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Jera and Richard Baer

Life, Death and ALS - All those things, and hope.

By Amy Leiker

I'm 23. I'm a journalism student and a newspaper reporter by trade who has worked for The ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter in the Wichita, Kansas branch office since May 2004. My bosses presented me with a writing task a few months back: tell us what you've learned as a student working for The Association. Huh, I thought. That's not tough.

I spent a lot of time thinking about how I'd say what working for The ALS Association has taught me. The list looked more like an inventory of my accomplishments, but didn't really relay anything truly special. And I have learned some special things.

Therefore, I've decided to use the following story, about an individual with ALS who lives in Wichita, as my way of explaining what I've come to know about The Association, ALS and life.

I met Jera and Richard Baer when I was 22. That was about six months ago. And if you ever stopped believing in unconditional love, the two could renew your faith instantly. Jera has ALS. I interviewed this unforgettable woman and her husband, Richard, as a reporter.

Jera was lovely. Just a few years younger than my own grandmother, her hair was peppered gray and wavy-newly cut, she said, so it didn't look as tidy as usual. When we met, I noticed first her long, perfectly manicured fingernails-painted a shimmering, translucent baby blue. Her rosy lipstick and rouge had been applied with a precision that I couldn't believe came from Jera's failing fingers. (Later, I discovered Richard's touch was the mastery behind his wife's flawless appearance.)

During our time together, we talked about life and death and ALS. Jera smiled and laughed for almost two hours that Wednesday night in August. Her grandchildren, her renewed relationship with God and the hobbies she'd taken up since her diagnosis--mostly playing repetitive games of solitaire on her computer and teaching Richard how to run her household--crept into our chatter.

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Upcoming Events

Tuesdays with Morrie Premiere in KC - May 15th

The 3rd Annual Joe McGuff ALS Golf Classic - May 23rd

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Jera and Richard and I were talking because she had ALS. But, it didn't feel that way. I felt like the two were old family friends whom I'd known from childhood.

I felt mortal after leaving Richard and Jera's cozy home. I took the stairs when I left. I watched the wheelchair ramp beside me slope slowly to the concrete. "Rich's Chow Wagon" sat comfortably on the curb advertising fried Twinkies and Bar-B-Que beef sandwiches. The Wagon was Richard's summer means of income now that his beloved wife was ill. Two or three children - maybe 7 or 8-years-old at most-zipped by on bicycles, laughing and pointing at The Wagon.

The only sign that anything was wrong with the pair was the cherry-wood colored wheel chair ramp connected to the porch.

Sitting with Jera and Richard, cozy in their living room far away from outside distractions, was my first real experience with ALS. I'd read the passages of information in ALSA brochures. I'd spent weeks on the phone with people who'd lost their moms, dads, siblings and friends to ALS, coaxing them to stay involved with fundraising for just one more year. On more than one occasion I could feel Jean's and Kathleen's emotions when terrible, frightening, or even wonderful things happen to patients and their families as a result of ALS. But I didn't know what ALS was really all about. Not until Jera and Richard.

After that interview, it was back to phone calls for fundraising. In our office there are numerous pictures of

Chapter events and activities, I began to notice photos of those with ALS who were grinning from earlobe to earlobe. And I wondered to myself, "How can these people look so happy when they face so many hardships?"

Then, Jera's memory crept into my head. I looked at the photo of her hanging on the wall above my desk at the ALSA office - she, too, was smiling. She was with her Walk to D'feet ALS team from a few years back.

Jera told me in August she was thankful God blessed her with ALS. Yes, blessed her. The ALS had weakened her toes, her knees and her thighs enough to confine her to a wheelchair most hours. The disease diminished the strength in her fingertips, her wrists and her elbows so even lifting a cigarette to her lips was nearly impossible. And Jera knew she'd eventually be paralyzed if a cure for ALS didn't cross her path almost immediately.

But she considered herself blessed. Fortunate to realize that good friends and close family members still come to your rescue when you need them most. Lucky to have the opportunity to live life without reservations and regrets. Privileged to be loved so unconditionally by another that he would stick by her until the end and after.

The ALS Association, and Jera, helped me realize those things in my life, too. ALS isn't just a disease, it's people.

Note: "Jean" referred to above is Jean Haley, Patient Services Coordinator, and "Kathleen" is Kathleen Wille, Awareness and Development Coordinator for Central and Western Kansas. Both work out of the Wichita branch office.

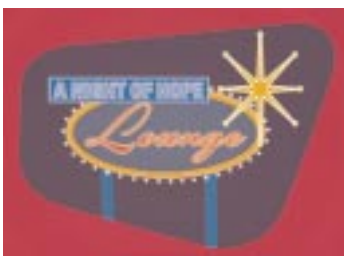
A Night of Hope Lounge

Music and martinis were on the menu Saturday, February 5th, as a new hot spot in Kansas City celebrated its "Grand Opening"... and closing. For one night, and one night only, *A Night of Hope Lounge* was in full swing at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel.

People who wanted to see and be seen were at this black-tie optional event, designed to raise awareness and funds for The ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter. The evening offered partygoers a chance to drink and dine while enjoying a performance by The Dave Stephens Swing Orchestra. It was a phenomenal success raising almost \$180,000!



David Adkins and Dr. Donald Hagen



Leana Brayshaw, Lori Christopher, *Event Chairperson* and Glenna Wilber



Tuesdays with Morrie to Benefit ALSA

Sunday, May 15th at The American Heartland Theatre
 Tickets \$30 ♦ 5:30 p.m. Reception & Cash Bar ♦ 6:30 p.m. Performance

Mitch Albom's *Tuesdays with Morrie* makes its Midwest stage debut May 6 to June 19, 2005 at the American Heartland Theatre, Crown Center, 2450 Grand Blvd., Suite 314, Kansas City, Missouri.

Based on the runaway best-selling novel and an Emmy-winning film by the same title, this autobiographical story follows Mitch Albom as he rekindles a friendship with his former college professor and mentor, Morrie Schwartz. A simple Tuesday visit turns into a weekly pilgrimage between Mitch and his professor, who only has months to live. This touching play will have you laughing, smiling and emotionally involved as life's lessons are pondered.

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Research Update - From ALSA's National Office February 21, 2005

ALSA Co-Sponsors First International FTD/ALS Workshop

By Roberta Friedman, Ph.D., Research Information Coordinator

The ALS Association (ALSA) is pleased to announce the first international workshop on Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD), to be held Sunday May 15 through Tuesday May 17, 2005, in London, Canada. Speakers will include internationally renowned experts, who will discuss ALS and FTD, which can occur together.

"It will be the first time that such a breadth of international expertise on FTD in ALS has been brought together in a single setting," said workshop organizer, Michael Strong, M.D., Chief of Neurology at the London Health Sciences Centre, and an investigator at the John P. Robarts Research Institute in London, Ontario.

FTD is a form of dementia, or altered mental status, which is distinct from the cognitive and memory problems evident in Alzheimer's disease. FTD involves a change in personality that can produce obsessive behavior, loss of the ability to plan or make decisions, and other more subtle signs that something is amiss in the cerebral cortex. Frontotemporal refers to the forward part of the brain that sits above the eyes and behind the temples. It is the last region of the cerebral cortex to mature, which explains why teens often cannot make good "adult" decisions. Lowering of the function of this region can lead to impulsive and emotional behavior.

Many investigators are showing that FTD can occur together with motor neuron disease, and in some instances, the personality change precedes the motor symptoms. FTD can hamper a person's ability to cope with the demanding nature of an illness such as ALS. The gathering of scientists will explore the association of the two conditions, strategies for their diagnosis, and they will discuss the best clinical management of the patients who have the conditions. Speakers will include Arthur Hudson, Stanley Appel, Gloria Grace, Morris Freedman, Nigel Cairns, John Hardy, Mike Hutton, Catherine Lomen-Hoerth, Paul Ince, Michael

Strong, Kenji Ikeda, and Nigel Leigh, among other experts in the field. In addition, new work on the topic will be presented as posters.

The conference will cover the spectrum of frontal lobe dysfunction, with participants discussing the clinical aspects of FTD both in motor neuron diseases and in related disorders. Speakers will focus on the anatomic changes of frontotemporal impairment, as well as the imaging technologies available to diagnose FTD, followed by a consideration of the neuropathological features of frontotemporal impairment in ALS. Discussion will cover the current understanding of the FTD in ALS as being a disorder of the tau proteins within nerve cells.

Unique to this meeting, experts in the neuropathology of ALS in Guam, Japan, North America and Europe will consider the features that might distinguish ALS with FTD in different geographic regions.

Co-sponsors of the symposium, along with ALSA, are the ALS Society of Canada, the ALS Society of Windsor (Essex) and the Michael Halls' Endowment. The hosts are the London Chapter of the ALS Society of Ontario and the London Health Sciences Centre. ALSA funds for the symposium are from the Research and Patient Services Departments.

The workshop will take place at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn, 591 Wellington Road. Shuttles are available to and from the London, Ontario airport to the conference site. Registration must be received by March 15, 2005.

Research Update - From ALSA's National Office February 2, 2005

Epidemiology Studies Explore Potential Risk Factors for ALS

One Study: Veterans May Have Higher Risk of ALS; Another Suggests Physical Activity Not a Risk Factor

[QUICK SUMMARY: The risk for ALS in men is increased by 50 percent by military service according to one study; another study fails to find that physical activity increases ALS incidence in the general population.]

Two recent studies published in the journal *Neurology* highlight the challenges in definitively identifying the risk factor or factors linked to ALS. Epidemiology -- the branch of medicine that attempts to explain the interaction of host, agent, and environment in causing disease -- is an approach to studying potential risk factors for ALS.

Harvard epidemiologists reported in the January 11 issue that men who served in the military have an increased rate of ALS. In the January 25 issue, a Dutch group reports that physical activity does not increase the incidence of ALS in the general population.

"These studies certainly raise intriguing questions about potential risk factors for ALS and highlight the need for further studies, especially larger case-control studies to more definitively define which factors are linked to ALS," commented Lucie Bruijn, Ph.D., science director for The ALS Association.

In a study to determine whether there is a higher risk of ALS in the military, Harvard investigators used a data set already available through a cancer prevention study. Data collected after 1989, through 1998, from participants in the Cancer Prevention Study II conducted by the American Cancer Society, identified deaths from ALS, allowing study of the issue of ALS and military service.

The relative risk of dying from ALS for veterans was 1.5 times that seen for the men who did not serve. Of the 281,874 men in the study who served in the military, 217 died of ALS, compared to 63 of the 126,414 who did not serve.

Prior studies have found increased risk of ALS with service during the Gulf War <http://www.alsa.org/news/article.cfm?id=239>. The current study suggests that the risk for ALS may not be a product of the specific conditions encountered during that conflict, as risk was apparent for veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the War in Vietnam.

In light of these and previously reported studies on ALS and the military it becomes important to try and identify what the environmental exposures are and whether genetic susceptibility plays a role. In a second article, a Dutch group addresses the question as to whether exercise can be linked to ALS. There have been several published studies implicating exercise and ALS <http://www.alsa.org/patient/article.cfm?id=344>.

It remains unclear whether exercise is indeed a risk factor and what types of exercise may be of concern. Indeed some studies seem to suggest that some exercise may be beneficial <http://www.alsa.org/news/article.cfm?id=511>. The Dutch case control study compared physical activities during work and leisure for 219 ALS patients and 254 controls. Activities were self-reported, and no increased risk for the disease incidence was apparent with differing amounts of physical activities, at work or during leisure, in this study.

Recognizing the need for larger population based studies, groups in Europe and the United States are working towards developing national and regional registries of ALS. The hope is that one can more conclusively define risk factors for ALS. Adding to the complexity of these already challenging studies is the fact that there may be several mechanisms involved in ALS. Site of disease onset, age at onset, and disease progression are extremely variable amongst people with ALS.

Questions and Answers

Q: Is the risk of ALS also higher for veterans who did not serve during a conflict era?

A: The answer to this question is still unclear and more research is needed to understand the true relationships between military service and ALS. The Gulf War ALS study did find an increased rate of ALS in the troops deployed to the Gulf region as compared to a control group of service personnel not deployed to the Gulf region.

Q: How does the ALS risk for veterans compare to the incidence of ALS in the general public?

A: This remains an unanswered question as it is difficult to make direct comparisons among the studies addressing the question of ALS and the military. Each study is designed differently. Further investigation needs to be done in larger, population based studies.

Q: What about the lower risk for the cohort born after 1939, how does that compare with the risk reported for the Gulf War veterans?

A: It is difficult to effectively compare the two studies since methods such as age-adjusted incidence rates, were not used in both studies.

Q: Will people with ALS who are military veterans be eligible for Veteran Affairs benefits?

A: This is a logical question to ask, but has not been formally addressed to date by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Q: What further research is being done to find out specifically what factors related to military service are associated with developing ALS?

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A: The VA ALS registry has as one of its aims, attempting to answer this important question. Beyond the registry, we need expanded efforts to investigate military-specific exposures and job training activities that might be associated with ALS. This will require a large study focused specifically on this issue.

Q: Is exercise a risk factor for the development of ALS or not?
A: We don't yet know for certain if there is a link between exercise and the development of ALS. There have been several studies over many years looking for a possible association between exercise or athletic activities and ALS. While some of the study results have suggested a possible association between exercise or athleticism and ALS, others did not. Differences between the groups of patients studied and the ways in which the various studies were conducted may account for the lack of consistent data on this question. More research is needed to conclusively confirm whether or not there is an association between developing ALS and excessive exercise or athletics, and what the nature of the association might be.

Take a Swing in the Fight Against ALS!

May 1st

Wiley Memorial Tournament
in Springfield, Missouri

May 19th

Johnson County Rotary Golf
Tournament in Kansas City

June 5th

Nebraska Pairings Banquet

June 6th

Nebraska Golf Tournament

July 17th

Wichita Pairings Party

July 18th

Wichita Golf Tournament

Research Update - From ALSA's National Office February 17, 2005

Leads for ALS Therapeutics Inhibit Aggregation of Mutant SOD1

Promising Molecules Stabilize Protein Implicated in ALS
By Roberta Friedman, Ph.D., Research Information Coordinator

[QUICK SUMMARY: ALSA-funded scientists have identified several promising molecules that keep in a safe form the mutant SOD1 protein implicated in inherited ALS.]

Researchers report in this week's online edition of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences that several molecules in existing libraries of compounds can inhibit, in the lab, the aggregation of mutant superoxide dismutase (SOD1). SOD1 is the protein whose gene is disrupted in some inherited forms of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

The effective molecules give leads toward designing new therapeutics to treat the disease. Harvard investigator Peter Lansbury, Ph.D., said, "The compounds that we have identified have good activity in a test tube, and we are working hard to increase their potency by making and testing numerous variants.

"At the same time," added Lansbury, who is at the Harvard Center for Neurodegeneration and Repair in Boston, "we are seeking to partner with pharmaceutical companies, many of which have hundreds of thousands of proprietary compounds, with the hope that one of their compounds will afford a better starting point for such an optimization process."

Funded in part by The ALS Association (ALSA), the team of Harvard investigators tested libraries of compounds, seeking those that would fit in the critical spaces in the SOD1 protein to stabilize this enzyme. SOD1 normally exists as a paired structure. When the pair separates into single units, those units aggregate (or clump) together.

The aggregates of mutant SOD1 apparently are toxic as they form within the nervous system of patients with ALS. In ALS, motor neurons die, producing progressive weakness of muscles critical for moving, speaking, and eventually, breathing. Somehow the mutated SOD1 is killing the motor neurons. Many different places within the SOD1 protein are altered by different mutations that researchers have identified in families with inherited ALS. About 5 to 10 percent of all ALS cases run in families.

The common aspect to all of these mutations is the disruption of the structure of SOD1-although it continues to work. So it is not the loss of SOD1's normal function that is responsible for ALS, but the gain of a toxic property, presumably, of sticking to other SOD1 molecules. Stopping the aggregation is thus the goal for many researchers in the field.

The researchers tested more than 1.5 million molecules, with computer software developed by the company, Schrodinger (<http://www.schrodinger.com>), and found a hundred suggestive structures. Of these compounds, 15 appear to prevent SOD1 aggregation, as the researchers demonstrated experimentally in test tubes. The library was also pre-screened using Lipinski rules, a set of rules that help select molecules with drug-like properties from large chemical databases. "This is the primary reason why the final 15 molecules that came out as candidates have drug like features and properties," noted study investigator Soumya Ray, Ph.D.

These compounds represent a good starting point for the design of new therapeutics, the investigators wrote in their report. They add that they "hope to obtain a compound that can be administered to SOD-1 transgenic mouse models" of inherited ALS, once these drug leads are further optimized into potential therapeutics.

Support Group News

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. Only the below support group reports were available at print time.

Omaha

Fourteen people were in attendance at the March 10th Omaha support group meeting. The first part of the video on Dr. Carlayne Jackson's presentation on "Current ALS Management: A Cocktail of Potential Therapies" was viewed. A discussion on community support and changes in research followed.

Columbus

There were 9 people at the Monday, February 28th support group meeting in Columbus. The first part of the video on Dr. Carlayne Jackson's presentation on "Current ALS Management: A Cocktail of Potential Therapies" was viewed.

Kansas City

Seventeen were in attendance at the March 1st Kansas City support group meeting. The evening's program was the research video from the recent symposium by Dr. Carlayne Jackson held this past November at the University of Kansas Landon Center on Aging where the ALSA Center is located.

Hutchinson

The Hutchinson support group met Wednesday, March 2nd with 8 people in attendance. The group viewed the research film by Dr. Carlayne Jackson, an excellent avenue for learning of innovations in research, and it sparked a lively discussion of the cocktail approach to managing ALS.

Wichita

The Wichita support group was held Thursday, March 3rd with 15 in attendance. The group viewed the DVD of Dr. Carlayne Jackson on the current trends in ALS Research. There was a question and answer session that followed.

The Wichita Caregivers and Survivors Support Group Potluck Luncheon took place Saturday, March 19th at the ALS office. We discussed various ways of traversing the grief process along with creative Care Giving ideas.

Springfield

The Springfield support group was held March 8th with 12 in attendance. Ron Burns from Cox Home Support talked about a rental program for power wheelchair and scooter carriers. He also answered several questions about other equipment available to assist ALS patients.

Jefferson City

The Jefferson City support group meetings are held every other month. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th at 1:30 pm at the Southridge Baptist Church, 1815 Vieth Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Johnson County Rotary Golf Classic

The Johnson County Rotary Golf Classic will be held on May 19, 2005 at Ironhorse Golf Club. The tournament will be a four-person scramble with lunch preceding the tournament at the course. Tee off will be at 1pm. A silent auction will also be held before, during and after the tournament. Sponsorship opportunities are available starting at \$250. If you have questions, please contact Mark Smith at 913.631.5566 or mark@amosfamily.com or Lori Maher at 913.829.6900 or lori@mahergroupllc.com.



3rd Annual Joe McGuff ALS Golf Classic

Guarantee your foursome a spot in the 3rd Annual Joe McGuff ALS Golf Classic, Monday May 23, 2005 at LionsGate by purchasing a team today! Join potential celebrity attendees George Brett, Tom Watson, Buck O'Neil, Len Dawson, Gale Sayers, Roger Clemens and more for the best charitable golf tournament in town. For more information, contact Beckie at 913.648.2062, ext. 210 or bcooper@alsa-midwest.org.



The Joe McGuff ALS GOLF CLASSIC

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<i>Jesse Adkins</i>	<i>William Johnson</i>	<i>John Ronan</i>
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Memorials

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

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5	KC Night	7:00 p.m.
6	Hutchinson	2:00 p.m.
6	Jefferson City **	1:30 p.m.
7	Wichita	7:00 p.m.
8	KC Caregivers	12:30 p.m.
12	Springfield	6:30 p.m.
14	Omaha	7:00 p.m.
16	Wichita Caregivers	11:00 a.m.
20	KC Day	2:00 p.m.
21	Salina	7:00 p.m.
25	Topeka	3:00 p.m.
25	Columbus	4:00 p.m.

** Please note this SG meets every other month.
 Address listed to the right.

Support Group Locations

<p>KC Night SG 2nd Presbyterian Church 55th & Oak</p> <p>KC Day SG Turning Point 8900 State Line, Ste. 240</p> <p>KC Caregivers SG ALS Office - Must RSVP 8340 Mission Rd., Ste. B-4</p> <p>Wichita, KS Caregivers SG ALS Office, 526 S. Market Street</p> <p>Wichita, KS SG Grace Presbyterian Church 5002 East Douglas</p> <p>Hutchinson, KS SG Grace Episcopal Church 20th & Main</p>	<p>Topeka, KS SG Shawnee Co. Public Library 1515 SW 10th Avenue</p> <p>Salina, KS SG Home of Nancy Persinger 409 Kirwin, 785.825.1833</p> <p>Omaha, NE SG St. Pius X Parish Center 6905 Blondo Street</p> <p>Columbus, NE SG Trinity Lutheran Church 2200 25th Street, Fireside Room</p> <p>Springfield, MO SG Cox Medical Center South 3801 South National Ave.</p> <p>Jefferson City, MO SG ** Southridge Baptist Church, 1815 Vieth Drive</p>
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