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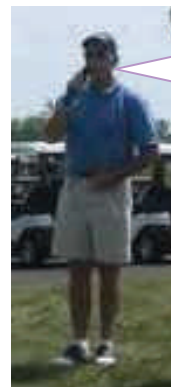
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6th Annual Lupus Charity Golf Classic

The 6th Annual Lupus Charity Golf Classic took place on Friday, August 18th at Shenendoah Golf Club at Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, NY. 116 golfers participated; each team receiving goodie bags and golf towels with our Golf Classic logo and Shenendoah's logo. The event raised \$26,000 in profit for our local program services and was chaired by Dr. Donald Raddatz, Basset Healthcare Rheumatologist and a member of our Honorary Medical Advisory Board. An Awards Dinner followed the tournament at the beautiful Shenendoah Clubhouse. First place trophies were presented to Team Keller in the Women's Division and Posen Construction in the Men's Division. Thank you to our Corporate sponsors, luncheon sponsors, golfers, prize donors, ticket sellers, tournament committee members, and volunteers. Next year's event is scheduled for Friday, August 10, 2007 at Shenendoah Golf Club.



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EDITOR'S NOTE

Suggestions or comments on the newsletter are always welcome. Please contact us with any address changes or other corrections to ensure accuracy in the database. If an address is incorrect the Post Office will not deliver under their revised policies and the mail piece will be returned and we will be charged a fee. Please notify us immediately of any changes to avoid extra postal fees. As Technical Director I also invite your input and assistance in improving our organization's operations, especially in maintaining our new website. Thank you.

Dave Arntsen

President's Message

I would like to share my remarks from the August Golf Classic and dedicate this message to our wonderful supporters who make volunteering here all worthwhile.

It doesn't seem possible that this is our Sixth Annual Charity Golf Classic. As I look around the room I see many new faces here tonight as well as those of you who have become part of our lupus family. And, if you look at the program you can see that we are always supported by our families and friends who have embraced this event wholeheartedly. They have named their teams after loved ones, sold raffles, donated prizes and their time, and urged others to join with us in our mission. I want to tell you a little about the people we support who are affected by lupus and who, in turn, have become our supporters and inspiration. You see, Lupus does not just affect an individual but strikes the entire family. Our passion-driven organization is fueled by the efforts and support of families. I want to recognize a few of these incredible people here with us tonight.

We have two Board Members, Sandi Frear and Ellen Gloo who have traveled all the way from Florida to take part in today's event. Sandi has sacrificed 4 weeks of her summer to be here as Fundraising Chairperson and created the beautiful auction baskets. Ellen Gloo is present even though her Mother was released from the Hospital yesterday, she donated the condo prize in the raffle as well as her kidney to her brother Jamie last year who is also here. Kathy Marziale and her family are here for the 6th year in a row, her daughter Calyn took a day off from work without pay just to participate. The Walseman's can be counted on for the long haul as well—Cathy has been involved with our organization in the north country since the early 80's. Geri Lemke is not only a great golfer but also a super fundraiser who supports us through a workplace event supported by her family & friends. The Teague Family is here in full force. Kathy and Phil have both been active with us since the early 90's as volunteers and board members. They put together and mail our quarterly newsletter with their sons Andrew and Matt. Helen Lenart and her family are here; not only did Helen coordinate our door prize donations, but she also worked tirelessly yesterday with my parents Pat & Jim Mitchell to put together the snack pack lunches. In case you did not notice, her hands are crippled today from her efforts. I would be remiss not to mention my family. Not only am I blessed with terrific parents who are always there by my side, but I also have supportive in-laws and an incredibly supportive husband who has to put up with my lunacy for the entire month of August each year. We also have Anita Allen here with her family. They win the award for the most creative team name, A-Nit-A Cure. It has been a tough week for Sarah Eastup as her Mom had open-heart surgery on Monday and yet she was here this morning working the registration line and her daughter Andrea has been a trooper all day long. Finally, I would like to mention that our Chairman of the Board Mike Jones has been a constant inspiration to all of us. He was diagnosed with cancer a week after last year's Golf Classic and has fought courageously for the past 12 months. Mike's Mother Liz and Sister Kathy were instrumental as founders and volunteers of this organization and both suffered from lupus. It is a testament to Mike's love for them that he continues to support us in every way while waging a battle of his own.

When people ask me why I give so much time and heart to this cause I answer, "How can I not when I am surrounded by such wonderful, giving people." Together we can climb mountains and eventually overcome diseases like lupus. Thank you all again for joining us here today and keeping our hope alive that we will conquer this devastating disease. Thank you so very much from the bottom of our hearts.

In closing I would like to share some figures with you on the 6th Anniversary of our Golf Classic. Because of your tremendous support and generosity over the years we have netted \$120,000 from this event which has enabled our small all-volunteer organization to enhance our local program services, and fund \$70,000 in grants to Lupus Research. Your generosity has helped propel us forward to improve the quality of life for those affected by lupus locally. Thank you so very much.

Try to stay warm and healthy—Kathleen

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For the 16th year, our organization volunteered at the Lupus Agencies of NY State Booth at the NY State Fair in the Science and Industry Building. Thanks to all of our volunteers: Dick & Helen Lenart (left), James, Patricia, Deborah, Tim, and Timmy Mitchell, Billy Jones, Don & Joan Gloor, Carolyn & Vincent Arcuri, Christine & Adrianna Prest, David & Kathleen Arntsen, and Amanda Nemcek. Kudos to Mari-Kristine & Jeff Neyhart and their family for doing a great job organizing the event again this year.

Support Group Information

Utica Area Facilitator-Helen Lenart

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The Utica Area Support Group usually meets monthly on the third Thursday at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Regional Cancer Center in Utica in Weaver Lounge, 2nd floor. The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on October 19, 2006.

Lewis County & Boonville Area, Jefferson County & St. Lawrence County

Our Annual Autumn Luncheon is on Saturday, November 18, 2006 from 11:30am to 3:00pm at the Ramada Inn on Arsenal St. in Watertown.



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