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Pat Hudek and her granddaughter,
Jacquie McClinton

An Amazing Woman

by Jacquie McClinton, Pat Hudek's granddaughter

Courageous. Irish. A savior. A great sense of humor. These are just a few of the things that I did not know about Rita Hudek, my grandmother, until she was diagnosed with ALS in 2000. Since 2002, I have lived with her and my grandfather, and not a day has gone by that she has ceased to amaze me. Some days its her sheer determination and others its simply her smile. No amount of writing could do justice to what an amazing woman my grandmother is.

Courageous. Every morning my grandmother wakes up ready to face the day regardless of the challenges that await her. Once an avid golfer, gardener, tennis player, and shopper, with each new dawn my grandmother knows she will never be able to do any of these things again, yet can still smile in the morning. Courage to face each new day which holds a new challenge, be it physical or mental, and smile.

Irish. I knew my grandmother was Irish, though I had no idea how much. The Irish are sometimes known for such things as being stubborn, confident, and having keen insights. Grandma has displayed all of these traits since the beginning of her battle. She started showing symptoms in 1999, mostly in her voice and her legs. As a clinical nurse for forty years and a stubborn Irish woman for a few more, Grandma was fearful to seek help. After convincing and pleading, she agreed and was misdiagnosed in 1999 and a year later correctly diagnosed with ALS. She is as stubborn today as she was before she was diagnosed and still as confident that this disease will not get the best of her.

A savior. I was seventeen when my grandmother was diagnosed with ALS. I was a rebellious teenager who only occasionally went looking for trouble, yet seemed to find it wherever I went. After my first semester of college in Colorado, I moved to Iowa to continue school and assist my grandmother, or so I thought. My grandmother has taught me so much about life, love, hope and endurance that I believe that she has helped me more than I could ever help her. Her keen insight has assisted me through challenges I did not think I could face.

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Walk season is here! 11 Walks in September!
See page 6 for dates or call your local office
for more information.

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A great sense of humor. ALS has deprived my grandmother of many physical abilities, but mentally she keeps us all on our toes. Whether it is a joke about jumping up or her little voice making an unsuspecting comment, Grandma has been able to keep the mood light when everyone needs it most. With every excuse to give up and be bitter with the way things have been dealt, Grandma has been able to make the room fill with laughter when it was sure to flood with tears.

Grandma's struggle has made those around realize that it's not what life gives you that is important, it's what you decide to give back.

Research Updates from ALSA's National Office

TREAT ALS Builds on Concrete Research Progress by The ALS Association

July 7

The ALS Association (ALSA) is committed to funding a diverse portfolio of research. A willingness to take risks brings researchers down new avenues. Some may prove to be dead ends. But all the routes to discovery explored in the past decade have produced evident progress in our understanding of the disease, progress that deserves to be brought rapidly into the clinic. ALSA has therefore launched a major new initiative to prioritize and bring promising compounds into clinical trials in a focused approach called Translational Research Advancing Therapy for ALS, or TREAT ALS.

ALSA funding programs

Traditional funding by ALSA is similar to the granting process of the National Institutes of Health. Investigators submit a proposed line of inquiry, and a scientific review board convened by ALSA debates the merits of each proposal. The best are funded in two rounds of decisions each year. An example of this kind of investigator initiated research is the work of Lee Martin. By funding this type of investigation, ALSA has enabled concrete strides towards gene and stem cell therapies.

In addition, ALSA encourages bright young investigators to enter the field, through postdoctoral fellowships such as The Milton Safenowitz Post-Doctoral Fellowship for ALS Research. These fellowships provide post-doctoral students with the opportunity to stand at the forefront of ALS research and partner with the best scientific minds (see <http://www.alsa.org/news/article.cfm?id=505> and <http://www.alsa.org/news/article.cfm?id=684>).

An initiative begun in the year 2000 has meanwhile steered established investigators into the field of ALS research. The goal of these ALSA-initiated grants was to design assays, create models, and find biomarkers that can uncover promising therapeutics (see biomarker study). An example of ALSA's efforts to direct experts into the field of ALS is Richard Morimoto's work to devise a worm that manifests aspects of the ALS disease process.

TREAT ALS

The TREAT ALS initiative is now engaged to accelerate the process of identifying new drugs. A new call for pilot clinical research proposals has gone out. ALSA will partner with government agencies and drug and biotech companies to prioritize and test potential therapeutics, and will work with leading scientists to shepherd these compounds through the clinical trials process (see <http://www.alsa.org/news/article.cfm?id=678>). Through TREAT ALS, more drugs will enter the clinical testing arena more rapidly, to produce the sought after progress toward effective therapeutics.

Treatment Targets for ALS Identified in Cell Based Screening Tests

July 13

Existing drugs can help keep motor neurons alive in the lab, in cell culture tests that are helping scientists to discover new treatments for the nerve wasting disease ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), also called Lou Gehrig's disease. The findings with these cell culture tests, reported in the March issue of the journal, *Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and Other Motor Neuron Disorders* by investigators funded in part by The ALS Association, show that common mechanisms of action shared by certain drugs can explain why these compounds might be helping motor neurons in dishes, and point the way to the design of effective treatment of the disorder in people.

The investigators led by Eva Feldman, M.D., Ph.D., and Andrea Vincent, Ph.D., at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor write in their report that the findings by no means imply that any of the drugs identified in the screening should be used immediately in the clinic. But eventually, the findings may lead to the design of drug cocktails that protect motor neurons to promote quality of life and survival in ALS.

The drug screening effort was part of a joint project of The ALS Association (ALSA), the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), the Hereditary Disease Foundation (HDF), and the Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA). Investigators from 26 laboratories took part in the initial six-month, \$1.3 million project, which tested 1,040 compounds using 29 different assays, or tests <http://www.alsa.org/news/article.cfm?id=284>.

Feldman's team found that 78 of the drugs tested worked to lower the death rate of motor neurons cultured in the lab when these neurons were exposed to toxic amounts of the messenger molecule, glutamate. Glutamate normally conveys signals to neurons, but in excess, it can kill them. Mechanisms are normally in place for motor neurons that remove excess glutamate. Research has shown that the regulation of glutamate may be altered in ALS. Motor neurons die in the disease.

The Michigan researchers identified six ways that the drugs identified by the screening test are working within cells. Nearly all of the drugs that scored as positive "hits" in the cell testing work by one of these six mechanisms of action. For instance, certain drugs that lowered the death rate of motor neurons are known to stop the process of making proteins. Others are known to inhibit the inflammation provoking enzyme called cyclooxygenase (COX).

The screening effort has produced intriguing new information about the cell processes that may be tapped in order to alleviate the damage to motor neurons during ALS. The next step is to verify if the compounds of interest will work in more complex cell based tests, and then to move any continued successful compounds into animal testing to find useful combinations at optimal doses that show the most promise.

New ALSA Drug Screening Effort To Search for ALS Therapies

August 2

The ALS Association (ALSA) today announced funding for a collaborative project that will screen thousands of existing compounds for possible activity as ALS therapeutics, using tiny worms living in lab dishes that recreate aspects of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). The ALSA-initiated grant gives continued support to the efforts of Richard Morimoto, Ph.D., who has created a worm that expresses the mutant gene for copper-zinc superoxide dismutase (SOD1), responsible for some inherited cases of ALS. Researchers suspect that mutant SOD1 is not folded properly and disrupts the ability of motor neurons to function.

Morimoto, who is at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., will collaborate with Cambria Biosciences in Woburn, Mass. to carry out high throughput screening of several libraries of compounds. The collaboration will seek compounds that change the ability of a cell to either correct poorly constructed protein or consign it to the cellular trash heap.

"The collaboration with Cambria Biosciences will allow us to more rapidly identify new lead compounds that interfere with the appearance of misfolded proteins and aggregates and the associated cellular toxicity that ultimately paralyzes the animal," said Morimoto. "We are very excited that this project brings together the technical expertise of Cambria in high throughput screening with our knowledge on the new animal model system that we have established."

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Leo Liu, M.D., president of Cambria Biosciences, added that "Dr. Morimoto's work has laid the foundation for a new approach to ALS therapy discovery. We are very pleased to be able to pursue this translational research project together with ALSA and Dr. Morimoto's laboratory."

ALSA funds this collaboration through its program to recruit established investigators to join the search for effective ALS treatments. The collaborative screening effort, using the *C. elegans* worm model of ALS, is expected to find fresh insight into the basic process of the disease, revealing new targets at which to aim drug discovery efforts.

In close conjunction with ALSA's new initiative, Translational Research Advancing Therapy for ALS (TREAT ALS), the Morimoto and Cambria collaboration will work with the TREAT ALS steering committee to review available compound libraries and to strategize on any promising leads.

The millimeter long worm, *C. elegans*, is commonly used in the lab to manipulate genes and study the result in a living organism. Morimoto, an expert in Huntington's disease and on the cellular response to damaged proteins, introduced the gene for SOD1 into the worm, and was able to detect both a change in the way the protein looks in the transparent worm under the microscope, and a change in the worm's ability to move about, once the mutated SOD1 gene is expressed (see for additional details <http://www.alsa.org/news/article.cfm?id=681&CFID=225433&CFTOKEN=30953959>).

With the worm, and Cambria's expertise in high throughput screening, investigators will pan for compounds in existing collections that might have unrecognized potential as therapeutics for ALS. The search will be based on changing the cell's ability to handle proteins. This can be brought about either by assisting with proper protein folding, a task carried out by the molecules called chaperones, or by helping to send mistakenly folded proteins to the disposal system inside cells called the proteasome. The success of any promising compound in the primary and secondary screening process carried out by the collaboration will then lead to further testing in a rodent model of ALS.

"We are extremely pleased to announce this exciting collaboration between academia and biotech and believe this is the way forward to finding new therapies for ALS," commented Lucie Bruijn, Ph.D. ALSA science director and vice president.

Upcoming Third-Party Events:

First Annual Craig Thomas ALS Association Fun Run, August 28, 2005, Missouri Valley, IA
 "A Night at Lou's" ALS Benefit Concert, Sept. 23, 2005, Sokol Hall, Omaha
 Basketball Tournament, Sept. 24, 2005, The Courts, Springfield, Missouri
 For more information, contact your local office.



Walk to D'Feet ALS info on page 6...

News From The Wichita Office...

Getting There to fight ALS: Airplane, Motorcycle, Car Show

The first "Getting There to Fight ALS: Airplane, Motorcycle and Car Show" was a wonderful event that brought together three great transportation favorites. Midwest Aviation and Jabara Airport hosted the show from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 16th with over 101 great cars, 4 airplanes, and 1 motorcycle. Big Dog Motorcycles brought in the large 75' trailer with a sample of every model. Jera Baer was the honorary chair and her husband, Richard, brought his chow wagon to create wonderful funnel cakes for the crowd! It was truly a great event, highlighted by airplanes taking off and landing in the background.



1951 T28 Military Plane



Cary Cozby, Pro at Wichita Country Club

Kerry Gray ALS Pro-Am

The Kerry Gray ALS Pro-Am started with an incredible VIP party on the evening of Sunday, July 17th in Wichita's Old Town. The exclusive party featured an auction, live entertainment, drinks and food at trendy River City Brewery and Loft 150. Local cover band, Zyba rocked the Loft with over 200 people attending.

On Monday, July 18th, the 7th annual Pro-Am format golf tournament teed off once again at the fabulous Wichita Country Club. The rainy weather delayed the first tee-off by an hour but soon after the fun began! The Kerry Gray ALS Pro-Am was a sectional pro tournament open to professionals in a tri-state area: Southern Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. The professional golfers competed for dollars, so the round was an excellent one!

Johnny Tarrant Book Signing

Johnny Tarrant, author of "The Book on Direct Mail: How to Make It Work," donated 100% of the book sales to The ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter at his book signing that was held on the evening of July 28th at Watermark Books & Café in Wichita, Kansas.

Tarrant's book gives users and potential consumers of direct mail marketing the inside tract from his 40 years of experience using advertising and direct mailing strategies. The book is dedicated to one of Johnny's closest friends, Kerry Gray. Kerry Gray was Chairman and CEO of one of Kansas' largest advertising agencies and helped Tarrant edit this book. Kerry Gray lost his life to ALS on July 27, 2004.

The book signing raised over \$500.00 with friends and co-workers of Kerry Gray stopping by to remember him. In addition, those starting a business who are seeking knowledge on direct mailing and friends / neighbors of Johnny came to buy a copy of the book. Thank you, Johnny for your help in the fight with ALS.



Johnny Tarrant, author of "The Book on Direct Mail: How to Make It Work,"



Bill and Joyce Crumrine

ALS Cast Away Fishing Classic

Bill Crumrine knows about fishing - it is part of his life. As a boy, he taught himself to cast out the fishing line and how to squish the worm on the hook. Today he spends his spare time with his friends and wife, Joyce, on the shoreline relaxing and enjoying the fresh air at El Dorado Lake, 30 minutes East of Wichita. On September 10th, Bill and his wife, Joyce, will be hosting the first ALS Cast Away Classic fishing tournament at El Dorado Lake, as a unique project to boost their Walk to D'Feet ALS® team dollars. The tournament registration starts at 8:00 am, with a two person team fee of \$40.00. For more information call Bill & Joyce @ 316.321-1552 or the ALSA office 316.612.0188.

CBS Network To Air Walk To D'Feet PSA

The CBS Network is airing ALSA's new Walk To D'Feet ALS public service announcement featuring Kate Linder and her brother-in-law, Scott, who has been diagnosed with ALS. Kate, actress in TV's top-rated soap opera The Young and The Restless, is an enthusiastic and committed advocate for ALSA. The network added the PSA to its rotation in August. This is a significant step in expanding awareness about the Walk as we enter the fall season. The PSA already is airing on FOX, Inspiration Network and AMC.

Advocacy Update

Immediate Action Needed!

Congress has adjourned for its annual August recess and will reconvene on September 6, following the Labor Day weekend. Our Advocacy efforts remain a high priority however, and because Congress is away from Washington D.C., this is an ideal time to schedule meetings with them in their local offices. Specifically, we want to build momentum and support for The ALS Registry Act. The bill was introduced in the Senate earlier this summer by Senators Harry Reid (D-NV) and John Warner (R-VA). Congressman Eliot Engel (D-NY) plans to introduce the House companion bill when Congress returns to Washington in September.

A district office meeting provides you with an excellent opportunity to bring together people from the local ALS community, like PALS and caregivers, and truly demonstrate to Members of Congress how ALS impacts their communities - their neighbors and friends at home, outside the Beltway. It also demonstrates how The ALS Registry Act and our other priority issues can make a difference in the lives of everyone who has been touched by ALS.

If you are interested in scheduling a meeting, please contact your local office for assistance. Someone from your local office will likely want to visit the Representatives and Senators with you. Your local office can also provide information on the ALS Registry Act and other priority issues of the ALS Association. The priority issues can be found at <http://capwiz.com/alsa/home/>.

Thank you for your efforts to reach out to our Members of Congress over the August Congressional recess. With your help, we can realize success on these issues and truly make a difference in the lives of people with ALS, their families and caregivers.

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Workplace Giving Campaigns

Please consider supporting the Chapter through the following workplace campaigns:

The ALS Association Keith Worthington Chapter



Kansas and Missouri

In **Kansas and Missouri**, the Chapter is a member of Community Health Charities and participates in:

- Combined Federal Campaigns for federal employees
- Missouri State Employees' Charitable Campaign
- City of Kansas City Employees' Giving Campaign
- Jackson County Government Campaign
- United Way Campaign (Ask for a Donor Designation card and code it for The Chapter.)

Nebraska

In **Omaha**, the Chapter is a member of Community Health Charities in partnership with the United Way of the Midlands Campaign.

In **Lincoln/Manchester County**, the Chapter participates in the United Way Campaign. Ask for a Donor Designation card and code it for The Chapter.

In **all other Nebraska communities**, the Chapter is a member of Community Health Charities of Nebraska which conducts its own fall campaign.

The Chapter participates in the **Combined Federal Campaigns** for federal employees.



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.

MISSOURI

Columbia	Date: July 6th	Attended: 4	
Branson	Date: July 13th	Attended: 8	Topic: Walk Kick-Off and Open House
Springfield	Date: July 12th	Attended: 23	Topic: Walk Kick-Off
Joplin	Date: July 27th	Attended: 7	Topic: Walk Kick-Off

KANSAS

Wichita Caregivers	Date: July 23rd	Attended: 7	Topic: Benefits of anti-depressants and maintaining husband/wife connection during catastrophic illness
Hutchinson	Date: July 6th	Attended: 12	Topic: Pulmonary problems and the 4 Emerson Coughlator
Wichita	Date: July 7th	Attended: 12	Topic: Elderberry Concentrate Speaker: Merry Brewer
Salina	Date: July 21st	Attended: 11	Topic: Discussion of disease management and gradual loss for patients and families
Kansas City Night	Date: July 5th	Attended: 24	Topic: Watched and discussed video "Maintaining Quality of Life: A Patient's Perspective"
KC Caregivers	Date: July 8th	Attended: 11	Topic: Open discussion of caregiving issues
Kansas City Day	Date: July 20th	Attended: 6	Topic: Open discussion of disease management issues
Topeka	Date: July 25th	Attended: 8	Topic: Kansas Rehabilitation Institute in Topeka

NEBRASKA

Omaha	Date: July 14th	Attended: 38	Topic: Public awareness on Fox News	Speaker: Taylor Wilson, Fox 42 KPTM
Columbus	Date: July 25th	Attended: 15	Topic: Travel Tips	Speaker: Mary Novotne, AAA

Helpful Hints from PALS and Caregivers...

- The Black & Decker Mini Pro Plus is a 2-cup mini food chopper. It's easy to use with big buttons and easy to clean (all removable parts are dishwasher safe). You can get a Mini-Pro Plus for around \$20. - *submitted by Harold Crafton, caregiver*

People experiencing ALS and their caregivers have an opportunity to share tips and techniques for care when they attend support groups and chat rooms. Furthering this opportunity is this "Helpful Hints" column in The Dialog. Please submit your ideas, hints, tips, and other information to share with others.

Send them to: Amie Jackson at 8430 Mission Road, Suite B4, Prairie Village, KS 66206, ajackson@alsa-midwest.org, or call 1-800-878-2062, ext. 222.

WALK TO D'FEET ALS®



The Keith Worthington Chapter is hosting 18 Walk to D'Feet ALS® events throughout Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. We need your support! Form a team, join us on walk day in your area, and encourage your friends to walk! For more information, please visit www.alsa-midwest.org.

August 27 Emporia, KS	September 24 Lincoln, NE
September 10 Springfield, MO	September 25 Columbus, NE
September 17 Wichita, KS	September 30 Omaha, NE
September 17 Branson, MO	October 1 Salina, KS
September 18 Grand Island, NE	October 8 Attica, KS
September 18 Kansas City, MO	October 8 Joplin, MO
September 18 Excelsior Springs, MO	October 8 Richmond, MO
September 24 Dodge City, KS	October 15 Maryville, MO
September 24 Topeka, KS	October 22 Lawrence, KS

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HOMES

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1996 Ford E-150 Conversion Van. Newer Braun Lift with hand controls. Swivel driver and passenger seats. Electric rear seat/bed. Remote start. Good condition. 114,000 miles. \$10,000. 913-381-3854.

Dodge 2000 Grand Caravan in excellent condition with conversion ramp, 20,000 miles, automatic and manual controls, accommodates large wheelchairs with automatic and manual lock down. Full warranty until June 2007 or 60,000 miles. Please call Louis at 660-582-5032.

2000 Ford Econoline E-150 Van. Full-size conversion by VMI with lowered floor and Braun Platform wheelchair lift. Remote starter. EZ Lock. Keyless entry. 31,000 miles. Call Toni at 816-361-2188.

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2003 Invacare Storm Series TDX 3 Wheelchair with 300 lbs. capacity. Seat raises and tilts with head rest, tight turning radius and more. Used 4 weeks. Call Yonne Craig at (816)453-2576 and leave a message.

Reclining Quickie Wheelchair with headrest, elevating leg rests, removable arm rests, gel cushioned seat. Call Angela at (620)763-2621 or email angela@ckt.net.

Invacare manual wheelchair and Invacare power wheelchair (never used). Call (402)496-7672.

Jazzy Red Electric Wheelchair Model 1143 20" chair, custom personal back - tall, 18 x 17 Jay 2 deep contour leg cushions, removable arm rest, elevating leg rests, adjustable foot plates. Used sparingly for 6 months. Paid \$8,000, asking \$4,000. Call Shirlee Goalie at (402) 393-5680.

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Ram Thrust-T-Lift vertical wheelchair lift, height 142", maximum travel of 120". TTL control wall extension, solid end wall, keyed upper gate 42", adjacent access, carriage gate with interlock 54". Paid \$7,000; any reasonable offer considered. Call Diana at (913) 909-3777.

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If your item has been sold or if you would like to place an ad, contact Sarah at 913-648-2062, ext. 202 or stucker@alsa-midwest.org.

Program Update

In an effort to keep everyone aware of the work of the Keith Worthington Chapter, updates like the one below will be provided in future issues of Dialog.

Our Chapter:

- Provided information, support and resources to **10 new patients** in July and **73 year to date**.
- Provided support to families of **5 patients** who had **passed away** in July and **47 year to date**.
- Patient Services Coordinators made **375 significant contacts** through home visits, phone calls or emails in July and **2002 year to date**.
- **2 clinics were held** in July at the ALS Association Center at KU Medical Center and **17 year to date**.
- In July, **18 patients** were seen in the clinic held at the ALS Association Center and **139 year to date**.
- In July, **7 new patients were seen in the clinic** held at the ALSA Center and **38 year to date**.
- Facilitated 15 area **support groups attended by 37 patients** in July and **211 year to date**; The **total number of people** at these groups was **184** in July and **880 year to date**.
- Patient Services Coordinators provided **2 inservice sessions** to medical professionals and providers in July and **17 year to date**; The **total number of professionals** who attended the sessions was **58** in July and **460 year to date**.

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In Memoriam

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

Ronald Averyt

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Memorials

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

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September Support Group Dates

Support Group Locations

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1	Wichita	7:00 p.m.
6	Kansas City Evening	7:00 p.m.
7	Hutchinson	2:00p.m.
7	Columbia	1:30p.m.
8	Omaha	7:00 p.m.
9	Kansas City Caregivers	12:30 p.m.
13	Springfield	6:30 p.m.
15	Salina	7:00 p.m.
17	Wichita Caregivers	11:00 a.m.
21	Branson	1:30 p.m.
21	Kansas City Day	2:00 p.m.
26	Topeka	3:30 p.m.
26	Columbus	6:00 p.m.
28	Joplin	1:30 p.m.

Hutchinson, KS Grace Episcopal Church 20th & Main	KC Caregivers/ Survivors ALS- Must RSVP 8340 Mission Road, Ste. B4	Branson, MO Faith Lutheran Church 221 Malone Street
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