



**Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and New Year!**

### Note from the President!

2007 has been an amazing year for AzMN, having just become a 501(c)3 Charity in December 2006. We held a very successful 'Living with Myeloma' Conference in Tucson, on March 31, 2007 and were honored by the Governor with the Arizona flag hung in our honor at the State Capitol. And, March 31-April 7 was named Myeloma Awareness Week in Arizona. April 2nd, AzMN was awarded a grant from the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program for our Tissue Donor Awareness Project, TDAP. AzMN is taking the lead in creating awareness of the importance of 'tissue donation' for cancer research. My Deputy Director, Kay Kays, has been a leading Pancreatic Cancer Patient Research Advocate and together, we are dedicated to encouraging research for not only myeloma and pancreatic cancer, but for all cancer patients. Our TDAP Workshops were held in Phoenix, Prescott and Tucson, and were led by panels from TGen, Banner, Arizona Cancer Center, and the Coordinator of Clinical Trials for the Multiple Myeloma Research Collaborative. More than 200 cancer patients, support groups, leaders in the BioScience field enthusiastically participated.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Annual AzMN**  
**Charity Golf**  
**Tournament**  
**November 7, 2008**  
**Orange Tree Golf Resort**  
**Check the website after**  
**February 1 for more details**

Our 3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament was a great success and raised funds to continue our Education, Awareness and Advocacy programs and will support our 2nd 'Living with Myeloma' Conference which will be held at the Scottsdale Conference Center, on Saturday, March 29, 2008.

It will also help us to continue our important work on behalf of 'tissue donation' for cancer research that will mean earlier diagnosis, better treatment, and hopefully, The Cure for all cancers!

-Barbara Kavanagh



Thanks to Sarah Klez, member of the multiple myeloma support group. Check out her website <http://justbereflexions.tripod.com> for more inspirational messages, cards, posters, and books.

### 2007 GOLF TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS



Greg Morey of Black Bear Diner, Barbara Kavanagh, Bruce Jacobs (Celebrity Host), and Jack Kavanagh with sponsoring Black Bear Diner Mascots.



Jack Kavanagh, Marsha Oakes representing sponsor Arrowhead Community Bank, Barbara Kavanagh, and Sherry Pierce – golfer.



Dave Kimbrell and Amy Ordorica, winners of the Ray Romano Show Ticket auction, with Barbara and Jack Kavanagh.

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  - Antigua
- Thanks to all and see you next year!**

# Tissue Donor Awareness Program (TDAP™)

Pictures from the three workshops held in Phoenix, Prescott, and Tucson



Phoenix Faculty



TDAP Volunteers



Prescott "Angels"



Phoenix Audience



Prescott Attendees



B. Kavanagh, K. Kaysik, K. Sobol



Tucson Faculty



Tucson Audience

**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Living With Myeloma Conference**  
**March 29, 2008**  
**Scottsdale Conference Center**  
 More details on the Agenda in our next newsletter and at [www.azmyelomanetwork.org](http://www.azmyelomanetwork.org) January 15th.

## Jewelry Party Fundraiser

A Silpada Silver Jewelry Fund Raiser for AzMN was held October 28 hosted by Carole Hagstrom, AzMN volunteer and Lynn Caldwell, a friend of Carole's and representative of the Silpada Jewelry parties. I was so pleased to be invited to attend the Silpada party to shop and to talk a little about our work with myeloma. There were more than 25 generous ladies who had fun buying fabulous jewelry for holiday gifts and for themselves. Carole donated her 'hostess' gifts and Lynn donated a percentage of the sales that day. A number of the women also wrote checks to help us continue our work with myeloma patients.

Our special thanks to Carole and Lynn and all of our 'new' Anthem friends who made this such a wonderful event and raised over \$1000 for our cause.

Barbara Kavanagh plans to host a party in late January. Lynn would be glad to help anyone else who would like to host a party and receive free jewelry and also help raise money for AzMN. She can be contacted at [lynnc925@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnc925@yahoo.com).

Kay Kaysik and I thank all of the faculty, patients, families, and volunteers who have participated in our workshops over the past three months in Phoenix, Prescott, and Tucson. We have been touched by the tremendous interest and enthusiasm that we have encountered since we began the 'tissue' journey in April, 2007. The wonderful researchers, clinicians, cancer groups, patients, and others involved in the cancer field are greatly appreciated. We hope that we will find the support to continue this important work to create more awareness of the importance of donating tissue for research to improve treatment, and soon, find a Cure. You can see more pictures and the agendas of all three workshops on our website, [www.azmyelomanetwork.org](http://www.azmyelomanetwork.org).

- Barbara Kavanagh

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## Multiple Myeloma Support Group Visits TGEN

The November meeting of the Multiple Myeloma Support Group was followed by a tour of the Translational Genomics facility led by Dr. John Carpten, Director of Cancer Research. Participants were shown the equipment used and where the cells are analyzed to find ways of personalizing treatment for cancer patients. Dr. Carpten works with multiple myeloma, breast and prostate cancer research where they have already found a link between treatment plans that can help patients. It was a very informative tour and Dr. Carpten and Bodour Salhia were very gracious in answering questions for those present.

