

Me....Carry the Torch?.....Cool

By: Blake Hanzlick

Last summer I remember seeing ads from Chevrolet asking for Olympic nominations. I thought it was neat that some special, influential people would be carrying the torch. In passing I also remember Kathleen Wille, the Development Director for the Wichita Keith Worthington Chapter, saying I was nominated. I thought "yeah right, I'm not special, and not influential, nice gesture though." Time passed and I totally forgot about it. A large manila envelope arrived in late July, maybe early August, the exact date slips me, from Chevrolet. I opened it and was flabbergasted! I had been selected to carry the torch.....wooo hoo.

I filled out the necessary paperwork and sent it in. Along with this was a note saying secrecy was required. Only immediate family was to know. A press notification was to be held in early September. That date was September 11. With the tragedy and uncertainty that followed, I completely forgot again about the Torch Run. Early November I was contacted by Chevrolet asking for information. My memory was jogged.

I told a few people but not nearly enough. Three weeks prior to the run I received my sweat suit. My wife and oldest daughter immediately laid claim to the suit. White clothes never stay white on me so the loss was inevitable. In the days before the Torch Run, I was interviewed by a newspaper and two television stations.

January 11 arrives and I find myself at my pick up point at 6:30 am. My hosts Angela and Kiko greet us, sign us in and inform us about a delay of two hours by the train that carries the flame. We were given our instructions and loaded into the shuttle. Our hosts kept us well entertained during our wait with stories and videos of the Torch Run. We learned about the torch symbolism, how the flame was born, and how sacred the flame is to the Greeks.

The train arrives and the run is underway. Soon I am unloaded at my starting point, the flame comes, is passed to me and I'm off as fast as my chair will go. Moments later it's over. Pictures are taken, video is filmed and it's over.

Emotions were so high it's very hard to express. Just being nominated is awesome. To think that Kathleen and Jean Haley, Patient Services, think that I am an inspiration renders me speechless. I can think of others more deserving of this honor. I am so honored and humbled to have carried the torch. I think I smiled for two days afterwards the joy was so great.

I would like to think that my inspiration is how I live. I believe these three things can summarize my attitude towards life. Wake up each day with a smile and a good attitude and the day will be good. It's much easier to make friends with a smile and a compliment *Continued on page 2*

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**Participate in Events coming to your area
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WICHITA

SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

The group met the evening of March 7th with 18 in attendance to hear Lu Duerkson, Family Life Therapist, Via Christi Medical Center speak on the changes in family dynamics when faced with the stresses of chronic illness. She discussed changes that take place in children of school age when faced with an ailing parent and how they push to find their boundaries. She suggested ways to mend fences and create new pathways of relating.

Next month we will all enjoy an evening of entertainment, as Susan Glacier, Director of Marketing and Sales for the Century II Convention Center has put together a slide show of all the previous ALS events complete with narration and colorful stories.

**HUTCHINSON
SUPPORT GROUP NEWS**

The group met Wednesday, March 6th with 10 persons in attendance. They were captivated with the presentation by Lu Duerkson, Family Life Therapist, Via Christi Medical Center on Family Dynamics in Chronic Illness. It led to a very interesting discussion of family relationships and how they change under stressful conditions. We were very happy to welcome back Donna Wooten, wife of Jay Wooten who has been absent since the death of her husband last fall. Everyone was eager to make her feel at home and back with her support family.

**KANSAS CITY
SUPPORT GROUP NEWS**

The Kansas City Night Support Group met March 5th at the Second Presbyterian Church for a very informative presentation on Hospice and Palliative Care. Dr. Jesse Roberts, Medical Director for North Care Hospice, touched on many aspects of providing patients and families a wide range and flexibility of services. Dr. Roberts discussed in depth the 'family focused' assistance of hospice. He stressed excellence of care, comfort, teaching and support to those patients experiencing life-limiting illness, so they may 'embrace and live life fully and with dignity' as long as possible. The Courtneys provided St. Patrick's Day 'leprechan green' cookies and punch to over 35 very grateful "lads and lasses".

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than a frown and a criticism. And finally tomorrow may never come, tell your family and friends you love them, and live each and every day to its fullest.

Carrying the Olympic Torch was one of the best days of my life. Thanks to all who made it possible!

The Wichita Keith Worthington Chapter is so pleased to have nominated and witnessed Blake Hanzlick carrying the Olympic flame. Blake came to mind for the nomination because of his enthusiasm for sports and his tremendous outlook on life. Blake has been involved in athletics all of his life. In college, Blake was a "yell leader" and traveled the United States one summer as an instructor for cheerleaders. He was an avid bow hunter, once presenting George Brett with a handcrafted bow. All three of Blake and Lana's children are very active in basketball and baseball. Blake's daughter has just signed with a junior college to play sports. We think Blake exemplifies the Olympic Spirit because of his courage as an ALS patient.

Kathleen Wille

**CURT SCHILLING TO PITCH FOR ALSA IN THE FIGHT AGAINST
LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE MAY 18-19**

"Covering All the Bases With ALSA" Teams Baseball Great With Fans for a Winning Cause

World Series co-MVP Curt Schilling will be pitching for another team this spring — The ALS Association (ALSA). Schilling will still be on the mound for the World Champion Arizona Diamondbacks, but he and his wife Shonda will also be teaming with ALSA to raise awareness and dollars to help those living with the disease and those searching for a cure. With fan support during Covering All the Bases with ALSA weekend May 18-19, every home run hit will result in a contribution to support the work of The ALS Association.

"Over the past eight years I've met many ALS patients and their families," Schilling said. "I've learned that ALS can strike anyone. The emotional and physical toll is devastating to the whole family. By pledging financial support for every home run hit during Covering All the Bases weekend, fans can help The ALS Association find a cure for Lou Gehrig's disease and help provide services for those battling ALS."

Beginning in April, fans will be able to log onto a special Covering All the Bases with ALSA section of www.alsa.org. On the site, they will be able to show their support for ALSA by making a financial pledge for every home run hit May 18-19 or by purchasing Covering All the Bases gear. On average, Major League Baseball clubs collectively hit 32 home runs a day when all teams are in action (or 64 home runs each weekend). A 50-cent pledge per homer could result in a donation of \$32 during Covering All the Bases weekend. Funds raised will be used to support ALS research and the activities of ALSA's local chapters nationwide.

"At any given time in the United States as many as 30,000 Americans are battling ALS," explained Michael Havlicek, president of The ALS Association. "ALSA is the only organization to cover all the bases in the fight against Lou Gehrig's disease through research, patient services, education, and advocacy. We're fortunate to have the support of the Schillings, along with baseball fans everywhere, to help us fund world class research

and support for patients and their families." The Schillings are long-time supporters of ALSA, beginning in Philadelphia in 1992. Schilling, then a pitcher for the Phillies, became aware of ALS through the team's active support of ALSA's Greater Philadelphia Chapter. "Shonda and I knew about Lou Gehrig's disease before I joined the Phillies," Schilling recalls, "but through my work with The ALS Association I met patients and their families. That personal interaction compelled us to do more." Over the past ten years, the Schillings have helped raise more than \$3 million to aid ALS research and ALSA services. They remain active with ALSA's Philadelphia Chapter and have also become important supporters of ALSA's Arizona Chapter.

Schilling was honored as the Phi Delta Theta's Lou Gehrig Award winner in 1996, presented annually to the major league player who best exemplifies the giving character of the Hall of Famer and fraternity member Lou Gehrig. He was the recipient of the 2001 Roberto Clemente and Branch Rickey Awards, baseball's esteemed community service honors, in recognition for his work in the fight against ALS. Schilling was also named the 2000 winner of the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association Humanitarian Award for his work with ALSA.

In November, The ALS Association named Shonda Schilling the 2001 recipient of the Lawrence A. Rand Prize for her commitment to the fight against ALS. Shonda is an active member of the Board of Directors of both the ALSA Greater Philadelphia and Arizona Chapters.

"As a pitcher, I never like to see baseballs leave the park," Schilling said. "But during Covering All the Bases weekend, I know those home runs will help ALSA continue its work to provide help and hope to those facing Lou Gehrig's disease."

[From ALS Association, National Office]

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Would you like the opportunity to meet with Senators and Representatives in your area to tell them how ALS has affected your life?

Your legislator will be available on the following dates:

March 22 – April 8	Spring Recess (House)
March 25 – April 5	Spring Recess (Senate)
May 25 – June 2	Memorial Day Recess (House)
May 27 – 31	Memorial Day Recess (Senate)
June 29 – July 7	Independence Day Recess (House)
July 1 – 5	Independence Day Recess (Senate)
June 29 – September 3	Summer Recess (House)
August 5 – September 2	Summer Recess (Senate)
October 4	Target Date for Adjournment

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SPRINGFIELD SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

The Springfield Support Group met on Monday, February 10, 2002. Leslie Deeba from Dynavox and Judith Peavey from Mt Vernon Rehabilitation were the speakers. Leslie discussed augmentative communication devices and Judith discussed evaluation for augmentative communication devices. Twenty-one people attended. After the meeting we had a surprise birthday party for Donnie Rand.

OMAHA SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

The January Support Group had about 12 in attendance and tackled planning for the year. The group looked at what kind of speakers they wanted to hear from. There were some very good ideas and many are being researched.

The February support group met on Valentine's Day. The group discussed how much they have moved forward since beginning last summer, as well as plans for the next few months. Group members are beginning to think about the ALS walk in the fall, as well as the Bob Hohn Celebrity Golf Tournament planned for June 16 & 17th. The excitement of the evening was the opening of the ALS- Keith Worthington Chapter office in Omaha.

TOPEKA SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

There were no support groups in January or February. The meetings will start up again on March 25 at a new location, the Topeka Association for Retarded Citizens, approx. 3 blocks from the VA Hospital, 2701 SW Randolph.

LINCOLN SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

The Lincoln Support Group meets bi-monthly. The next meeting will be on March 27. A case manager will speak on insurance issues.

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN ALS LEGISLATION...



On Thursday, May 16, the Keith Worthington Chapter will be meeting with members of Congress to discuss several legislative issues of importance to ALS patients, caregivers and families. Join us as we participate, along with other Chapters across the country, in The ALS Association (ALSA) Advocacy Day in Washington, DC.

In preparation for National ALS Advocacy Day, there will be an afternoon strategy session and kickoff awards presentation on Wednesday, May 15. Then on Thursday, May 16 the Chapter will visit Senators and Representatives from Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa. An advocacy debriefing will follow.

The cost for Advocacy Day is \$25. ALSA's special rate for the hotel (The Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia) is \$155/night (single/double) (plus tax). For more information please call the Kansas City office at (913)648-2062 or email us at info@alsa-midwest.org

**NATIONAL ALS
ADVOCACY DAY**
MAY 16, 2002 • WASHINGTON, DC

ALS — NOT CURABLE, BUT TREATABLE

by Edward Oppenheimer M.D.

Many diseases can, of course, cause death if not treated. High spinal cord injury, a serious infection, an appendicitis, etc., can kill when neglected. When treated, these are still serious conditions, but usually life can continue and death can be prevented.

It's true that the average length of life of people with ALS today is about four years. However, this reflects the fact that people with ALS often don't have optimal treatment and resources.

If ALS is to be fully treated, people with the disease should have:

- ◆ Adequate information about the treatments available
- ◆ Access to health professionals who are interested in and experienced with all the available options in the care of ALS
- ◆ The encouragement to go forward
- ◆ The needed resources to go forward
- ◆ The desire to use available care

When the patient lacks the desire to use available care, after having been fully informed and provided with a positive approach from professionals such as doctors, nurses, physical and occupational therapists, social workers and others, not proceeding is acceptable. However, when any of the needs cited are insufficiently filled, not treating ALS to the fullest is regrettable. Ideally, this situation shouldn't exist.

What is "fully treated" ALS? The answer is my "wish list" for all people with ALS:

1. A positive and experienced team approach to assist patients and their caregivers in solving any of the problems that typically occur

This means a patient should have access to a team of adept and enthusiastic health professionals who are available even when the patient isn't taking part in a research protocol. The team should include professionals who can make home visits and coordinate care as needed.

2. Very good nutrition to maintain appropriate weight

At some point this may include using a gastrostomy tube (feeding tube) if swallowing problems occur.

3. Regular social interaction with friends and the community

It's vital that the person with ALS get out of the house by using mobility assistance, stay engaged in living and maintain ways to communicate even if speech becomes difficult. Good alternative and augmentative communication devices are essential.

4. Personal assistance to cover each 24 hours as needed, without placing an undue burden on family members

5. Vigorous treatment for infections, particularly respiratory infections

This can often be provided at home with appropriate antibiotics when needed. Medication can be given by mouth, via a feeding tube or even intravenously, depending on the person's condition.

6. Monitoring of breathing capacity so noninvasive assisted ventilation can be available when capacity is decreased and related symptoms are present

An ALS patient can receive mask-delivered or other noninvasive ventilation as long as this works, and then shift to

tracheostomy (invasive ventilation, via a tube into the trachea) if that becomes necessary. Equally important are good attention to effective coughing and clearing of secretions, and prevention of aspiration (inhaling particles, such as food, into the lungs). The decision to stop using a ventilator at any time, or to use only noninvasive ventilation and not go on to tracheostomy ventilation, should be made by the patient.

7. Access to ALS research centers and protocols when desired, and access to excellent ALS care even when there is no desire to participate in research

8. Very good supportive care

9. Good symptom-relieving care when major aspects of treatment are no longer desired or appropriate

When most of these aspects of care are available to people with ALS, they can often continue living in a productive way and avoid life-threatening complications related to ALS most of the time. ALS motor neuron impairment may become severe, but life and spirit and social ties can continue.

Ideally, people with ALS should have choices. They should know that there are options that will allow living to continue even if the resources needed are considerable.

Edward Oppenheimer of the Southern California Permanente Medical Group is an associate clinical professor of medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles and is a pulmonary consultant to the American Academy of Neurology's task force on clinical practice guidelines for ALS.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Attending the March Board meeting: (l to r) Jerry Stabenow, Mary Lou Euler, Janna Rust, Troy Rust, and Bill Schwenk.

Not pictured: Bill Krueger, Lance LeMay and Tom Martin.

Some Brand New Events!!!

ALS Survivor Challenge



When? Saturday, June 1st
Where? Springfield, Missouri

The ALS Survivor Challenge was created to demonstrate the extreme courage and strength of ALS patients and their families.

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The Bob Hohn Celebrity Golf Tournament



Monday, June 17

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- ◆ Mingle with your favorite celebrities

For Sponsorship and Team Information
contact Dawn Oliver at (800) 878-2062 or
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2002 Chapter Events

Kansas City

George Brett Celebrity Golf Tournament	August 11-12
Run/Walk to D'feet ALS	September 15

Please call 1-800-878-2062 to make reservations or volunteer

Wichita

Adelphia George Brett Celebrity Golf Tournament	June 8-10
Walk to D'feet ALS	October 19

Please call 800-553-9056 to make reservations or volunteer

Hays

Walk to D'feet ALS	September 28
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Please call 800-553-9056 to make reservations or volunteer

Springfield

The Survivor Challenge	June 1
Walk to D'feet ALS	October 19

Please call 888-386-1200 to make reservations or volunteer

Omaha

Bob Hohn Celebrity Golf Tournament	June 16-17
Walk to D'feet ALS	September 21

Please call 1-800-878-2062 to make reservations or volunteer

Salina

Walk to D'feet ALS	October 5
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Saturday, May 4th
at The Hyatt Regency Crown Center

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We also need lots of volunteers for the event
Call Kristine Tarwater, 913-648-2062

Muchas gracias, amigos!

APRIL 2002

Prepared for Life's Trip

I was in my early thirties. Life was very fast-paced, but I ate it up. Two years ago my wife and I helped friends build a house, and then we went on a month long cross country vacation. When my biceps started jumping, I thought it was because I was off my weight-lifting routine and driving too much. When bowling season started, my average fell until I could not hold the ball. Finally doctors ruled out everything except ALS.

We still continued our lives pretty much as before in many ways, but we had to rethink our dreams and goals. Some people have been great. They have helped us with our fund-raisers and helped us buy the computer I now use to communicate. Others have had trouble dealing with the disease. I don't blame them. It is hard at any age to face one's own mortality through another person's experience.

I compare life to preparing for a trip, our inescapable trip. We must prepare well. I have had such an outpouring of love that I feel truly blessed. I was never overly religious, but religion has proved to be a comfort and an explanation in troubled times. I have some beautiful memories of this world and its people, and I plan on having more.

By Emerson Gravelin
Middleboro, Massachusetts

This exert is from *In Sunshine and In Shadow*, a compilation of stories from ALS patients and their loved ones. If you would like a copy of *In Sunshine and In Shadow*, please fill out and return the form below.

**RED CROSS CAREGIVER TRAINING
IN KANSAS CITY**

The ALS Association, Keith Worthington Chapter is hosting, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, *Home Care - Skills for the ALS Caregiver*.

This 7-hour course will discuss how to safely care for ALS patients in the home and provide hands-on training.
Guests include:
✓ Dietician ✓ Social Worker
✓ Physical Therapist ✓ Dr. McVey
Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The training seminar is provided free of charge.

April 5, 2002
9 am - 4 pm
Red Cross Building
211 West Armour Blvd.
(North of the Plaza)

To register, please contact
Central Registration at the American Red Cross
816-931-6662 ext 240

There's a new way you can help support the programs of The ALS Association - Keith Worthington Chapter - by donating your used car. The ALS Association - Keith Worthington Chapter now accepts donations of vehicles in any condition. Our contracted processing company, Car Program LLC, will contact you to arrange for pickup of your vehicle, and will provide you with a receipt for tax purposes. It's a great way to save yourself the hassle of selling or junking your used car, and The ALS Association - Keith Worthington Chapter will receive the proceeds from the sale of the vehicle, after expenses. Please call ALS Association - Keith Worthington Chapter at 800-878-2062 for details.



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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| Nestor Villanueva | April 13 |
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| Ron Medlock | April 14 |
| Terry Eason | April 14 |
| Marion Cox | April 16 |
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| Eddie Handlen | April 20 |
| Judy Suhr | April 21 |
| Lynn Murray | April 22 |
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| Elvira Winkler | April 23 |
| Joan Cox | April 27 |
| Karen Basham | April 27 |
| Richard Hart | April 29 |

In Memorium

Carl Betteridge
 Michael Catron
 Brenda Dunlap
 Don McNally
 Mary Jo McQuillan
 James "Bill" Moore
 Roy Scott
 Pearl Turnbull

MEMORIALS

Thanks to the following families for designating our Chapter for donations

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1995 Chevy conversion van ½ ton, 37,000 miles, excellent condition. Asking \$10,000. Call 785-841-6937 (Lawrence, KS area) after 4:00 pm or email jehime78780@aol.com for more information.

Hospital bed, Serenity Home Care Bed by Medline. 2 years old. Used only one year. Semi-electric. Paid \$1800, asking \$500. Call Wendy at 913-371-2238.

1997 Ford Econoline 150 custom van with raised roof and new side entry Ricon wheelchair lift (\$5000). 26,000 miles. Loaded, new tires, TV, and 4 wheelchair lockdown units. Like new condition, engine well maintained. See to appreciate. \$20,000. Call 816-822-8274.

1998 Elec. Wheelchair Invacare Action Ranger II Storm Series, Loaded with Jell seat, Remote Programmer, Joystick/Switches/Indicator, Anti-Tippers, adjustable High Back/Headrest Recliner, standard and deluxe foot/leg rests, mirrors and other add-ons. Excellent Condition. Also 2 Battery Chargers, 1 used 24 volt, Action-Model18350 Invacare and one new/unused 24 volt dual mode automatic, Lester Electrical, Model-18350. Manuals included. Best Offer. Call: 785-272-3349 (Topeka area)

1997 Power Wheelchair, Everest & Jennings, Joystick control, new seat, clean and in great working condition. Small & compact to go through most doorways, as well as tight spots in bathrooms, etc., yet large enough to handle most people. Includes batteries & charger. Arm rests can pivot or remove for transfers, swing out foot rests. \$1900 new. Asking \$500. Includes books & operating instructions. Call 816-373-2215.

1998 Power Wheelchair, Everest & Jennings, Joystick control, like new condition. \$2,500 new. Asking \$900 Used approximately 6 months. Small & compact. Needs batteries. Includes charger. Arm rests pivot or remove and foot rests swing out. Call 816-257-0641.

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New Staff

We are pleased to announce the hiring of two new staff members. Mary Ann Crew, Event Coordinator, is currently working hard on the Night of Hope Auction for ALS. Ric Miller, Awareness & Development Coordinator, is busy preparing for the opening of a branch office in Omaha.

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| 2 | Tues | <p>Kansas City Support Group 7 - 8:30 pm
Second Presbyterian Church, 55th & Oak
Helen Emmot, RN from midwest Bioethics will speak on quality of life issues.</p> | 16 | Tues | <p>Springfield Support Group 7pm
Springfield ALS Office
1447 - F S. Enterprise
(417) 886-5003 or (888) 386-1200 (toll free)
The speaker will be from SW Center for Independent Living.</p> |
| 3 | Wed | <p>Hutchinson Support Group 2 pm
Grace Episcopal Church, 20th & Main
Group will discuss caregiver issues and see a film on problematic issues.</p> | 17 | Wed | <p>KC Day Support Group 2 - 3:30 pm
Village Presbyterian Church
6641 Mission Rd. Prairie Village, Kansas</p> |
| 4 | Thu | <p>Wichita Support Group 7 pm
Grace Presbyterian Church
5002 E Douglas
Public Relations & Sales Director for Century I Convention Center, Susan Glecier will be sharing photographs from past ALS events.</p> | 25 | Mon | <p>Topeka Support Group 7pm
"NEW LOCATION"
Topeka Assoc. for Retarded Citizens
2701 SW Randolph</p> <p>Jefferson City Support Group
Next Meeting TBA</p> <p>Lincoln Support Group
No meeting this month</p> |
| 11 | Thu | <p>Omaha Support Group 7pm
St. Pius X Parish Center
6905 Blondo Street, Omaha, Nebraska</p> | | | |
| 12 | Fri | <p>KC Caregiver Support Group 12:30 -1:30 pm
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8340 Mission Rd. B4, Prairie Village, Kansas
Please RSVP (913) 648-2062</p> | | | <p>"What is ALS" Orientation Series
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