



The ALS Association Greater New York Chapter May 2009

# Monthly Update

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## May Support Groups

### NASSAU COUNTY, NY

May 3, 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 (Group to be split)**

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

Jody Wiesel, PhD - (917) 699-9751

### SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY

May 5, 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

### NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ

May 16, 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

(732) 710-8832

Mary Ann Mertz, RN

### MANHATTAN, NY

May 19, 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

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

## **MAY WALKS TO DEFEAT ALS:** **Woodbridge, NJ - Sunday, May 3rd** **New York City - Saturday, May 16th**

Bring your friends and family to Walk to Defeat ALS and join us for a day of fun, food and music - and finding a cure for ALS! Check-in for Woodbridge begins at 10:00 AM, Walk begins at 11:00AM. Check-in for New York City begins at 9:30AM and Walk begins at 11:00AM. See you there!

## **SAVE THE DATES!**

**Saddle Brook- Sunday, June 7**

**Long Island- Saturday, Sept. 12**

**Westchester- TBD**

**(Date & location coming soon.)**



## **2009 Walk to Defeat ALS**

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](mailto:dunn@als-ny.org).





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**VOLUNTEER NIGHT May 21, 2009 5-7 PM. Contact Christine @ 212-720-3044**

## **MAY is ALS Awareness Month**



### **CALENDAR of EVENTS**

**5/2/09** - Shopping Works Wonders at Bloomingdale's at the Bloomingdale's in The Shops at Riverside, Hackensack, NJ. Contact: 201.457.2000 for info.

**5/3/09** - Woodbridge, NJ Walk to Defeat ALS, Check-in begins 10:00 AM, Walk begins at 11:00 AM

**5/10 - 5/12/09** - National ALS Advocacy Day and Public Policy Conference in Washington, D.C. For info contact Beth Mohsinger at 800.672.3060.

**5/16/09** - New York City Walk to Defeat ALS, Check-in begins 9:30 AM, Walk begins at 11:00 AM

**5/22/09** - Patti's Drive "Fore" A Cure. Water Gap Country Club, Delaware Water Gap, PA. Call 201-314-8998

## **PLEASE GIVE!**

For information on how to DONATE please contact Beth Mohsinger  
phone: (212) 720-3060  
email: mohsinger@als-ny.org

## **2009 National ALS Advocacy Day & Public Policy Conference**

The ALS Association's 2009 National ALS Advocacy Day and Public Policy Conference is coming up soon. On May 10-12, PALS, family members, caregivers, and friends from across the country will gather in Washington, DC for this empowering three-day event to share their ALS stories with Members of Congress and advance our public policy priorities, which are providing the roadmap that will lead us to a treatment and cure.

**We are especially looking for people who are constituents of these Congressional members:**

**Rep. Nita Lowey**  
*Westchester and Rockland Counties*

**Rep. Jose Serrano**  
*Bronx*

**Rep. Joseph Crowley**  
*Bronx and Queens*

**Rep. Steve Israel**  
*Long Island*

**Rep. Rodney Freilinghuysen**  
*Essex, Morris, Passaic, and Somerset Counties, NJ*

**Rep. Steven Rothman**  
*Bergen County, NJ*

These members serve on key committees that are influential in advancing this year's ALS priorities. You can check to see who your Representative is on the web by using the following link and entering your zip code:

<http://www.congress.org/congressorg/dbq/officials>.

We need your help in getting out our message. If you are interested in joining us in Washington, DC on May 10-12 for National ALS Advocacy Day and Public Policy Conference, contact Beth Mohsinger at (212) 720-3060 or mohsinger@als-ny.org for more information.

**We look forward to seeing you in DC!**



Have you registered for the 2009 National ALS Advocacy Day and Public Policy Conference May 10-12 in Washington, DC? If you plan to join us in the nation's capital, please register and reserve your hotel room TODAY! For information please contact Beth Mohsinger at (212) 720-3060 or mohsinger@als-ny.org