



AZMN News

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The Newsletter for People Interested in Multiple Myeloma

From the President.. Our Greetings and Best Wishes to all for a Healthy New Year!

This year was especially challenging for 'us' personally. Jack, my husband and 20 year myeloma survivor, went through open heart surgery in February, 2011. He showed courage and determination and was at our 5th Annual Living with Myeloma Conference just five weeks later.



We had a great conference, almost doubling our attendance, and again featuring the renowned myeloma specialist, Dr. Robert Kyle, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, and other leading myeloma specialists, researchers, and healthcare professionals to provide the latest information on new treatments, insurance, financial aid, and healthy lifestyle programs.

Our 3rd Race for Hope for All Cancers, May 1st, sponsored by the Black Bear Diners and Smashburgers, was a great success, with over 350 'walkers' and 'runners.' This year's Race was both a tribute to cancer survivors, and also to others who have lost their battle. We 'Celebrated' the courage and humor of Nick Gulli, a myeloma patient, friend, and volunteer, who died just 10 days before the Race.

In June, we held our 4th AzMN/John Wayne Navajo Cancer Awareness and Advocacy Conference in Window Rock and brought together an outstanding collaboration of speakers and organizations including Arizona Cancer Center, Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation, local Navajo cancer groups, and traditional healers. Shakira Begay, an 11 year old leukemia patient, who came to our conference last year in a wheel chair, received treatment and financial assistance as a result of our efforts, and is now in remission!

Special thanks to Bill Hite, President of the United Association of Plumbers, Pipefitters, Steamfitters and Service Techs, who joined us for the third year as our Tournament Sponsor. Bill, a myeloma survivor, and his wife and caregiver, Pat, have been major supporters of AzMN since 2009.

We hope you will attend our 6th Annual Living with Myeloma Conference: Road Map to a Cure for Myeloma, Saturday, March 24th. [Details and registration are available on our website. We would appreciate any assistance. Check our web site for other ways to participate, whether it is a donation or volunteering for our programs.](#)

We are grateful to all of our sponsors, local businesses, the AzMN Board, volunteers, and staff for being part of our 'Team'. Your support and energy give us the strength and resources to keep working and dreaming of a world without cancer.

.....Barbara and Jack Kavanagh

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2012 CALENDAR

March 24, 2012 - 6th Annual Living with Myeloma Conference

June 23, 2012 - 5th Annual AzMN/Navajo Nation Cancer Awareness Conference.

November 10, 2012 - 8th Annual AzMN/UA Golf Classic McCormick Ranch Golf Course

Save the Date!

6th Annual Arizona Myeloma Network Living with Myeloma Conference: Road Map to a Cure for Myeloma!

Saturday, March 24

Chaparral Suites Ballroom, Scottsdale

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Conference is free

Continental Breakfast and Lunch included

CMEs will be Available

Details at www.azmyelomanetwork.org

Register now online at

www.azmyelomanetwork.org/what/2012confreg.html



Kevin McCabe, CBS Outdoors; Kurt Riske and Chuck Riske, Black Bear Diners; Scott Hairston, New York Mets

Successful Golf Tournament October 22nd

More than 225 golfers, sponsors, volunteers and guests, attended the 7th Annual AzMN/UA Charity Golf Classic at McCormick Ranch Golf Club on Saturday, October 22nd.

It was the largest golf tournament in AzMN history and raised an unprecedented amount of funds to help support our 2012 education and advocacy programs. It will also help implement our AzMN Cancer Caregiver's Seminar in 2012, and the 1st Barbara and Jack Kavanagh Myeloma Researcher Award.

See photo show and sponsorship recognition page on our website

<http://azmyelomanetwork.org/what/2012golfsponsors.html>

We hope to see you at next year's tournament on Saturday, Nov. 10th, 2012 at McCormick Ranch Golf Club.

A Photo Review of AZMN's Amazing 2011 Events and Activities



Bill Hite, Dr. Robert Kyle, Jack Kavanagh
Living with Myeloma Conference



Pat and Bill Hite – 2011
AzMN/UA Golf Tournament



2011 Race for Hope



← Living with Myeloma
Conference



↑ Race for Hope Lead Car

Greg Graber, John Wayne Cancer Foundation,
Barbara & Jack Kavanagh, AzMN
Navajo Nation Cancer Conference →



Navajo Nation Cancer
Awareness Conference
John Wayne Meets Indian Dancers



Butch Baird, Scott Hairston, Bill Hite,
J. Buchanan – UA



↑ 2011 AzMN/UA Golf Tournament
K. Eames, Karen Mertz, Diane
McArthur, Pat Hite



← Bagpipers on McCormick Ranch
Golf Resort – 2011