



“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 February 21, 2017 3:30pm – 5:30pm**
451 Junction Road
UW West Clinic Room 1287
Enter the clinic... proceed left past the vending area... turn left again and conf. room 1287 is the last one on the left.

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Upcoming meeting speakers:

Dr Aric Hall will be our March meeting speaker.
Sue Enright, Midwest Regional Director, Support Group liaison from the IMF will be presenting at our April meeting. Topic TBD.
Working on a pharmacy speaker for May or June meeting.

Our condolences.....

Sadly during January, we lost two group members. Dr. Kay Heggstad passed away on January 13, 2016. She and her husband, Paul joined our group January 2015. Dr. Kay was a dynamic force to behold. She endured many different treatments to put her aggressive Myeloma at bay. She gave it everything she had.

On January 30th, our group member Jerry Klave passed away. Jerry and Diane joined the support group March 2014. Driving from Tomah, WI, they would attend meetings when they could.

Both of these group members gave comfort and support to others during and after the meetings. I hope they knew the impact that they had on all of us. Words of encouragement and hope! It doesn't happen by chance, they gave that to us. We will miss them both.

For Our February meeting

Tanya Price, nurse educator from Takeda will be our meeting speaker for February. She will be presenting information about Lab Tests. Mark your calendar now not to miss this one!

Moving Mountains!

UW Health surgeon, Dr. Ben Marcus will be participating in “Moving Mountains for Multiple Myeloma” to raise money and awareness. In March of 2018, he will join a team of doctors, nurses, researchers, and

patients to climb to the base camp of Mt. Everest. Every dollar raised goes to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation's valuable efforts to treat and cure this disease. Ben Marcus was recently diagnosed in December 2016. Check out Ben's donation page for more information:

<https://endurance.themmrf.org/2018Everest/benmarcus>

The New York Times December 3, 2016

“Immune System, Unleashed by Cancer Therapies Can Attack Organs” by Matt Richtel

This article is a must read. It is too long to attach to the newsletter. Immunotherapy drugs are an exciting option for some patients. They are not without sometimes serious and life-threatening side effects. They offer real promise but real risks. Google the above title and learn about the new immunotherapy drugs.

Save the dates.....

IMF Patient and Family Seminar- Boca Rotan, Florida. Friday and Saturday, March 17-18, 2017.

IMF Patient and Family Seminar- Short Hills, New Jersey Friday and Saturday April 7-8, 2017.

Visit the IMF website to register.

Upcoming summer fund raiser....

Save the date for **“On Course for a Cure”**, a golf tournament to raise money for the Trillium Fund for Multiple Myeloma Research at UW Carbone Cancer Center. The event will be held at **noon on Monday, August 7, 2017 at Blackhawk Country Club, 3606 Blackhawk Dr., Madison, WI, 53705.** Golf will be followed by a program and dinner. For more information, please contact Katie Dowling-Marcus at kdowlingmarcus@gmail.com.

March is Myeloma Awareness Month!

At the February meeting, I will have flyers and buttons from the IMF. Challenge yourself to educate one new person about Myeloma. If we all did that, we would have 232 new folks made aware of this disease. We have a large group membership! How about talking to more than one person?

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. 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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