



“Providing an opportunity for multiple myeloma patients and their loved ones to come together to exchange information for mutual support, comfort, and friendship”

Meeting: **Tuesday December 15, 2015 3:30pm – 5:30pm**
451 Junction Road
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Upcoming speakers

- **January** meeting speaker- Tim McNeill, author of The Ultimate Marathon: My Journey With Multiple Myeloma Cancer. Diagnosed in June 2002, Tim has an amazing story to tell.
- **February** meeting will be split into two separate meetings. Caregiver’s meeting facilitated by Jayne and the MM patients meeting facilitated by Don.
- **March** meeting- Sue Enright from the IMF will speak to the group. Weather permitting.
- **Tentative April** meeting speaker- Jill Helgeson from SHIP-(State Health Insurance Program).

December meeting speaker will be Peggy Wellmann, Clinical Nurse Educator Takeda Oncology. Peggy will present “Understanding Lab Values”. Peggy will be driving from Illinois and will be with us at 4:00pm.

Our condolences

Our group members Patricia Leonardi and Kathleen Zurbuchen passed away in November. Patricia joined our group in March 2015 but sadly was unable to attend but one meeting. She passed away November 6th. Living outside of the Madison area, Kathleen joined our newsletter group in August 2015. She passed November 28th. Our deepest sympathy to their families.



Prepare to be amazed and awestruck! Have you signed onto our new website?
madisonmultiplemyeloma.org Allen has agreed to give us a presentation at an upcoming meeting. That date has not yet been determined.

3 New Drugs Approved by the FDA!

A message from Sue Enright, Midwest Regional Director for the IMF ...

If you are a subscriber to the IMF's weekly electronic newsletter "*Myeloma Minute*" you will have already received information about the 3 new drugs for Myeloma treatment. Daratumumab (trade name Darzalex) has been approved by the FDA. The International Myeloma Foundation (IMF) applauds the [approval](#) of Ninlaro (ixazomib), an oral, once-weekly proteasome inhibitor, for use in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone to treat people with multiple myeloma who have received at least one prior therapy. And Empliciti (elotuzumab), a monoclonal antibody developed by Bristol-Myers Squibb and AbbVie, for use in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone to treat multiple myeloma patients who have received at least one prior therapy has also been approved. If you do not subscribe to the Myeloma Minute, sign up today.

If you are considering making a year-end donation for tax year 2015, consider the Trillium Fund here at the UW Carbone Cancer center. (We have a new contact person, Katie Williquette.)

The Trillium Fund was established in 1982 by an anonymous donor to support multiple myeloma research at the UW Carbone Cancer Center. 100% of your gift to this fund will be used for multiple myeloma research. To date almost \$1.5 million has been raised. Your gift is used to collect the necessary data to apply for large federal, other public and private grants that support MM research. It is estimated that for every \$1 invested in the Trillium Fund \$12 more dollars are generated. The Trillium Fund has had a profound impact on multiple myeloma research at the UW Carbone Cancer Center. It currently supports the work of several scientists, physicians, graduate and undergraduate students connected through the UW Carbone Cancer Center to focus on finding better treatments and ultimately a cure for multiple myeloma. The program has grown from a small research study and patient base to a program helping over 200 patients across Wisconsin and Illinois receive world class care. Donors to the Trillium Fund are invited to an update every couple of years. At the last update in 2014 we had over 70 guests. Dr. Natalie Callander leads the update and her team leaders present their studies. It is an amazing presentation. They share what they are learning in the labs and how it is translating their research into better treatments.

Save the date....

January 7, 2016 IMF Best of ASH conference. "What Myeloma Patients and Caregivers Need To Know". Sign up on the IMF site.

April 30-May 1, 2016 "Celebrating a Second Chance at Life", a symposium for bone marrow, stem cell and cord blood transplant survivors. Register now at www.bmtinfonet.org/Chicago2016 or phone 888-597-7674

IMF Info Line – If you or someone you care for has myeloma, you have questions. Probably, lots of them. You can search the Internet all you want, but other than asking your doctor, there is no better way to get your questions answered than to call the IMF Info Line. Debbie, Missy, Judy and Paul know their stuff and they want to share what they know with you. Just ask anyone who has called the IMF Info Line. Patients or caregivers are welcome to contact the Info Line staffed by trained specialists at 800-452-CURE (800-452-2873). The Info Line is staffed between 9am and 4pm Pacific Time, 11am to 6pm Central time or infoline@myeloma.org.

The Trillium Fund was established by our founding support group members to facilitate Multiple Myeloma research here in Madison at the Wisconsin Institute of Medical Research. If you or your family wish to donate or send a memorial to this program, checks can be made payable to the "UW Foundation – Trillium Fund".

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