

Life is Precious

The following is a letter from Maxine Hoyt in memory of Cicil J. Malbott and George Steinmeir:

I have put off writing this letter as I have remarried, but have been happy with what I did with God's help and my many blessings.

I have lost 2 husbands to ALS. My first and the father to my children, Cicil, was 61 years old and had a heart attack in August of 1988. After surgery from his heart attack, he complained that the back of his neck hurt. At first he was told it was because they had intubated him, but then in February 1989 he was diagnosed with ALS. I was an LPN so I took a leave of absence from the hospital to take care of him. He had the spasms in his arm muscles as they wasted away. I turned him, bathed him, fed him. He refused a feeding tube. He had a very sweet disposition, smiled and always tried to say thank you. The kids loved their dad dearly and all tried to help. He had been a very good dad. All too soon he became totally trapped in his body. I lost him after about 4 years. Without the Veterans and Masons helping, I don't know what I could have done. Thank God for them.

I married again about 3 years later. George had never heard about ALS, but I told him about the kid's father. He had known him and they had worked at the same place in their young years when our children were little. After we were married about 3 years, he started complaining about breathing, sinus problems, and arthritis. We bought herbs and went to an ear nose and throat specialist. His speech slowly started to become slurred. We went to our family doctor and he suggested a neurologist. The neurologist put him through the walking and closing of eyes and checked his reflexes and balance. He asked him about jerking muscles, which we had not seen until the doctor pulled the rolling stool up and sat watching the muscles in his legs as he sat on the exam table. The doctor said, "George, I thought you said you didn't have any jerking muscles!" I jumped up and said, "I hope that's not what I think it is."

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Walk to D'Feet ALS in September

Kansas City - Sunday, September 15th

Omaha, NE - Saturday, September 21st

Hays, KS - Saturday, September 28th



**HUTCHINSON AND WICHITA
SUPPORT GROUP NEWS**

The Wichita Support Group was held on Thursday, August 1st with 15 in attendance. During an exceedingly warm evening, we ate fresh strawberries and cookies, while learning the benefits of relaxation through various forms of music therapy. The program was presented by Meg Beck, a certified music therapist from the Adult Behavioral Health Unit of St. Joseph Hospital, a division of the Via Christi system. She capped the evening off with a beautiful rendition on her flute. Next month's program will be a presentation of the film by Dr. Robert Brown, on the latest in ALS Research trends which was filmed in Kansas City in April 2002.

The Hutchinson Support Group was held Wednesday, August 7th with 11 in attendance. The program was a film presentation by Dr. Robert Brown on the current ALS Research. All found it very stimulating and informative which led to a very interesting and interactive discussion. Next month's program will be the "Dietary Impact on ALS --- What You Can Do To Help". It will be presented by Jennifer Ellet, Registered Dietician at the Hutchinson Regional Hospital.

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**SPRINGFIELD SUPPORT
GROUP NEWS**

The Springfield Support Group meeting was held on Tuesday, July 16th at the Springfield ALS office. There were 8 in attendance. The speakers were April Blankenship & Linda Terry from Cox Hospital, Speech Therapy. April and Linda spoke about augmentative communication. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 20th at 7pm.

A Springfield caregivers luncheon was held on July 27, 2002. The luncheon was hosted by Jane Avery. There were 15 in attendance. The afternoon was spent sharing and providing comfort and support to caregivers.

The Columbia Support Group was held on August 6, 2002 at Jack's Gourmet Restaurant. There were 6 people in attendance. Discussion took place on support needs in the Columbia and Jefferson City area. Kim Goble distributed walk packets and encouraged participation.

The doctor ordered the EMG and other tests and my husband was then diagnosed with ALS. George didn't live very long, about 6 months after being diagnosed. He still had use of his upper body, but couldn't walk. He used a ventilator. Thank God for hospice.

I want to thank George Brett for all his help. Our twin grandsons were so impressed with him that they framed his baseball card. Their granddad was a great baseball lover also.

I took care of both of my husbands at home and was so glad I could. I am now 73 years old. Life goes on and I am happy. I even rode a Harley Davidson this past year. I have a good husband and we both know how precious life is. The Keith Worthington Chapter was a really big help.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Maxine Hoyt

The ALS Association Supports the Distribution of the SOD1 G93A Rat

Rat Model Developed as Part of Its Lou Gehrig Challenge Initiative

Calabasas Hill, Calif., August 2, 2002...The Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association (ALSA), as part of its Lou Gehrig Challenge: Cure ALS research initiative, facilitated the generation of a rat model for ALS. Dr. David Howland, principal investigator at Wyeth Research generated transgenic rats expressing G93A SOD1*.

The rat model was generated with the understanding that it would be made freely available to the scientific community to support efforts in the further understanding of ALS as well as helping to reach the goal of finding successful therapeutics. Already 16 different laboratories have requested the rat model for their research efforts. The ALS Association is subsidizing the rat model so that these rats will be distributed to investigators at reduced cost.

The development of a mutant SOD1 rat is extremely valuable to further ALS research efforts. This model system will provide a resource to pursue experimentation currently difficult or impossible to do with existing transgenic ALS mice. The model will enable the testing of therapeutic compounds at early stages and throughout disease progression. This is more difficult in the mouse models due to the challenge of drug delivery at early ages. In addition, it will provide an excellent model to test the use of stem cell therapy for ALS and to study early markers of disease progression in the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF). (<http://www.alsa.org/research/awardlgc.cfm>)

The rat model is being made available through Taconic through the company's *Emerging Models Program*. Orders for rats can be placed by contacting Holly Voorhees or Kim Kleiber at 888-TACONIC. Rats will be available for shipment on September 1, 2002. For more information or ordering details, please visit <http://www.taconic.com/emerging/listing.htm>

* Howland et al., 2002. Focal loss of the glutamate transporter EAAT2 in a transgenic rat model of SOD1 mutant-mediated amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). PNAS 99(3): 1604-1609. Click on web link below for abstract. (http://www.ncbi.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=PubMed&list_uids=11818550)



Free Wellness Fair

September 21, 2002 - Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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- Demonstrations and trials of accessible computer equipment, software, and accessories from The Rehabilitation Institute.
- Equipment evaluation and recommendations from the Mobility Center. They will have a variety of mobility aids including wheelchairs, scooters, and walkers on display.
- Enjoy the experience of musical vibration with the Rhythmic Medicine Music Chair.
- Nutritional drinks from Boost by Mead Johnson Nutritionals.

Complementary and alternative therapies will be available to see including:

- Accessible Arts will have a display and do "Make and Take Artwork"
- Certified Massage Therapist, Jan Lesh from The Harbor will offer chair massage for a small fee.
- Joan McMahon, MSA, BSN, CRRN from the Acute Spinal Cord Program at KUMED will answer questions on Occupational Therapy and work conservation therapies.
- Jacque Carpenter will have information on the benefits of Tai Chi and Yoga.
- The Rine Buddhist Center will share information on meditation.
- The Center for Natural Healing will have information on herbalism and energy.
- Liz Brown will have information on Feng Shui, aromatherapy and massage.
- Come hear the therapeutic sounds and music provided by Music for Life.

Several organizations will have information and resources available including:

- Johnson County Human Services & Aging will have information on accessibility.
- Kansas State Social Rehabilitative Services and Vocational Rehabilitation Services.
- Advacare – Certified seating experts will bring examples of durable medical equipment
- Missouri Developmental Disabilities Resource Center- Information and referral service at University of Missouri at the Kansas City Institute for Human Development
- RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Persons)
- Alphapoint Association for the Blind
- Yvonne Ernzen, public attorney specializing in Disability & Social Security Law
- Northcare Hospice & Palliative Care
- Mast Ambulance Service

KANSAS CITY SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

The Kansas City Night Support Group met August 6th at the Second Presbyterian Church. There were approximately 30 in attendance. Dick Hime, Volunteer Pilot for Angel Flight, was the speaker for the evening. Angel Flight is a local (and national) program that provides compassion and need-based flights for families at no charge. Dick showed videos and provided detailed descriptions how individual and families who are in financial need have received transportation help for various circumstances. Information was distributed to all in attendance. Due to the Labor Day weekend, the next Night Support Group has been changed to Tuesday, September 10th. Jill Watsky, attorney with The Elder & Disability Law Firm, will present information on disability law-medicaid and asset protection.

CAREGIVERS, PLEASE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
November is Caregivers Month, so we've planned a very special event for Caregivers Support Group on November 8th. A panel of past caregivers will share their experiences and helpful tips they learned through their ALS journey; there will also be plenty of time for questions, comments and discussion. All Caregivers are welcome and encouraged to attend!

OMAHA SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

The Omaha Support Group met on Thursday, August 8. The video from Dr. Robert Brown's presentation on current ALS research, given in April at the University of Kansas Medical Center, was the main program for the evening. Denis McCarville reminded the group of the Walk to D'Feet ALS on September 21 and announced the new staffing for the Omaha office.

TOPEKA SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

The Topeka Support Group held their 5th Annual Bake Sale on Saturday, August 3rd from 8 - 3 at the WalMart on Wanamaker. Many delicious items such as apple crumb cake, spiced tomato preserves, and cinnamon bread were sold.

2002 THE ALS ASSOCIATION ACCELERATES SEARCH FOR LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE GENES

Unprecedented Research Effort Mirrors The ALS Association's Aggressive Search for a Cure

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S E P T E M B E R

Calabasas Hills, CA (July 16, 2002) — The ALS Association (ALSA), the only national not-for-profit organization dedicated solely to the fight against amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), today announced it has launched a major research project that would significantly reduce the time taken to identify the genes that cause ALS, more commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease. ALS is a fatal disease that attacks the motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord and has no known cure. The \$1.5 million project is a collaboration among world-renown geneticists and scientists. This study represents the largest research grant ever given by The ALS Association for a single project and is among the largest ever in Lou Gehrig's disease research.

"The discovery of more genes that link to ALS is crucial for our understanding of disease mechanisms and may provide new targets for therapy," said Lucie Bruijn, Ph.D., science director and vice president, The ALS Association. By accelerating the process of discovering genes linked to Lou Gehrig's disease, researchers hope to provide an important new roadmap for scientists to use to speed the discovery of new therapies and cures for ALS and other diseases.

About the Research Project

Human geneticists and scientists will apply technology used in the Human Genome Project to find new genes and mutations linked to familial (passed within families) ALS. The research project is to be executed in three phases. The first phase involves development of BAC (bacterial artificial chromosome) libraries from familial ALS patients to enable the sequencing of large regions of the chromosome linked to familial ALS. Sequencing of the BAC libraries will form the second phase of the project. As many sequence variations may be present both in normal and disease populations, sequence changes (mutations) unique to the patient population must be identified — this represents the third phase of the project.

"This international collaboration to identify new genes linked to familial ALS is among the most exciting and potentially informative projects we have initiated," said Dr. Tom Maniatis, professor of molecular and cellular biology, Harvard University and head of The ALS Association's Cure ALS Advisory Committee. "We are very fortunate to have the outstanding human geneticists who have identified new ALS loci (regions), working closely with scientists who played central roles in sequencing the human genome. If successful, this effort will not only identify ALS genes associated with currently identified familial loci, but will advance the technology required to identify additional ALS genes in the future."

The discovery of the Cu/Zn superoxide dismutase 1 (SOD1) gene on chromosome 21 linked to 20 percent of familial ALS, almost a decade ago and more than a century after ALS was first identified, was a significant milestone in ALS research. The results from this new study are expected to advance the overall understanding of Lou Gehrig's disease. It will enable the development of animal models scientists can use to test a variety of disease hypotheses and therapies and even find a cure for this disease.

"There is no doubt that discovery of new causes of familial ALS will illuminate our understanding of non-familial (sporadic) ALS. It is even possible the new insights will be relevant to other brain degeneration diseases," said Dr. Robert Brown of the Massachusetts General Hospital. Sporadic ALS accounts for 90 percent of all ALS cases.

"Using the same technology as that used in the Human Genome Project enables us to more systematically and rapidly sequence through large regions of the genome to identify genes linked to disease. It's more efficient and cost effective," says Dr. Eric Lander, director of the Whitehead Institute Center for Genome Research, who will spearhead this effort. "Also, using genomic DNA from ALS patients is the most direct and reliable way to identify ALS-linked genes."

A distinctive characteristic of the project is the collaboration it has fostered among some of the finest minds in the field of human genetics. Scientists participating in this effort include Dr. Robert Brown of Massachusetts General Hospital; Dr. Guy Rouleau of Montreal General Hospital; Dr. Jackie de Belleruche of Imperial College, Charring Cross Hospital, London, England; and Dr. Teepu Siddique of Northwestern University. In addition, Dr. Pieter J. de Jong, Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute, will generate BAC libraries from cell lines prepared by GMP Companies, Inc. Dr. Eric Lander of the Whitehead Institute Center for Genome Research, will direct the sequencing phase of the project.

THROUGH THE HEART OF AMERICA UNITED WAY DONOR CHOICE YOUR SUPPORT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter is committed to improving the quality of life for persons living with ALS. We are a vital link for patients and families to education, information and services to help them live productive and meaningful lives with ALS. If you live in one of these counties: Jackson, Clay or Platte in Missouri, Johnson or Wyandotte in Kansas, please join us and help our patients and their families by supporting the Heart of America United Way Donor Choice Campaign. Last year 264 individuals contributed more than \$48,000.

It's simple. To direct your Heart of America United Way contribution to the ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter:

- Request a donor choice form.
- Write in the ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter agency code listed on the back of the donor choice form & pledge card.
- Complete and sign a donor choice form and return it to your employer.
- Pledge cards and donor choice forms must be completed each year.

The Combined Federal Campaign and the Missouri Employees Charitable Campaign are two other options you have for donating to the Keith Worthington Chapter. Please speak with the campaign representative in your office or call the ALS Association office at 913-648-2062 ext. 211. Due to recent expansion into Nebraska, we are currently negotiating our participation in these programs in Nebraska.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Day-to-day tasks can be overwhelming for many of our patients and their caregivers. We are looking for volunteers throughout our service area to help provide some assistance. The following volunteer activities have been requested:

- Relief for a caregiver in Harrisonville, Missouri
- Bathroom remodeling in Grain Valley, Missouri
- Companion sitting in Kansas City, Missouri
- Relief for a caregiver in Kansas City (east of Bannister Mall)
- Relief for a caregiver in Raytown, Missouri
- Assist with some light housecleaning in Norfolk, Nebraska
- Relief for a caregiver in Augusta, Kansas
- Relief for a caregiver in Wichita, Kansas
- Ride from McPherson to Hutchinson the first Wed of the month for a patient (2-4:30pm)

A CALL FOR HELP

For those individuals and families experiencing ALS who could use some help from volunteers, please contact Sarah (phone # and extension listed below) so we may include your requests. Examples of tasks that volunteers might help with are: yard work, painting, light housework, run errands, read to a patient, write letters for a patient.

If you are interested in volunteering or receiving help from a volunteer, please call Sarah (ext 202) at the ALS office (800)878-2062. We will try to match patients and caregivers with volunteers. Volunteers will be interviewed, have a brief orientation and receive an information packet.

Continued from page 2 - **WICHITA CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP NEWS**

The Caregiver Support Group Luncheon was held on Saturday, July 27th. With the temperature soaring to 106 degrees, the attendance was down to 5. However, those in attendance had a very informative, and supportive discussion and seemed to be a little lighter when they left, having had someone to share their challenges with. We look forward to a little larger group in the fall and will still continue on a monthly basis. The next luncheon will be held August 24th from noon to 3 p.m in the Grace Presbyterian Church and again on Saturday, September 21st in the church Parlor. Those groups are facilitated by Jean Haley, Patient Services Coordinator - Wichita. There is always an abundance of good food, so no one need be hampered from attendance because of last minute plans. Please come with or without a dish to pass!

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1992 Dodge Conversion Van power locks and windows, Ricon lift, 10,500 miles. Call Pat @ 816-567-4200.

1989 Dodge Caravan 61K, handicap equipped with rear entry ramp and hand driving controls, \$5,500 or best offer. Call 913-782-6756.

2002 Jazzy 1113 Sip & Puff Power Chair tilt back control, red. Never used. Original price \$17,000, will negotiate. Call Linda @ 913-334-2476.

1999 Dodge Conversion Van RAM 1500, w/ wheelchair lift and lock. 11,000 miles, perfect and loaded. Appointment only, 913-469-4188.

Ranger II Electric Wheelchair, fully adjustable. As new. Appointment only 913-469-4188.

Invacare All Electric, Tilt Wheelchair, red with removable ventilator shelf, lap tray, battery included, roho cushion. Best offer call 918-337-3577.

Invacare manual wheelchair, black with roho cushion, barely used, \$300. Call 918-331-3577.

Invacare Power Rolls Arrow Xt joy stick, indoor/outdoor modes, deluxe padded automotive style seat with pivot arms for easy transfer, battery charger included. Excellent condition. Best offer, Jefferson City Area. Call 573-636-2550 or email sjeibold@mchsi.com.

Rascal 200 Three-Wheeled Scooter, red, slightly used. Swivel seat and flip up armrests. Battery operated. Retailed new for \$1500. Asking price \$600 or best offer. Inquiries may call 913-341-5174.

Bruno Power Chair - PWC 2300, 350 pound weight capacity, drop down controller, long trailing arm suspension, carry-along charger, 90 degree swivel seat and adjustable armrests, security key lock system, tote pouch, curb climbing height: 1:25", turning radius: 22", speed up range up to 3.5 mph. Operators manual included purchased new for \$6,000.00, used for only 3 month months. Asking \$4,000.00, contact Jeff Blair at 402-614-5516.

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.

Quickie II adult, lightweight (27 lbs) titanium wheelchair in good condition with padded, swing-away arm rests, 8" pneumatic casters for easy ride on rough surfaces, 24" rear wheels with wheel locks and aluminum hand rims. 17" frame width, medium backrest with 8 degree bend and rear anti-tip tubes. The Jay seat, lumbar support and foot pedals easily disassemble for easy transport. Only used 10 months. Purchase price was \$1,784 (reduced from \$2,095). Sale price is negotiable. Call 573-445-2451 (Columbia, MO area).

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New Electric Wheelchair Model 9000 Action Power, complete with two batteries and charger. Includes Owner's Operation and Maintenance Manual. Call: 816-246-7761 or 816-564-4841.

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1996 Ford Aerostar 104,000 miles, paperwork for all maintenance provided, Bruno, rear chairlift. Price negotiable. Email jerryd@aol.com or call 816-421-7545.

Therapeutic Select Air Mattress has bed controls, barely used. \$1500 or best offer. Call Milli @ 316-794-8834. Goodard, KS.

Ranger II Storm Series Electric Wheelchair brand new, never used, loaded operation & maintenance manual, 2 batteries & charger. Paid \$18,256, asking \$12,000 or best offer. Call Loretta @ 816-370-2375.

Roho Air Floating Mattress brand new, still in boxes. \$1000 or best offer. Call Loretta @ 816-370-2375.

Two Roho Cushions new, still in boxes. \$250 each. Call Loretta @ 816-370-2375.

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1989 Ford Van Club Wagon E150 raised roof & side door, wheelchair lift, V8, auto transmission, power windows & door locks, front & rear A/C needs charged, tinted windows, blue & white. 24,600 miles, asking \$5000. Email Jerry @ jw231@earthlink.net or call 913-856-9931.

Deluxe Rascal Scooter used only 6 times, \$2000. Call 316-321-3494.

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Schedule for ALS Walks

September 15, 2002	Kansas City	Theis Park
September 21, 2002	Omaha	Chalco Hills Park
September 28, 2002	Hays	Ft. Hays State University
October 5, 2002	Salina	Bill Burk Park
October 12, 2002	Emporia	Jones Park
October 19, 2002	Wichita	Sedgwick County Park
October 19, 2002	Springfield	Phelps Grove Park
October 27, 2002	Manhattan	Kansas State University Student Union

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September Birthdays

Lorene Stone	September 4
R.J. Roper	September 5
Don Weigel	September 8
Henry Geeseka	September 11
Lee Razak	September 18
Warren Kessl	September 18
Julian Nunez	September 20
Sue Fox	September 20
John Main	September 21
Melvin Jackson	September 21
Ramona Mitchell	September 21
Helen Kinyon	September 24
Jamie Brooks	September 28
Lonnie Trotter	September 28
Connie Bullard	September 28
Eric Chollet	September 29
Don Hunter	September 29



Happy
Birthday!

Memorials

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

*Robert Grilz
David Roberts
Mary Sons*

In Memorium

We send our sympathy and continued support to the families and friends of those who have recently died after battling ALS:

*Robert Grilz
Ken Porter (June '02)
David Roberts
Mary Sons*

Phone System Change in the Kansas City Office

In order to provide the most efficient and cost effective service, the Kansas City office has updated its phone system. Effective July 10, 2002, callers during the hours of 8:30 to 5:00 Monday through Friday will receive the following instructions:

- "If you know your party's extension dial it anytime, or to hear a directory of personnel press 3."
- "If this is a patient or patient service related call, please press 1 or hold the line for an operator."

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| 4 | Wed | Hutchinson Support Group 2 pm
Grace Episcopal Church, 20th & Main | 17 | Tues | Springfield Support Group 7pm
Springfield ALS Office
1447 - F S. Enterprise
Kay Purcell - Caring for the Caregiver |
| 5 | Thu | Wichita Support Group 7 pm
Grace Presbyterian Church
5002 E Douglas | 21 | Sat | Wichita Caregivers Support Group
Grace Presbyterian Church
5002 E Douglas |
| 10 | Tues | Kansas City Support Group 7 - 8:30 pm
Second Presbyterian Church, 55th & Oak
Jill Natsky - Disability Law & Asst. Protection | 23 | Mon | Topeka Support Group 7pm
Topeka Assoc. for Retarded Citizens
2701 SW Randolph, Topeka,KS |
| 11 | Wed | KC Day Support Group 2 - 3:30 pm
Village Presbyterian Church
6641 Mission Rd. Prairie Village, Kansas | | | Lincoln Support Group
No meeting this month. |
| 12 | Thu | Omaha Support Group 7pm
St. Pius Parish Center
6905 Blondo Street, Omaha, NE | | | Columbia Support Group
No meeting this month. |
| 13 | Fri | KC Caregiver Support Group 12:30 -1:30 pm
ALS Office
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Must RSVP! (913) 648-2062 | | | "What is ALS" Orientation Series by appointment.
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