

A Tribute to Judy Suhr

I would like to pay tribute to Judy Suhr who fought ALS for 6 ½ years and never gave up. She always had a smile when I came home from work. She smiled whenever she saw anyone. She was active up until the day she passed away on October 30th, 2003.

I would like to thank Dawn Oliver from the Kansas City office along with Sonya Glenn and Ric Miller from the Omaha office for all they did. Judy was always happy to see Dawn and Sonya and tried to make a point of seeing them whenever she could. I would also like to thank Dorothy Menousek. Dorothy would write to Judy, often asked how she was doing and even came to Norfolk to visit her.

Judy enjoyed the support group in Omaha. We attended as much as we could until it got too hard on her. After support groups we would get home around 11pm and it would take her at least two days to rest up from the trip.

Judy played cards once a week with friends she grew up with until she could no longer hold the cards; then they began playing dominos. At other times, Pastor Greg would come by and play dominos with Judy. Another group of friends that came to the house were the "Lunch Ladies from Junior High." Judy had worked with them and had known them since junior high school. They would come over after work and she really enjoyed those visits.

Judy enjoyed attending two Walks to D'feet ALS in Omaha and one in Columbus. She always tried to get a big group from Norfolk to go to the Walks. As she saw the toll that ALS takes on others, she was thankful for the things she could do. She strived to do things herself, and even though it took longer, she was happy when she could do things on her own.

Judy said that she lived one day at a time and she encouraged others to make the most of life. On March 22nd, 2004 we would have been married 40 years. I heard her tell someone that she wanted to make it to our 40th anniversary. She almost did. I miss her a lot.

Glenn Suhr

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smile when I came
home from work.
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Glenn & Judy Suhr

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Night of Hope - *Neil Goldberg's Cirque*

This year, "Night of Hope" is flying into fantasy with *Neil Goldberg's Cirque*. This amazing ensemble cast will exhaust your senses and imagination. Enter into our dreamscape of imagination and be left with a lasting impression of fun and fascination. It's sure to be a night of delightful adventure, mesmerizing moments and limitless imagination.

This magical performance will take place on the stage of the Lyric Theatre on Saturday, June 19th, 2004.

Tickets are on sale now at www.alsa-midwest.org.

Clinical Update - from ALSA's National Office

Smoking Implicated as Likely Risk Factor in Sporadic ALS

Smoking is a risk factor that is "more likely than not" linked to the development of sporadic ALS, according to a leading neurologist who reported this finding as a result of an analysis of epidemiological literature.

This conclusion, reported in the February 2004 issue of *Neurology Today*, was made by Dr. Carmel Armon, chief of the Division of Neurology of Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass., who used the "evidence-based" approach in his research. Evidence-based research assesses existing data, but does not generate new data. Armon's study was originally published in August 2003 in *Neuroepidemiology*.

"Evidence-based reviews of ALS epidemiological studies will help us focus on the findings with the highest level of scientific support," said Mary Lyon, ALSA's vice president, patient services. "This attention will also raise the bar on the rigor of such studies, encouraging more work in environmental ALS studies. It's important to note that while a risk factor, such as smoking, may be implicated in ALS, we have more to learn about the nature, cause and effect of such associations."

In his comments to *Neurology Today* (www.neurotodayonline.com), Armon notes the following:

- Evidence-based reviews of epidemiological studies on ALS have prompted better understanding of the disease and its risk factors. Armon defines a risk factor as one that was "more likely than not" implicated.
- Methodology and quality of study advancements show that the evidence-based epidemiological study of risk factors for ALS may yield useful information, whereas this was not previously the case. For example, smoking has been identified as a risk factor that is "more likely than not" linked to the development of sporadic ALS, according to Armon's review.
- A shift away from considering isolated events as possible risk factors and a focus more on chronic, lifelong exposures, expansion of the concept of exposures to include lifestyle behaviors, such as smoking, greater emphasis on possible interactions of genetic and environmental factors, and developments in the way literature is analyzed.
- Also, the evidence supported the conclusion that four factors that had been suspected previously were probably not risk factors for ALS including: trauma, athletic activity, residence in a rural area, and alcohol consumption.

Nebraska Branch Receives "Bunches" of Support

The "Say It With Flowers" event was a great, first-year success, according to Ric Miller, Development and Awareness Coordinator. With 95 people participating in the floral tutorial, the Nebraska branch office raised over \$10,500 and everyone left with "arms full" of flowers.



Everyone left excited about next year and most promised to bring several more friends with them for the second installment of "Say It With Flowers."

Dale Rohman, America's Flower Man, said it best during his presentation. This is the perfect event because flowers bring joy to everyone, and spirits become uplifted...and people challenged with ALS need it most.

The event chair was Janet Wetovick-Bily who owns Petals by Janet Flower Shop. Her mother, Joan Wetovick, was honorary chair and passed away from ALS in August of 2003. Sponsors of the event were Nebraska Medical Center and Pinnacle Bank. The silent and live auctions were supported very well, and plans for 2004 are to triple the event in revenue and participation.

"In the middle of January, our hearts were warmed with many flowers and much support," said Wetovick-Bily.

Kansas City Legends

Tom Watson, Len Dawson, Buck O'Neil and George Brett

Headline Joe McGuff ALS Golf Classic

The ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter is proud to announce Tom Watson, Len Dawson, Buck O'Neil and George Brett's participation in the 2nd Annual Joe McGuff ALS Golf Classic. The tournament will be held Monday, May 24th at the Nicklaus Golf Club at Lion's Gate in Overland Park, KS. For additional information about the Classic, please contact Sarah Kerwin at 913.648.2062 ext. 223.

Wichita ALS Pro-Am

The 7th Annual Kerry Gray ALS Pro-Am will be held at Wichita Country Club on Monday, June 14th, 2004. Playing with each team will be a professional golfer for tons of friendly competition. The event is preceded by an incredible Pairings Party at River City Brewery the night before the tournament. For the first time, tickets will be available to the Pairings Party for \$50 per person or \$100 per couple.

A new game has been added to the line-up this year as well -- The \$25,000 putting challenge will take place June 11th-13th at Cedar Pines of Andover, Kansas. For a \$5.00 ticket, participants can putt around the course for prizes. Volunteers are needed to pre-sell tickets and work shifts during these three days. For more information, contact Kathleen Wille in the central/western Kansas branch office at 316-612-0188.

Bob Hohn Memorial Golf Classic

2004 marks the 3rd year anniversary of the branch office in Omaha, and the 3rd year of the Golf Tournament under the namesake of Bob Hohn. Bob, a former University of Nebraska football player, was diagnosed with ALS in 1999. He wanted to make a difference in the lives of all the other people in Nebraska living with the disease. Bob Hohn's unconquerable courage and heroism while he confronted ALS will always be an inspiration to all who knew him. He lost his battle with the disease on November 27th, 2003.

The 3rd Annual Bob Hohn Memorial Golf Classic for ALS will feature Honorary Event Chair Gale Sayers, Nebraska sports legends and other hometown celebrities just like Bob. The festivities begin Friday evening, June 25th with an autograph signing session open to the general public. The autograph signing session, along with the private pairings banquet will be held at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln.

On Saturday, June 26th, we will gather at the spectacular Arnold Palmer designed course, The Players Club at Deer Creek in Northwest Omaha. We will host a morning and afternoon shotgun. Each team will consist of three players plus a celebrity. With revenue generated at more than \$200,000, our event is considered one of the high profile events in the Midwest.

For information about sponsorships and more, please contact Ric Miller, Development and Awareness Coordinator in the Nebraska branch office, at 402-991-8788.

Upcoming Benefactor Events

Roar 4 A Cure

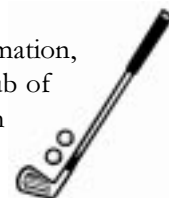
Roar 4 A Cure, a memorial motorcycle ride, will be Saturday, May 8th, 2004 in Kansas City, MO. Pre-registration is available at Blue Springs Harley Davidson and Worth Harley Davidson; the registration fee is \$25 per rider and \$10 per passenger. Late registration and a pre-event celebration will be Friday, May 7th at 6:30 pm at the Prime Time Restaurant and Lounge in Kansas City, MO. The ride is a 75 mile-dice run. Bike check-in will begin at 9 am, the ride starts at 10 am and a post-event celebration at Worth Harley Davidson on N. Oak Trafficway will be underway around 12:30pm. Proceeds benefit The ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter. For more information contact Darla Gilley at 913-522-6242.



5th Annual Rotary Golf Classic

Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Johnson County, this year's event will benefit The ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter. The Classic will be held Thursday, May 6th, 2004 at Ironhorse Golf Club. It is a 4 person scramble that includes lunch, beverages, green & cart fees and door prizes. The registration deadline is April 30th, so register early as we expect this event to sell out!

For sponsorship or registration information, contact Lori Maher of the Rotary Club of Johnson County at lmaher@kc.rr.com or Mark Smith at mark@amosfamily.com.



ALSA Advocacy Update - Legislative Year 2003 in Review

From Steve Gibson, Vice President, Government Relations & Public Affairs

February 20, 2004

As we continue to prepare for the 2004 National ALS Advocacy Day/Public Policy Conference and with Congressional approval of the remaining portions of the fiscal year 2004 budget occurring last month, we thought it might be helpful to share with you, again in some cases, the results of last year's advocacy priorities in one comprehensive way:

1. Request that individuals with ALS be automatically eligible for Social Security Disability after they receive an ALS diagnosis by their primary neurologist. On August 28th, the Office of Management and Budget ratified the July 24 decision by Social Security Administration (SSA) Commissioner Jo Anne Barnhart that ALS patients shall receive presumptive disability and be automatically eligible for SSDI after the 5-month waiting period. As a result of various meetings between ALSA and SSA, SSA clarified this ruling in December by saying that people with ALS applying for presumptive disability do not need to fill out the portions of the form that relate to their physical condition. On December 1st, a collaborative effort by ALSA's Advocacy Department and Patient Services Department and the Social Security Administration (SSA) produced a Q&A document that answered many of the questions about this ruling and its implications.

2. Increase funding in the National Institutes of Health (NIH) budget in fiscal year 2004 by 8% - 10% for ALS within the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). On January 22nd, as part of a massive spending package, Congress approved \$27.982 billion for the National Institute of Health (NIH), an increase of \$1 billion, or 3.7% over last year's appropriation. Even though the funding was not increased by the 8-10% that we had initially asked for, the 3.7% that was appropriated is a great accomplishment considering the bill came dangerously close to death by partisan wrangling amidst loud cries for fiscal restraint during this time of altered priorities due to war. This bill also contains report language that recognizes the work of The ALS Association in the contributions that it has made toward the advanced research for a cure and it encourages further cooperation between the NIH and ALSA.

The report language can be viewed by clicking on this link:

http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/cpquery/?&dbname=cp108&maxdocs=100&report=sr081.108&sel=TOC_381470&

3. Continue funding for ALS specific research in the fiscal year 2004 Department of Defense Appropriations bill (DOD) Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program (PRMRP). On September 30th, 2003, the President signed the FY 2004 DOD Appropriations bill which included \$50 million to be spent on researching 21 different diseases, including ALS. ALS was one of only a handful of diseases to be included in both years showing that Members of Congress recognize the importance of continued ALS research. Furthermore, this year's language was even more favorable than last year's because it includes fewer diseases which are eligible for a piece of the pie, meaning that ALS will likely receive more money this year.

4. Modernize Medicare to meet the health needs of all beneficiaries with ALS by adding a prescription drug coverage plan. The Medicare Modernization and Prescription Drug Bill (H.R. 1) that was ultimately approved on December 8th was an incredibly complex piece of legislation that contained many diverse provisions. Of most importance to the ALS community is the prescription drug coverage plan that will provide both up-front drug coverage and a cap on catastrophic health care costs. We were very pleased that the legislation includes a guaranteed federal "fall-back" to ensure that a voluntary drug benefit will be available when private plan options do not exist. This plan allows all Medicare beneficiaries, including those on Medicaid, access to the new Medicare drug benefit. The bill also includes a guaranteed prescription drug discount card that will provide the bearer with 15-25% discounts on brand name prescription drugs. A link outlining the benefits contained in this legislation is on the ALSA website. While we are pleased with this bill as a start to the reform of Medicare, we remain concerned by the "doughnut" gap in drug coverage that occurs as well as the overwhelming complexity of the legislation that will be difficult for many patients to understand. We hope that we will be able to rectify these problems through continued work in the coming year.

Thank you all for your hard work on advocacy on behalf of the entire ALS community. The successes of this year would not have been possible were it not for our dedicated grassroots. I look forward to sharing our public policy priorities for the 2nd Session of the 108th Congress very soon.

Please remember, in order to get up-to-date information about our advocacy program and for more information on how to get involved, you can go to The ALS Association's Advocacy Department webpage at:

http://www.alsa.org/serving/adv_update.cfm.

If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Bradel toll-free at: 877-444-2572 or via e-mail at: ryan@alsa-national.org.

Support Group News

In the month of February, over 130 individuals with ALS, caregivers and family members attended support groups. Each month there are anywhere between 10 and 15 support group meetings throughout Kansas, Nebraska and western Missouri.

For those affected by ALS, these support groups provide a forum to share information and practical experience, a safe place to allow emotions to speak, an educational gathering spot where speakers and caregivers address subjects of major interest, and a place to witness first hand the constant miracle of people continuing to live productive fulfilling lives in spite of having ALS.

Springfield

There were 22 in attendance at the February 10th Springfield support group. As there was no formal presentation the discussion included: Latest Research and Clinical Trials, Establishing a "Help Network" to provide support between families and friends experiencing ALS, Helpful Community Resources, Communication Devices, Other Means of Coping with ALS and upcoming Walks in the fall. There were 17 in attendance at the March 9th meeting. We heard a presentation from Southwest Center for Independent Living on home and personal use adaptations to enhance every day living.

Omaha

Even with very cold weather, there were 18 people at the February 12th Omaha support group. Care Consultants for the Aging started by presenting information on their registry agency which refers qualified in-home caregivers, depending on each person's need. There were several good questions on that subject followed by open discussion and getting to know some new faces in the group. Russ Sindelar, Respiratory Therapist, discussed respiratory issues at the March 11th meeting where 18 were in attendance. Ric Miller shared information on awareness and development. Then the discussion got quite lively, especially when Kwame Bannor wanted to know if ALS meant he couldn't drink Guinness Beer. He is quite fond of his Guinness but his friends tell him that since he's sick, he can't have a beer. The support group supported him in his choice to have a beer if he wants one. *[Editorial Note: Wherein we toast all who are living with ALS, it is always recommended to consult your physician regarding the combination of alcohol and medications.]*

Kansas City

There were 18 at the Valentine's caregiver luncheon on Friday, February 14th. After lunch, current and past caregivers shared their experiences and challenges. There were 30 in attendance at the March 2nd Kansas City night support group meeting. The group viewed and discussed the ALS Association's Living with ALS video - "Adapting to Breathing Changes and Use of Noninvasive Ventilation." Next month's meeting presenter will be Kim Matter who will be speaking on how to develop a "Share the Care" group.

Wichita

The Wichita support group meeting was held on Thursday, March 4th at the Grace Presbyterian Church with 15 present. They viewed the ALSA "Living with ALS" tape of "Adapting to Breathing Changes and Use of Noninvasive Ventilation." This was followed by a presentation of the different ventilators available for home use by Maurice McGrown, RRT from Apria. A very interesting discussion ensued following the demonstration by Wayne Osterhout of his portable ventilator and closed suctioning device, which he has employed for over a year. He shared his emotional turmoil in the decision making of choosing that as an alternative to letting the disease take its course. He noted that if he had it to do all over again he would make the same decision to elect the ventilator as an assistive device, because it has allowed him to maintain a high quality of life. He has seen the birth of his first granddaughter and is awaiting the birth of the second one. Kerry Gray told of being placed on a Bi-Pap only 48 hours prior to the support group meeting and how it has improved his ability to get the much needed rest from a night of uninterrupted sleep. The Caregiver's support group potluck luncheon was held on Saturday morning, February 21st with only 7 persons in attendance. The dilemma of surviving the end stage of caregiving was addressed.

Hutchinson

The Hutchinson support group meeting was held Wednesday, March 3rd at the home of Gary Bott instead of the Grace Episcopal Church. We moved to that location because Gary was not able to come to us. There were 9 persons in attendance to hear Rev. Michael Milliken speak words of hope for the New Year and Ways to Cope with Debilitating Disease and Disappointment. Gary ended the meeting with a tour of his antique model car collection which numbers over 500 models. Needless to say the men in the group were awed.

Kansas City Area Widow and Widowers Support Group

Emily Golson and Carolyn Ammon are facilitating a widow and widowers support group at the Church of the Resurrection that meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 in Room 212. It is a faith based group for W & W in all stages of grief. Newcomers are welcome, but pre-registration is required by contacting Carolyn Ammon at 913-897-1080. There is no charge for this support group. The church is located at 13720 Roe, at the southwest corner of 135th and Roe.

FOR SALE

HOME

For Sale By Owner - 2709 NE 78th St. Custom built wheelchair accessible home in upper class neighborhood. 5-BR, 3-Gar, 1 1/2 story on treed lot. Separate living area in finished basement for caregiver, etc. w/office. No-Step entrances oversized "roll-in" shower; whirlpool tub w/Hoyer lift, hardwood & ceramic tile floors. \$379,500. Call 816-436-3141.

VANS

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1997 Dodge Ram Van Mark III with Ricon wheelchair lift, raised roof, wheelchair tie downs. 17,000 miles and fully loaded. Call Mike @ 913-367-0639.

1997 Ford Pinnacle Motor Home Ford F53 Chassi V8 7.5 liter gas engine, double rear end axle, new batteries, good generator, 22,250 miles, 33 ft. long. Blue interior with queen size bed. Call Chuck after 6 p.m. @ 785-459-2281.

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Jazzy Red Electric Wheelchair can be disassembled and put in car. One year old, valued at \$6,000. Best offer. 913-772-7071.

Invacare Ranger X Wheelchair 18" seat with Ishdish pad, power reclining back & legs, 2 new batteries, charger & additional 16" molded back & seat. \$5,000. Call Bob @ 573-592-4013 or 573-659-6692 or email btphillips1@mchsi.com.

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Invacare Storm Wheelchair headrest, tilt, recline, a gel cushion seat, an oxygen holder and is set up for a vent tray. Contact Jeaneene @ 417-466-2907, 417-466-1471 or by email @ graneene1@aol.com.

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COMMUNICATION

Lightwriter SL 25 Talking Machine. 8 voice choices, dual visual display, 7K memory. New \$3130. Asking \$800. Call 402-721-4626.

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A doctor in Nebraska has suggested trying EBay for the purchase of scooters and vans, etc. Usually you can find a good price on items sold on EBay. Check it out at:

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Contact Suzanne @ 913-648-2062 ext. 209 or sfrye@alsa-midwest.org if your item has been sold, should be removed or to place a new ad.

April Birthdays

Brett Zizza April 1
Lee Conaghan April 1
Mel Martin April 3
Vicki Mietchen April 4
Harold Kraft April 5
Kay Tenkley April 5
James Peterson April 8

Maxine Hook April 9
Phillip Dick April 13
Marion "Jack" Sallee April 13
Bobby Burnette April 14
Glenn Renfro April 15
Marion Cox April 16
Melinda Hooter April 18

Bert Brown April 18
Forrest Haggard April 21
Lynn Murray April 22
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Karen Basham April 27
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Help promote ALS Awareness Month by purchasing an *ALS Bracelet of Hope*

Jackie Foltz has designed a beautiful sterling silver bracelet to help fight ALS.
To order, fill out the form below and send your check and order form to:
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Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone number: _____ Email: _____

The standard bracelet will have the ALS charm, the charm of Hope and the angel. The cost is \$35 plus \$2.00 shipping with the proceeds going to the ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter.

Select One:

Type of bracelet: _____ Stretch _____ Clasp _____ Toggle
Wrist size: _____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large
(most people have medium size wrists)

Block letters: (must be a toggle bracelet) _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____
Beads: _____ Red, silver and clear _____ Red, silver, gold and clear

Payment:

Checks only. Make checks payable to: Silver N Stone

	Quantity	Price	
ALS Bracelet of Hope		@ \$35	\$
Block letters (.70 cents each)		@ .70	\$
Shipping		\$2	\$
		Total	\$

Questions, contact Jackie Foltz at (316) 729-0273 or jfoltz1@cox.net.

Memorials

Thanks to the families of the following for designating our
Chapter for donations:

Barry Barnhardt
Donald Goaley
Dick Hardin

Daniel Stonecipher
Tom Wiesner

In Memorium

We send our sympathy & support to the families & friends of
those who have recently died after battling ALS.

Lola Allen
Barry Barnhardt
Donald Goaley
Dick Hardin
Fran Hoggatt

Robin Marrone
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April Support Group Dates

1	Wichita	7:00 p.m.
6	KC Night	7:00 p.m.
7	Hutchinson	2:00 p.m.
13	Springfield	7:00 p.m.
15	Omaha	7:00 p.m.
16	KC Caregivers	12:30 p.m.
17	Wichita Caregivers	11:00 a.m.
21	KC Day	2:00 p.m.
26	Columbus	6:30 p.m.
26	Topeka	3:00 p.m.
	Joplin - No meeting this month.	
	Salina - No meeting this month.	
	Lincoln - No meeting this month.	

Support Group Locations

KC Night SG 2 nd Presbyterian Church 55 th & Oak	Topeka, KS SG Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library 1515 SW 10 th Avenue
KC Day SG Village Presbyterian Church 66 th & Mission Road	Columbus, NE SG Federated Church 2704 15 th Street
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