



AZMN News

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The Newsletter for People Interested in Multiple Myeloma

From the President...

2009 has started off as busy as 2008 ended! We have been preparing for our 3rd Annual Living with Myeloma Conference on Saturday, March 28th and have added a new feature, a special Myeloma Research Roundtable, Friday, March 27th, for our faculty, and other myeloma researchers and scientists, to be able to 'connect' and share their work and their challenges.

We hope that meetings, both on Friday and Saturday, will lead to more collaboration among cancer researchers and resources to better serve patients and families in Arizona.

We have many exciting programs already planned for 2009, and are working on grants and other funding to support our awareness and educational programs.

Please help us out with your donations, or volunteering and simply participating in our programs. In these difficult economic times, it becomes even more critical for us to 'cooperate' and 'collaborate' to provide the much needed cancer programs for patients and families.

--Barbara Kavanagh

Donations may be made online at

www.azmyelomanetwork.org/donations.html

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH (AACR) MEETING FEBRUARY 3-6



The 2nd AACR conference on the science of cancer health disparities in racial/ethnic minorities and the medically underserved brought together top cancer scientists, educators,

researchers, and cancer survivors from all over the world to share research results and plan collaborations to better serve cancer patients and families.

Barbara Kavanagh was invited to present a workshop on "Tissue is the Issue: The Role of Cancer Patients in the Search for a Cure". She also served as a faculty member for the

survivor's group, which represented many cancer groups and those dealing with disparities in cancer care.



NEWS FLASH!

Arizona Myeloma Network was awarded a Komen grant for establishing a Cancer Patient Advocacy Training (CPAT™) Program at Ft. Defiance. More details in our next newsletter.



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You are cordially invited to join us
for the

3rd Annual Living with Myeloma Conference

Saturday, March 28, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Scottsdale Conference Center

7700 E McCormick Pkwy

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

480-991-9000



Speakers include: Dr. John Carpten, keynote speaker on the TGEN research and outreach to the underserved; Dr. Joseph Mikhael, Mayo on new developments in Myeloma Research, American Society of Hematology Report; other myeloma specialists from Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Mayo Clinic, Arizona Cancer Center and other myeloma and cancer leaders from Arizona, Nevada and other Southwestern and Western States. The Conference is now Regional and is open to all patients and families, friends, caregivers, cancer researchers, and community physicians and healthcare professionals. 4.5 CE/CME credits.



Continental breakfast and a hot lunch will be included.

Registration is available online at

<http://www.azmyelomanetwork.org> or call 623-388-6837.

UPCOMING EVENTS, 2009

April 21st – Black Bear Diner 'All Day All Food' Fundraiser at all four Black Bear Diner locations in the Valley. Invite family and friends and 'Eat to help AzMN'!

July 18th – 2nd Annual Ft. Defiance Cancer Awareness & Advocacy Conference (see flyer online).

October 18th – "Race for Hope" – Save the Date – more information coming, check the website.

November 7th – 5th Annual AzMN Charity Golf Tournament at McCormick Ranch. Early registration begins June 1st. Watch for details www.azmyelomanetwork.org!



Good news! We were excited to meet with Dr. Bergsagel on 3/9/09. He said Mike can return to a couple of days of work (music) by 4/9/09. As soon as he is ready, we will give you a week or two notice to return to Bobby C's Restaurant every Sunday Brunch from 2 to 4pm. blessings, Debi & Mike