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**Greater New York Chapter**

The ALS Association Greater New York Chapter

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# Monthly Update

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## SEPTEMBER SUPPORT GROUPS

### NASSAU COUNTY, NY

No Meeting this month due to Labor Day.  
See everyone at the Walk to Defeat ALS at Eisenhower Park on Sept. 22nd!  
*Next month's support group meets October 6th.*

### SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY

Tuesday, September 3rd - 6 to 8 pm  
Stony Brook University,  
Department of Neurology  
179 North Belle Meade Rd  
East Setauket, NY  
Contact: Theresa Imperato, RN, (516) 946-5467  
& Cindy Keyser-Posner, LMSW (631) 416-2767  
Topic: Open Discussion  
*Next month's support group meets October 1st.*

### HUDSON VALLEY, NY

Tuesday, September 3rd - 6:30 to 8:30 pm  
Vassar Brothers Medical Mall  
Ambulatory Surgery Center  
Building C - 3rd Floor  
200 Westage Business Center  
Fishkill, NY  
Contact: Helen Mayer, RN, (845) 520-0952  
Topic: Open Discussion  
*Next month's support group meets October 1st.*

### WESTCHESTER, NY/WHITE PLAINS

Tuesday, September 10th - 6 to 8 pm  
Burke Rehabilitation Center  
785 Mamaroneck Ave., Main Hospital, Bldg. 7  
1st Floor, Conference Room G-41  
White Plains, NY  
Contact: Helen Mayer, RN, (845) 520-0952  
Guest speaker: Mona Shabazi, ACNP-BC, OCN, MSN, Neurology Nurse Practitioner - Hospital for Special Surgery  
Topic: ALS Research Update  
*Next month's support group meets October 8th.*

### NORTHERN NJ/SADDLE BROOK

Thursday, September 12th - 7 to 8:30 pm  
*(Note: Date change.)*  
Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation  
300 Market Street, Saddle Brook, NJ  
Contact: Debbie Schlossberg, LMSW  
and Mary Ann Mertz, RN, (732) 710-8832  
Guest Speaker: Steve Fasulo, Wilpage Medical  
Topic: Power Wheelchairs  
*Next month's support group meets October 3rd.*

### MANHATTAN, NY

Tuesday, September 17th - 6 to 8 pm  
Phillips Ambulatory Care Center  
(Beth Israel), 10 Union Square East  
(b/w 14th & 15th streets)  
Neurology Dept- 5th Floor Conference Rm  
Contact: Jody Wiesel, PhD, (917) 699-9751  
Guest Speaker: Betsy Thomason, RRT - Respiratory Therapist  
Topic: Stress and Breathing  
*Next month's support group meets October 15th.*

### CENTRAL NJ/NEW BRUNSWICK

Saturday, September 21st - 1 to 3pm  
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital  
Medical Education Building, Room 108A  
180 Somerset Street, follow signs to meeting  
Contact: Debbie Schlossberg, LMSW and Mary Ann Mertz, RN (732) 710-8832  
Guest Speaker: Ben Lieman, ATP, MSW; Assistive Technology Specialist - ALSA  
Topic: Overview of Assistive Technology  
*Next month's support group meets October 19th.*

## TELEPHONE SUPPORT GROUPS

For caregivers and patients. Summer schedule: will be held on a bi-weekly basis: 9/6, 9/20.  
*Friday groups resume weekly, beginning October 4th; details to follow*  
Contact: Sue Zimmerman at (212) 720-3050

## Upcoming Events

**9/9 - 4th Annual Joe Pettinato Golf Classic.** Tee Off at Suneagles Golf Club, Eatontown, NJ. For info on foursomes or sponsorships contact Kristen Cocoman at [Cocoman@als-nj.org](mailto:Cocoman@als-nj.org) or (212) 619-1400.

**9/10 - Young Professionals Group monthly meeting.** Info: Loren Domilici at [ldomilici@als-nj.org](mailto:ldomilici@als-nj.org) or (212) 720-3060.

**9/16 - 3rd Annual All Fore ALS Charity Golf Outing.** Hit the links at Ramsey Golf and Country Club, Ramsey, NJ. For info on foursomes or sponsorships, please contact Kristen Cocoman at [cocoman@als-nj.org](mailto:cocoman@als-nj.org) or (212) 619-1400.

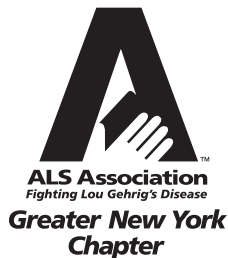
**9/22 - Long Island Walk to Defeat ALS.** Join us for the largest ALS Walk in the country - [alswalks.org](http://alswalks.org). Contact Sarah Pattison at (212) 720-3042 or [spattison@als-nj.org](mailto:spattison@als-nj.org) for details.

**A Look Ahead - 10/20 - Hudson Valley Walk to Defeat ALS**

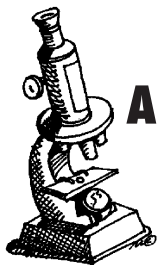
## The Fall Walk to Defeat ALS Season is HERE!



The nation's largest ALS Walk is just a few weeks away. Have you registered yet? Please join us on Sept. 22nd at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow, Long Island. Not to be outdone, the Hudson Valley Walk to Defeat ALS will be held on Oct. 20th, during the peak of the Fall foliage season, at the picturesque Walkway Over the Hudson in Highland, NY. The Walks are fun family days with live music, great food, and entertainment for the kids! To register, visit [www.alswalks.org](http://www.alswalks.org).



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## RESEARCH NEWS: ALS Association Announces \$4.3 Million in ALS Research Grants

The ALS Association announced its award of \$4.3 million in new research grants supporting 35 new projects for 2013. These awards are part of its Translational Research Advancing Therapy (TREAT ALS™) program, through which The Association funds a diverse portfolio of research to find treatments and a cure for ALS.

Funding is provided for projects in 14 states in the U.S., as well as in Canada, Belgium, the United Kingdom, Italy, Ireland, France, and Argentina.

“These awards will drive research on several emerging fronts in the quest to understand and find treatments for ALS,” said Lucie Bruijn, PhD, Chief Scientist for The ALS Association. “The generosity of our donors and supporters makes these grants possible. We are very grateful for that generosity and the opportunity it provides to make these awards for this important research.”

Through the financial support of individuals like you, the Greater New York Chapter funded the innovative research of Tom Maniatis, PhD of Columbia University. His project focuses on understanding the mechanisms of ALS. Dr. Maniatis received the Chapter's Jacob K. Javits Lifetime Achievement Award last Fall. Additionally, through the generosity of Chapter Member Marilyn Safenowitz, ALSA offered The Milton Safenowitz Postdoctoral Fellowship for ALS Research Award, in memory of her husband Milton Safenowitz, to six young scientists entering the field of ALS research.

Head to our website for the full version of this story.

**TEAM ALS Running 4 A Cure:** With the Marathon just two months away, Team ALS is kicking it in to high gear with intense training and fundraising. If you would like to learn more about this year's team, please visit our 2013 team page at: [www.bit.ly/TEAMALS2013](http://www.bit.ly/TEAMALS2013)

Our Marathon spots are officially sold-out but if you have an entry and would like to join Team ALS for the ING New York City Marathon or at a local race in your area, please contact Kristen Cocoman at: [cocoman@als-ny.org](mailto:cocoman@als-ny.org). Also, if you can't run in the marathon we will be cheering on the Team from the race route, come rain or shine. Stay tuned for those details.

**FORE!** If golf is your game then we have plenty for you to do in September! On Monday, September 9th, the 4th Annual Joe Pettinato Golf Classic will be held at Suncagles Golf Club in Eatontown, NJ.

Next up to tee-off is the 3rd Annual All Fore ALS Charity Golf Outing on Monday, September 16th at Ramsey Golf and Country Club in Ramsey, NJ.

For information on foursomes or sponsorships, please contact Kristen Cocoman at [cocoman@als-ny.org](mailto:cocoman@als-ny.org) or (212) 619-1400.

**Employee Giving Made Easy:** Are you looking for an easy way to help support the ALS Association Greater New York Chapter? Employee giving could be a great option for you and you can probably do it from your desk! Through an employee giving program, you can dedicate pre-tax money to the Chapter and support the ALS research and the thousands we serve each year. To designate our Chapter, you may use the following codes:

- Combined Federal Campaign (CFC): 56276
- State Employees Federated Appeal (SEFA): 99900019
- Combined Municipal Campaign (CMC): 1741
- United Way: The ALS Association Greater New York Chapter

If you're unsure if your place of work participates in this type of program, please contact Loren Domilici at 212-720-3060 or [ldomilici@als-ny.org](mailto:ldomilici@als-ny.org) for assistance.