



The ALS Association Greater New York Chapter June 2009

Monthly Update

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June Support Groups

SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY

June 2, 2009 6:00-8:00 PM

(1st Tuesday of every month)

Stony Brook University, Dept. of Neurology

179 Belle Meade Rd, E. Setauket

(631) 444-1970

Topic: Open Discussion

Facilitator: Theresa Imperato, RN - (631) 444-4623

NASSAU COUNTY, NY

June 7, 2009 2:00-4:00 PM

(1st Sunday of every month)

North Shore's Central General Hospital

888 Old Country Road, Plainview

Downstairs Meeting Room; (516) 719-3000

Topic: Open Discussion

Facilitators: Theresa Imperato, RN - (631) 444-4623

Jody Wiesel, PhD - (917) 699-9751

MANHATTAN, NY

June 16, 2009 6:00-8:00 PM

(3rd Tuesday of every month)

Phillips Ambulatory Care Center (Beth Israel)

10 Union Square East (Bet. 14th & 15th St.)

2nd Floor, Conference Room #1

Topic: Open Discussion

Facilitator: Jody Wiesel, PhD - (917) 699-9751

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ

June 20, 2009 1:00-3:00 PM

(3rd Saturday of every month)

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital

Medical Education Building, Rm 108A

180 Somerset Street, Follow signs to meeting.

Topic: Open Discussion

Facilitator: Debbie Schlossberg, LMSW

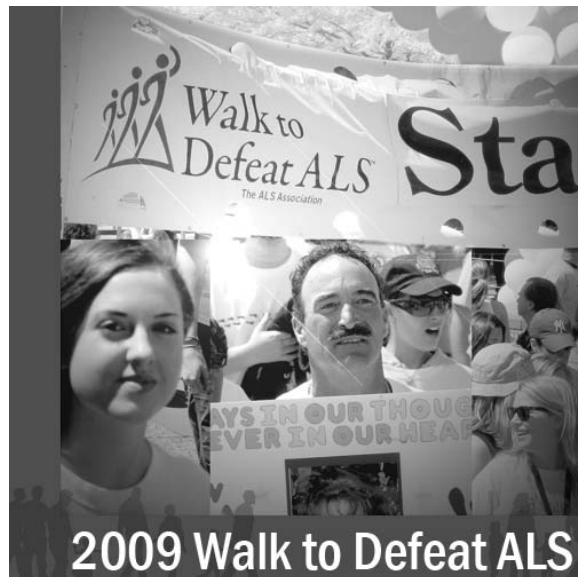
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Mary Ann Mertz, RN

*For more information about our Support Groups:
Go to the Patient Services section at
www.als-ny.org or call 800-672-8857.*

JUNE WALKS TO DEFEAT ALS: Saddle Brook, NJ - Sunday, June 7th Westchester - Sunday, June 14th

Bring your friends and family to the Walk to Defeat ALS and join us for a day of fun, food and music - and finding a cure for ALS! Check-in for both Saddle Brook & Westchester Walks begin at 10:00 AM, Walks begin at 11:00AM. See you there! For more information go to: www.alswalks.org



SAVE THE DATE! Long Island- Saturday, Sept. 12

We hope you enjoy the new Walk website. We look forward to achieving greatness together this Walk season. Please contact us with any questions you may have!

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The NY Chapter has a Lending Library available to all PALS.
We have DVDs of movies & TV shows and books on CD or audio tape to lend.
Please contact Christine Dunn at the Chapter office or e/mail dunn@als-ny.org.





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VOLUNTEER NIGHT June 18, 2009 5-7 PM. Contact Christine @ 212-720-3044

CALENDAR of EVENTS

6/7/09 - Saddle Brook, NJ Walk to Defeat ALS, Saddle River County Park, NJ. Contact: Allison Lardner Alardner@als-ny.org, (800) 672-8857.

6/9/09 - FREE Teleconference on Veteran's Benefits for PALS & their Surviving Spouses. 10:00 AM.

Fred Gould, National Service Officer from the Paralyzed Veteran's Association, will conduct a FREE Teleconference on VA Benefits. After the presentation he will open up the call to participants' questions.

Space is limited. Please contact Christine Dunn at 212-720-3044 to register by 6/5.

6/14/09 - Westchester, NY Walk to Defeat ALS, Tibbetts Brook Park, NY. Check-in begins 10:00 AM, Walk begins at 11:00 AM, Contact: Allison Lardner, Alardner@als-ny.org, (800) 672-8857.

6/19/09 - 12th Annual June Moon 5K. Colonial Park, 550 Elizabeth Ave, Franklin, NJ, Ginny Platania, 732-690-5280, jgplatania@verizon.net

6/20/09 - Mystery Dinner Theatre Fundraiser, Blue Lagoon Restaurant, 677 Farmingdale Rd., West Babylon, NY, 6:00PM, Jamie Lusky, 631-356-3286, JLLusky@yahoo.com

Dr. Lewis Jassey aka "Doc J" Sings In Memory Of His Father

February 17th, 1996 was the last day he ever saw his father, yet Dr. Lewis Jassey often feels like it was just yesterday.

"I try to do anything I can to keep his spirit alive," Lewis said. "Because without that there would be nothing left of him."

So the 39 year old pediatrician from Long Island, New York, does anything he can to fill the void left after his father, Dr. Marvin Jassey, died over 13 years ago from ALS.

Dr. Marvin Jassey remained optimistic throughout his fight. With his fight, this father of three taught his sons an important lesson: The lesson of perseverance.

Perhaps that's a big part of why two of his sons, Lewis and Jonathan, went on to graduate medical school and became physicians themselves, and why his other son, Adam, successfully completed law school.

Thirteen years have gone by and life has moved on. His sons are all married with children of their own and the memory of Grandpa Marvin lives on only through old pictures and memorable stories.

Dr. Lewis Jassey has a passion for music. So in the early morning hours of June 11th, 2003, Lewis completed a song he had started that painted a mental picture of his late father.

"I reminisced about the times we shared,"

Lewis said. "And captured the emptiness I felt by him missing out on some very important moments in my family's life."

The words are touching, the message is poignant. Dr. Lewis Jassey (who also goes by the stage name of Doc J) captured his raw emotion on his song "Hey Dad."

"Doc J" has teamed up with the ALS Association Greater New York Chapter to coordinate releasing his song, "Hey Dad" around Father's Day as a tribute to the late Dr.

Marvin Jassey. The effort will raise money for ALS research.

Dr. Marvin Jassey had a rare and wonderful bedside manner. He made a difference in so many lives. Maybe Dr. Marvin Jassey, the original Doc J, in his death can help make a difference in the lives of others who need him once again.

Happy Father's Day to all.

