.

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ

July 16, 2011 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: Accessible Travel

Speaker: Jani Nayar, Ex. Coordinator,

SATH (Society for Accessible Travel.)

Facilitators: Debbie Schlossberg, LMSW,

(732) 710.8832; Mary AnnMertz, RN

MANHATTAN, NY

Tuesday, July 19, 2011 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

Telephone Support Groups for Patients;

Caregivers & Adult Children of PALS will

continue intermittently over the summer.

Weekly sessions will resume in the fall. For more

info please call Sue Zimmerman at 212.720.3050.

Remember to Register: People living with ALS may self-enroll in the National ALS Registry via a secure online web portal at the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, www.cdc.gov/als. For more info go to: www.als-ny.org or call the Chapter office at 212 - 619-1400.

Advocates From Greater New York Chapter Meet With Key Legislators in Washington



Left to right: Daryl Cochrane, Janet Diminich, Stephanie Class-Polo, Diane Bradley, Kevin Dunne, Susanne Vorster, Rep. Peter King (R-Long Island), Carol Bishop, Dorine Gordon, Christina Raia, Helene Bowler, Joanne Senecal

On May 10th advocates from New York/New Jersey and from throughout the country descended upon our nation's capital for The ALS Association's National ALS Advocacy Day to secure greater funding for ALS research and for the ALS Registry. Over two dozen local advocates met with 25 Members of Congress and their staffs. A number of first-time advocates, including PALS, veterans, caregivers, and family & friends touched by ALS, joined long-time advocates to walk throughout the marble corridors of Capitol Hill and fight for the lives of people with ALS.

The New Jersey/New York delegations met with Senators Frank Lautenberg, Robert Menendez, and Charles Schumer, as well as with Representatives Peter King, Carolyn Maloney, Edolphus Towns, and others urging their support for increased funding for ALS. Our region is particularly fortunate to have leaders in Congress on this issue including Representatives King and Eliot Engel, whose National ALS Registry Act was signed into law in October, 2008.

Advocacy Day was on May 10th, but is more than just one day and will continue throughout the year, as we reach out to local and statewide policy makers in order to defeat ALS. If you're interested in joining our advocacy efforts, please contact Daryl Cochrane at dcochrane@als-ny.org or (212) 720-3051.