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OLIGODENDROGLIOMA AND OLIGOASTROCYTOMA

Any tumor that arises from the glial, or supportive, tissue of the brain is called a glioma. There are several types of gliomas. Oligodendrogliomas are gliomas that arise from oligodendrocytes — fried egg-shaped cells within the brain. These cells normally form the covering layer of nerve fibers in the brain. Astrocytomas are gliomas that arise from astrocytes — star-shaped cells within the brain. Astrocytes store information and nutrients for nerve cells in the brain. Oligoastrocytomas are “mixed gliomas” containing both oligodendroglioma and astrocytoma cells.

Oligodendrogliomas are generally soft, greyish-pink tumors which often contain mineral deposits (called calcifications), areas of hemorrhage, and/or cysts. They may be “graded” to describe the appearance of their cells when viewed under a microscope. Using the World Health Organization classification system, oligodendrogliomas and oligoastrocytomas can be either grade II or grade III tumors. The cells of a grade II tumor are referred to as “well-differentiated” — they appear slightly abnormal when compared to normal cells, and reproduce at a slow rate. Grade III “anaplastic” tumors have rapidly reproducing cells which are definitely abnormal in appearance. Some anaplastic oligoastrocytomas contain glioblastoma cells, which are grade IV cells.

Most oligodendrogliomas occur in adults ages 40-50, and are found in men more often than women. Once thought to represent only about 4% of all primary brain tumors, oligodendrogliomas may be more common than these statistics represent. Newer biologic markers are now helping pathologists separate oligodendrogliomas from other types of brain tumors. Scientists have also found abnormalities on chromosomes 1p and 19q which may play a role in the development of oligodendroglioma and oligoastrocytoma. Anaplastic tumors appear to have abnormalities on chromosome 9 or 10, along with unusual amounts of

growth factors and gene proteins. Those substances are thought to control the growth of blood vessels around a tumor.

Because of their generally slow growth, oligodendrogliomas are often present for years before diagnosis.

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American Brain Tumor Association
Sharing Hope
Family Weekend

July

18-20, 2003

If you joined us in 2001, you know “Family Weekend” is three wonder-filled days. If you weren’t there, plan to relax and rejuvenate with us at the *Sharing Hope* Family Weekend 2003. The beautifully tranquil atmosphere at Marriott’s Lincolnshire Resort will again provide the backdrop for three days of caring and sharing. You’ll find quietly elegant landscaped corners, a small lake, and a true feeling of “being away.” Meet other families and share your experience. In addition to participating in our highly-regarded Mini-Medical School, you’ll meet long term survivors, learn about specific tumors, interact with renowned physicians and researchers from the US and Canada, socialize, relax in a nurturing atmosphere, and be part of ABTA’s 30th Anniversary. Chicago is easily accessible via car, airplane (into Chicago O’Hare International Airport or Midway Airport), and train (into Chicago’s Union Station or the Ogilvie Transportation Center.) Circle your calendar, watch for discounted airfare, and plan a family vacation to the Windy City! We’ll be waiting for you.... 🍷

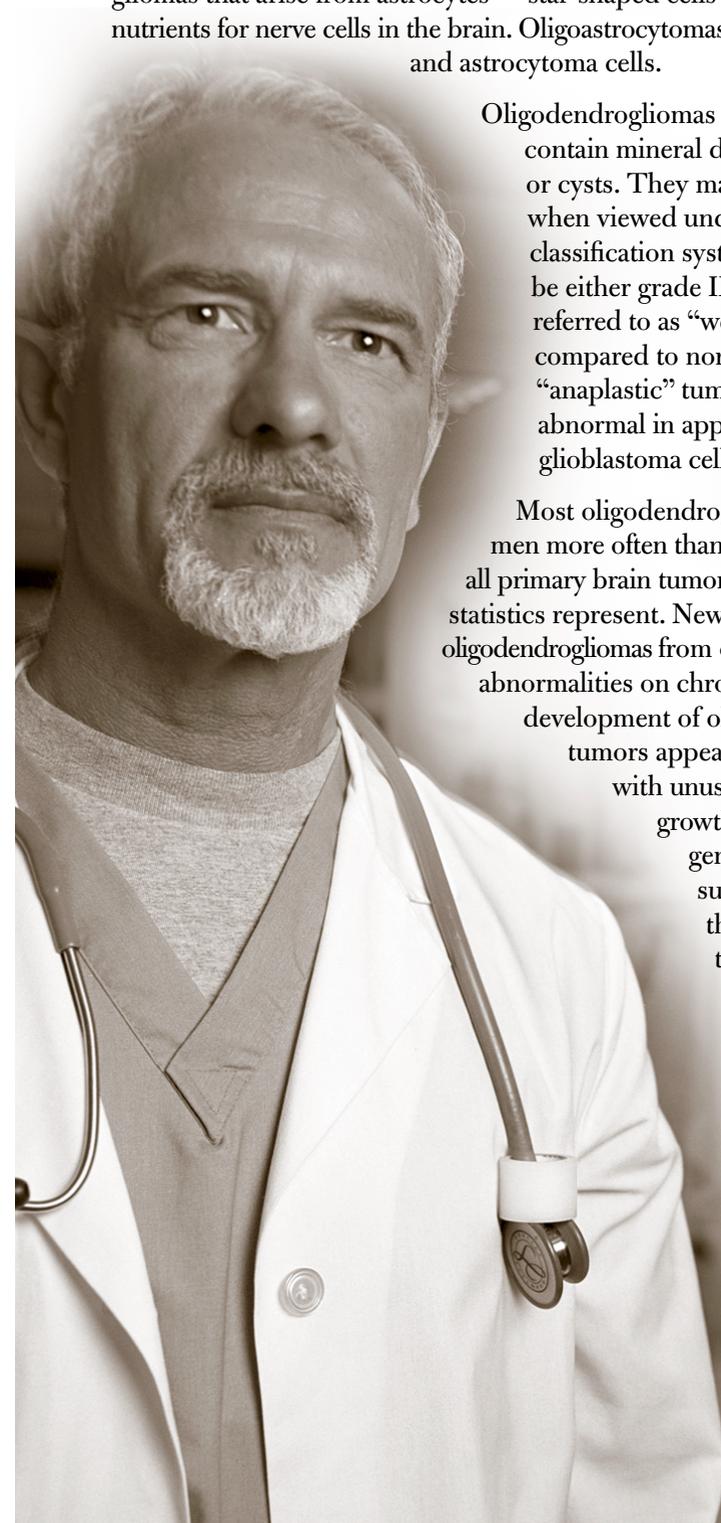
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Dr. Schiff's article in the Spring 2002 MessageLine was almost like reading my wife's chart since August 1984. She was diagnosed then with a brain tumor and immediately had surgery with radiation therapy following. The wonderful thing is that she is still alive almost 18 years later!

CONNECTICUT

In my great time of need a friend ordered the *Primer of Brain Tumors* from the internet for me and even though I'm a RN, your book refreshed my memory and explained perfectly what to expect. A million thank yous.

FLORIDA

Thank you for your quick and informative reply... I do hope this direction of knowledge continues until one day the term "brain tumor" won't be as frightening anymore, and we'll find a cure!

NEW YORK

My husband was diagnosed with a tumor last week, and your site has been a great source of comfort, inspiration, and above all, it helped us understand what was going on in his head, so to speak.

SOUTH AFRICA

Thank you so much for your prompt attention to our request for the *Primer of Brain Tumors* publication. We were astonished at all the helpful material we received. Thank you for caring.

CALIFORNIA

I am a brain tumor patient and have benefited tremendously from your newsletters and free services. Keep up the great work!

ALABAMA

I would like to thank you for all the information you have available on your web site. The information was invaluable and the resources plentiful. I am making a donation in memory of my husband. The funds were raised during a golf outing in his memory. Thank you for all you do.

ILLINOIS

As soon as I found out I was diagnosed with a brain tumor, I called your organization and was sent your materials. Thank you so much! I learned a lot about my condition and found that that lessened my anxiety. If I, who knows enough medicine to get her in trouble, can benefit so much from your educational packet, think of all the others who benefit!

CALIFORNIA

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- a cross cut paper shredder
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Sharing Knowledge

PROTEOMICS AND BIOINFORMATICS ARE BORN



HUMAN GENOME PROJECT SPAWNS TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT

The Human Genome Project promises to provide us with a molecular fingerprint of an individual. Pursuit of this ultimate goal has been the impetus for additional benefit to science: advancement of technology that provides powerful tools used in the analysis of gene expression.

High-throughput or array technology is continually being refined, providing us with important descriptive information of disease processes through mRNA-based analyses of gene expression. However, it is becoming clear that gene-based analysis is not

sufficient for complete understanding of the phenotypic expression at the molecular level. The field of proteomics, in which the protein structure and function are determined from the genetic blueprint, is the next frontier that may add substantially to our understanding and management of diseases. With the advancement in high-throughput technology, rigorous demands are being placed on the procurement of tissue and providing of homogeneous cell populations, a circumstance that has led to the development of tools such as microarray technology and laser capture microdissection (LCM).

MICROARRAY TECHNOLOGY

Microarray technology, also known as "gene chip" technology, has been an area of great interest particularly in differential analysis of gene expression. It allows for rapid quantitative measurement of gene expression in a tissue sample that is of interest on a large scale. Its advantage over blot techniques is its high degree of automation, parallelism and resolution. This technology takes advantage of the highly selective binding of nucleic acid molecules to complementary sequences.

The chip is composed of large numbers of DNA probes repeated

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in each location of the array. The probes may include the genome of an entire organism (or a subset of interest) which then is deposited on a glass or other material surface. The use of robotics has automated this process and increased its efficiency and consistency. RNA derived from the tissue is then added to the surface of these chips and then binds to the complementary DNA probes on the chip. The result is a highly parallel sorting process, and the binding can be quantified using a laser to detect the fluorescence-labeled RNA sample. Although the principle is not new, the high degree of automation and parallelism afforded by this technique has revolutionized biomedical discovery. A detailed review of DNA microarray gene expression analysis technology, including its applications to neurological disorders and its limitations, is available in Steven A. Greenberg's article published in *Neurology* (September 11, 2001).

LASER CAPTURE MICRODISSECTION (LCM) LCM, a relatively new technology developed by the National Institutes of Health, has been commercially available through a collaborative effort with Arcturus Engineering Inc. LCM is a method for procuring cells from specific microscopic regions of tissue sections. Its advantage is the reproducibility and accuracy of selecting specific cells from complex tissue samples for sub-

sequent analysis. Cells of interest are identified by microscopy and targeted. A variety of immunohistochemical stains can be used to identify cell populations of interest and thin sections of tissue can be fixed and embedded in paraffin or frozen. At the push of a button, a laser beam focally activates a special transfer film which bonds specifically to the cells targeted. The transfer film with the bonded cells is then lifted and separated from the unwanted cells. This process provides a homogeneous sample of cells that can then be used to procure DNA, RNA or protein.

There has been an explosion in the use of these powerful technological tools in basic science research, and they are being used to study brain tumors. Differential gene expression analysis between diseased and normal tissue is providing insight into the molecular pathogenesis of neurological disorders. In addition to molecular phenotyping (expression profiling), other applications include functional genomics (gene function in gene regulatory networks), pharmacogenomics (drug development

and prediction of efficacy and toxicity) and developmental biology (gene function in the control of development).

As the performance and technical issues of LCM and expression arrays are being refined, large amounts of data are being generated, giving birth to the field of bioinformatics — finding solutions to biological problems using computer science methodology such as knowledge representation, data storage and retrieval and database management. As the sequencing of the human genome nears completion, advances in proteomics and bioinformatics may ultimately provide a wealth of information to better understand the pathophysiology of neurological diseases and facilitate the development of effective therapies. 🧠

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WORKING HAND IN HAND...

The American Brain Tumor Association proudly partnered with Tyco Healthcare at the recent Congress of Neurological Surgeons annual meeting, encouraging neurosurgeons to visit the Tyco exhibit and provide candid answers to their survey. Tyco made a donation to the Association in the name of each physician who participated in the survey and who chose ABTA as the recipient of their donation, furthering our research-funding and patient education programs. This was a win-win situation for us all. Thank you to the following physicians who showed their support for the Association in this easy way:

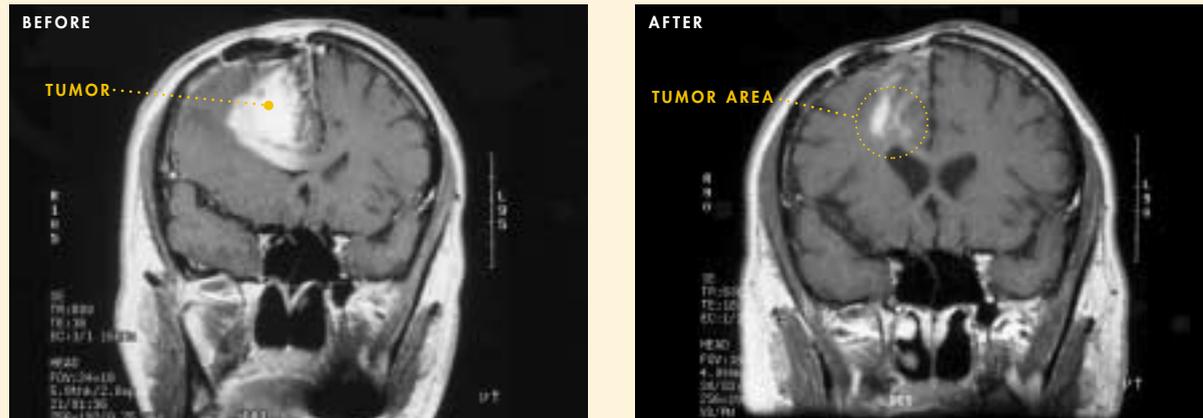
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OLIGODENDROGLIOMA AND OLIGOASTROCYTOMA

MRI OF AN OLIGODENDROGLIOMA



MRI scans of an anaplastic oligodendroglioma before (left) and after one cycle of chemotherapy with PCV. This person had undergone surgery for recurrent disease, and radiation therapy, but not previous chemotherapy.

Photos courtesy of Dr. Paleologos

The most common symptoms are seizures, headaches and personality changes. Other symptoms vary by location and size of the tumor: frontal lobe tumors may cause weakness on one side of the body, personality or behavior changes. Temporal lobe tumors can cause seizures, language problems or memory difficulties.

After a neurological examination, MRI and/or CT scans are ordered for someone suspected of having a brain tumor. The calcification sometimes present in an oligodendroglioma may be seen on a CT scan and suggests the diagnosis of this tumor type. However, only examination of a sample of tumor tissue by a pathologist confirms the exact diagnosis.

The primary treatment for an oligodendroglioma or oligoastrocytoma is surgery if the tumor is located in an accessible area of the brain. (An “accessible” tumor

is one that can be removed without causing severe neurological damage.) Numerous tools, such as computer-guided stereotactic navigational systems and brain mapping techniques, are available to assist the neurosurgeon in tumor removal. Even with the use of these tools however, some tumors can be only partially removed because of their location. If the tumor is inoperable, a biopsy will be done to confirm the exact diagnosis.

For an adult with an anaplastic tumor or an oligoastrocytoma, chemotherapy or radiation therapy may follow surgery. If your tumor is an oligodendroglioma, your doctor will determine if radiation therapy is recommended at this time. Most forms of radiation are aimed at the tumor and a small area around the tumor.

In many patients, chemotherapy can be particularly helpful and

may be used prior to radiation therapy. PCV — the combination of the drugs procarbazine, lomustine (CCNU) and vincristine — has been found to be an effective treatment for both anaplastic oligodendrogliomas and anaplastic oligoastrocytomas. Some physicians also use PCV for lower-grade oligodendrogliomas. About 60-65% of oligodendrogliomas respond to chemotherapy, but scientists are unclear as to which tumors will respond and which will not. New tests being developed may help better predict the effectiveness of chemotherapy in this group of tumors. In anaplastic oligodendrogliomas, loss of the chromosomes 1p and 19q is strongly associated with chemosensitivity. While most experience is with PCV, another drug, temozolomide (Temodar), is being increasingly used in people with oligodendroglial tumors.

Despite science’s best efforts, tumors recur when all the tumor cells cannot be removed by surgery or killed by other treatments. Over time, those cells multiply and result in tumor regrowth. However, because many oligodendrogliomas are slow growing tumors, it may be years before regrowth occurs.

Treatment for a recurrent oligodendroglioma or oligoastrocytoma may be additional surgery, radiation therapy if the tumor was not previously radiated, or a form of local radiation if the tumor was previously radiated. There are also many clinical trials open to those with a recurrent tumor. For example, researchers are looking at the effectiveness of temozolomide (Temodar) in combination with other drugs or biologic therapies such as irinotecan (CPT11); angiogenesis inhibitors such as COL-3 or thalidomide; high-dose drugs used in conjunction with stem cell transplantation; or Gliadel wafers containing BCNU may all be considered. Monoclonal antibody studies offer treatment with immune substances which

may be capable of killing cells themselves, or they may serve as a delivery vehicle for drugs or radioactive products. Radiosensitizers, drugs thought able to increase a tumor’s response to radiation, or implanted liquid radiation (GliaSite) are other possibilities.

Oligodendrogliomas are currently tumors of great interest within the brain tumor community. While researchers learn more about the initial steps in their development, clinicians are working with new drugs and biologic approaches to treating these tumors. To find out more about these studies contact the National Cancer Institute’s Cancer Information Service at 800-422-6237.

If you have any questions about the information contained here, please take this article to your doctor. He or she is best equipped to respond to your concerns on an individual basis. Inclusion in this article does not constitute endorsement of any of these treatments. 🙏

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NINA PALEOLOGOS,
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American Brain Tumor Association
We Will Survive Retreat

RETREAT PROVIDES HOPE AND HELP FOR THOSE
 LIVING WITH A BENIGN BRAIN TUMOR



Scenic Big Bear Lake, California was the site of our first ever *We Will Survive* Retreat for individuals affected by benign brain tumors. The retreat took place the weekend of May 31, 2002, with participants hailing from all over the country, eager to share their stories and draw from the wealth of disciplines represented: neurosurgery, neuro-oncology, health education, nursing, social work, physical therapy, nutrition, neuropsychology and art therapy. We were also fortunate to have a number of patient advocates, who, owing to their personal experiences, were able to offer some guideposts to help participants navigate their way through the healthcare system and the myriad of challenges they face. The mountain setting provided a beautiful backdrop as

participants learned new information, explored their concerns, and got to know each other. After a warm welcome from ABTA's Naomi Berkowitz, the Retreat opened with the keynote, delivered by Nancy Conn-Levin, a brain tumor survivor and health educator. Nancy's presentation, "Nothing Benign About It," set the energizing tone for the weekend. Tim Cloughesy, MD, Director of Neuro-Oncology at UCLA Medical Center and Hrayr Shahinian, MD, Director of Cedars-Sinai Skull Base Institute and Co-Director of The Pituitary Center in Los Angeles opened our Saturday morning program with individual plenary sessions and a joint question and answer period. Dr. Cloughesy responded to queries about medications and their side effects, while

Dr. Shahinian fascinated the audience with videos of innovative surgical techniques. Neuro-psychological issues were addressed by Bram Goldstein, PhD. The remainder of the weekend offered a wide variety of workshops relating to the needs and interests of individuals with benign brain tumors. Social worker, David Fraser, led a workshop on family dynamics from the caregiver perspective, while in a separate workshop, James Billings, a marriage and family therapist, explored family dynamics from the patient perspective. Physical therapist, Eric Johnson, addressed rehabilitation issues and registered dietician, Marjorie Geiser, provided information about nutrition. Experiential workshops afforded rich opportunities for a more

"hands on" approach to learning. Martha Jensen, guided participants in meditation and relaxation exercises. Maureen Kellen-Taylor, PhD, demonstrated ways to be creative through art and Diane Barounis, MSW, an ABTA Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation Social Worker, led a workshop on self-expression through journaling. Throughout the weekend, participants worked on (and completed!) a *Tree of Life* jigsaw puzzle and Saturday's "game night" provided a time for informal interacting and just plain fun! In the areas of advocacy and self-care, we were fortunate to have a number of engaging presenters. Maureen Eisenberg, a brain tumor survivor, spoke about "Re-Inventing Yourself." Nancy Conn-Levin presented "Developing Your Personal

Coping Plan" and Sharmyn McGraw, a brain tumor survivor, shared her poignant story about the difficulties she experienced obtaining an accurate diagnosis of her pituitary tumor. Dioni Rovello Freking, MSN, talked about "How to Get a Proper Evaluation: Become Your Own Advocate." Turning to legislative issues, Gail Segal, former president of ABTA and immediate past Chair of the North American Brain Tumor Coalition, provided information to promote the passage of the Benign Brain Tumor Cancer Registeries Amendment Act in the House and the Senate. A panel discussion Sunday morning lent insight and an opportunity for more personal sharing around selected topics. Panel participants were Alan

Herendich, a family member, our Retreat host and the inspiration for it (thank you Alan!) along with brain tumor survivors Sharmyn McGraw, Maureen Eisenberg and Lisa Phillips. In addition to being a panelist, Lisa, uplifted and entertained us throughout the weekend with her delightful singing and guitar playing. Beyond the information gleaned from lectures and workshops, the Retreat offered participants a time to get to know, learn from and support each other. Whether just beginning one's journey of living with a benign brain tumor, or having walked it for some time, all were grateful for the opportunity to come together for the experience of a journey shared. 🎵

Raising Funds & Raising Fun

The entire brain tumor community owes a debt of gratitude to the event organizers and their committees, each participant and every generous sponsor. Please accept our sincere thank you for volunteering your precious time and donating your money to raise funds, heighten awareness and share hope with everyone affected by a brain tumor. Your efforts were enormous; our gratitude is likewise.

If you would like to honor or memorialize your loved one with a special event, call 800-886-1281. We will be happy to assist you in planning your very own special event.



On your mark—get set—float! These 100+ “tubeheads” made their pledge sponsors proud by floating down the Delaware River for 5+ hours for brain tumor research.

PENNSYLVANIA

Impressive would be only an adequate descriptive for the JAG Fund Weekend of Activities. From beginning to end — blowing up the tubes; the (all day in the hot sun) Golf Classic, including lunch and prizes; VIP welcome party — bringing in those pledges to live music; relaxing Tube Float down the Delaware River, including the island lunch; and the post-float Bash, with more music. Joel A. Gingras, Jr. left a legacy of good times, camaraderie, and an inspiration to raise brain tumor research funds. His family and friends carry out his legacy in magnificent style. Many thanks to the Gingras Family and the entire JAG Fund Board.



Norma Davis seen here with world-renowned yogi, Rodney Yee, after the Peace of Mind Yogathon.

FLORIDA

Norma Davis inspired us to study and practice yoga, her favorite activity. She organized this highly successful and unique Peace of Mind Yogathon to bring hope and help to others battling a brain tumor. The event was attended by beginning and advanced yoga students and led by volunteer instructors, including world-renowned yogi, Rodney Yee! Norma’s battle ended a few short months after the Yogathon. Those who shared her fervor will take their breaths deeply while remembering her. We extend special thanks to all those who donated their time and energy to make this such a success, especially Norma’s family, Stewart, Jessica and Tyler.

NEW YORK

“Happiness Is...” remembering loved ones and celebrating life. Much gratitude to the Serena Eisenberg Scholarship Foundation for their continued support of our research activities through the delectable “Happiness Is...” Dinner and show-stopping “Bandaloop.” We applaud them and their efforts.

KENTUCKY

Donna Quesinberry and her entire family all gathered to honor their youngest family member, 3-year old brain tumor survivor, Crystal, with the Quesinberry Family Auction at the East Carter Middle School. We are appreciative to all those who contributed auction items and baked goods for our brain tumor research and patient education programs.

NEW YORK

Many thanks to Michelle Culbertson who disseminated brain tumor information and sold our “Happiness Is...” calendar at the 54th Annual Albany Tulip Festival. We are grateful for her willingness to represent our



organization at such a major community affair. Thank you, Michelle!

ILLINOIS

The Emily Dorfman Foundation for Children held their 7th Annual Miles for Smiles in the beautiful Chicago Botanical Gardens. By remembering Emily with this meaningful tribute, they are also heightening brain tumor awareness and raising funds for pediatric brain tumor research. We genuinely appreciate their continued support of our program and express our thanks to Stephen, Beth and their supporters.

MISSOURI

The Richard Schaffner Memorial BBQ was quite a tribute! Complete with moon walk, horse shoes, volleyball, and swimming — all 150 people in attendance were assured of having a good time. Local DJ, Randy Woodward, oversaw the festivities and kept the music lively. Many thanks to all involved, especially, Richard’s family — Tracy, Brent, and Bryce Goodall; Scott, Taylor, and Scotty Schaffner; wife, Cindy and of course, dog, Stinky!



Partygoers at the Richard Schaffner Memorial BBQ cool off with a dip in the pool.



Golfers at the 2nd Annual Michael Crotty Golf Tournament take a golf break to pose on this special commemorative day.

NEW YORK

The Crotty Family has come back for another round and was ready to help ABTA fund research through their 2nd Annual Michael Crotty Golf Tournament in memory of husband and father, Michael Crotty. This year was equally as successful as last year and was held at the Smithtown Landing Golf Country Club. We are grateful for their continued support. All in all, it was a wonderful tribute and a wonderful time was had by all.

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Raising Funds & Raising Fun



More than 500 runners and walkers came to remember Kevin Mullin and to race for research funds.

OHIO

The spectacle of over 500 runners and walkers, who came to support the Kevin Mullin Memorial 5K Run/Walk and to remember Kevin, was an amazing sight. The love and encouragement that surrounded everyone in attendance was evident as runners pushed their limit to run faster and walkers breathed deeper for a steady and swift pace. Kevin's mom, Cecelia, wrote, "Kevin showed a tremendous amount of courage and hope." Although he did not win the battle, he certainly "placed" in everyone's hearts. ABTA holds close to our core the Mullin family and friends who turned their loss into hope for others, and to celebrate Kevin's life.

OHIO

Heartfelt thanks to the Koenig Family for coordinating a New Year's Eve fundraiser for family and friends in memory of their daughter, Jennifer. We are grateful to be remembered, as they all remember Jennifer.



The Kennedy's — Thom, Debi, and Betsi — were all smiles during their recent visit to ABTA for a presentation of the funds raised during their recent garage sale.

ILLINOIS

If you were looking for a good buy this summer, stopping at the Bargains for Brain Tumors Garage Sale would have been the spot for you! Family, friends, and neighbors of the Kennedy Family donated their time, energy, and of course, "stuff," for a day full of raising funds in honor of brain tumor survivor, Betsi. We are so grateful for their support and encouragement of our pediatric research programs. *Congratulations to Team Betsi!*

CALIFORNIA

The 5th Annual Penny Golf Classic was another year of extraordinary effort to honor the memory of Penny Stowell. Her short, but courageous, battle with a brain tumor inspired Penny's daughter and son-in-law, Kristi and Harry Cole, to remember her zest for life and golf with their annual golf tournament and awards dinner. An enormous thank you to all who helped plan, volunteered, or attended in support of brain tumor research. It was an outstanding day of golf, prizes, feasting and fun.

WISCONSIN

My how time flies! This year marked the 14th Annual Strain for the Brain Run-Walk to support the programs of the American Brain Tumor Association! Starting with warm up exercises led by area athletes, the Run-Walk began after a few words of encouragement from 5-time Olympic Gold Medalist, Bonnie Blair. Bonnie re-counted her brother Rob's success in battling a brain tumor, and expressed her hopes for continued progress so that every brain tumor diagnosis has a successful outcome. We are ever grateful to event founder Marcy Weinsheim, and continuing organizer Mary Doyle Lehman and her siblings and their families for spearheading this event in memory of their mother, Patricia J. Doyle. Thank you STRAIN for your continued dedication and devotion to our mutual cause.



Bonnie Blair takes her children along for the run at the 14th Annual Strain for the Brain.



Organizer Rosemary O'Rourke takes a breather from the festivities to pose with Ronald McDonald.

ILLINOIS

The 3rd Annual Cathy's Connection is a 5K Roll n' Stroll organized by Rosemary O'Rourke in memory of her daughter, Catherine Leigh O'Rourke. Rosemary brings her unique vigor to this event, along with her clan of children and grandchildren. They are the inspiration for bringing family and friends together to raise money for brain tumor research and to dream of a world without brain tumors. Hundreds attended the event, despite a cold spring day, to remember Cathy and heighten awareness while raising research dollars. We are enormously grateful to all the O'Rourkes and volunteer coordinator, Vivian Shields.

MICHIGAN

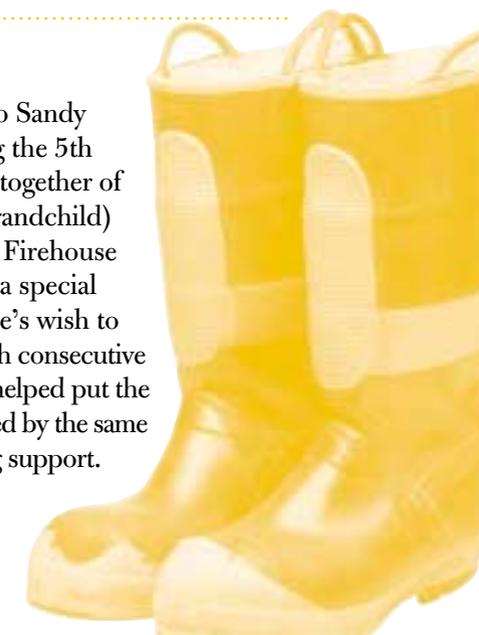
"It was a terrific outing," wrote organizer Roberta Semanco about the 5th Annual Paul Brazen Memorial Golf Outing in memory of her brother. We think it was terrific too! She continued, "I cannot begin to tell you what a wonderful feeling that is. I could never imagine this happening. Everyone had a great time and we all had fun. The weather cooperated and it was a beautiful day." Congratulations and thanks to the Brazen and Semanco families for making this special 5th year so exceptional.

VIRGINIA

A very special thank you is conveyed to Sandy Carr and her committee for organizing the 5th Annual John's Jamboree. The coming together of John Carr's family (including a new grandchild) and friends at the Leesburg Volunteer Firehouse featured an evening of merriment and a special tribute to John Carr, Jr. It was everyone's wish to extinguish brain tumors! This year's 5th consecutive blast did bring us closer to a cure, and helped put the fire under many others who are challenged by the same crusade. Thank you for your continuing support.

ILLINOIS

The 7th Annual Ray of Hope is personified by the face of little Ray Chlopecki who lost his brain tumor battle when he was 16 months old. He is truly an inspiration to all who strive to find a cure for pediatric brain tumors. His family and their friends have dedicated themselves to paying tribute to him and raising pediatric research funds with this annual golf and auction. The day was beautiful; it was a special time for all those who attended. ABTA sends enormous thanks to the Ray of Hope Foundation for their continuing support.



Raising Funds & Raising Fun



Volunteers at the Tiffany Townsend Daniels Memorial Golf Classic are ready to register golfers on a bright, sunny day.

OHIO

The family and friends of Tiffany Townsend Daniels coordinated their efforts to hold a Golf Classic as a memorial tribute to her life as a daughter and wife, and to commemorate her spirit. Although the golf outing was planned in just a few short months, no detail was left untouched. Hole sponsors, prizes, and more were available for attendees. Her parents Bob and Bobbie Townsend wrote, "After talking to so many of the participants, it seems everyone had a great time and thought it was a first-class event. Next year should be even bigger and better." Thank you to the Townsend and Daniels families for their contribution to our mutual cause.

FLORIDA

As a loving tribute to their father and husband, Craig Boland, Cody and Ann organized the Boland Family Baseball Game. This unique fundraising event was a true home run hit with all who attended. It gave everyone the opportunity to play the game loved by Craig and remember him in their own special way. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Boland Family for benefiting our programs with this tribute.

ILLINOIS

Spirit Expo 2002, the cheerleading exposition, was more than rah-rah-sis-boom-bah! It was a night of camaraderie, pizzazz, and a way to focus energy to find a cure for brain tumors by raising money for research. Mundelein High School senior and brain tumor survivor Sara Flanigan was the coordinator and "spirit" behind it all. We "cheer" her and all teams who were able to shout, clap, and tumble on our behalf.



Christopher Stockert (right) and James Kosty (left) take a break from riding through the great Indiana Dunes. Their ride took them through the mid-west and western states to Davis, California.

MICHIGAN-CALIFORNIA

Ambitious? Determined? In great shape? YES, YES, and YES! Motivated by his father's struggle with a brain tumor, Christopher Stockert and his pal James Kosty took a Cross Country Bike Ride, pedaling over 2,700 miles to raise money for brain tumor research. Five weeks after they began their trip, they arrived home richer from their experience and richer for ABTA's research programs. Thank you for letting us be part of your incredible journey.



The Murphy Family proudly gathered at their 1st dinner/raffle fundraiser in honor of brain tumor survivor, Kathy Murphy, center. From left, hostess Michelle Murphy and her Dad stand next to Kathy. Michelle's siblings, Mike and Shannon, flank Mom (Kathy) on the right.

OHIO

The exuberant Michelle Murphy was not going to sit still when she found out her mom was diagnosed with a brain tumor. She got up, gathered everyone she knew, and organized A Daughter's Hope/ Murphy Family Dinner and Raffle to share her vision of hope for a cure for her mom's illness. We thank Michelle and the entire Murphy Family for sharing this special occasion with us and their incredible contributions to research and outreach. Michelle wrote, "I love thinking back to this night! It is the best thing I've ever done!"

ILLINOIS

The 1st Annual Monty Rachelle Memorial Golf Tournament was held at the Prairies of Cahokia. Monty's friends and family paid a special tribute to Monty through this event. The tournament winners were Rob Eden, Jim Eden, Matt Howard, and Eri Karibian hailing 10 under par. Organizer Denny Phillips expressed gratitude for those who assisted when he wrote, "My very special thanks goes to the volunteers who without their help this event could not take place." Thank you, Denny. Your help is invaluable for program activities.

PENNSYLVANIA

Run for Hope and a Pump n' Run were all part of the festivities at the 12th Annual Run for Hope at the Club La Maison. The club staff and the Sposato Family combine their efforts to make fitness a fun way to raise money. The run and "pump" are held in memory of former club owner, Richard Sposato.

Also participating was Joan Menige Mastroianni who participated in the Run for Hope in memory of her husband, Louis S. Mastroianni. Thank you, Joan, for your continued support of our pediatric brain tumor research programs through the Club La Maison event.

INDIANA

Leah Beardslee and her family coordinated the Lawrence Township School District Dress Down Day in memory of Leah's mother, Patricia Norman, a long-time employee with the School District. We "informally" took a poll at the school and found that everyone wanted to have a day to remember her, and to celebrate her life. Many thanks to the Beardslee and Norman families for remembering our research programs, while paying homage to Patricia.



Phil Maroney, KeySpan sponsor representative and Race Director Mary Ellen Stajk, congratulate a young fun-run finisher.

NEW YORK

For the second year, the annual Kings Park 15 Kilometer Run is step-by-step helping us reach our mutual goal of eliminating brain tumors through research and providing patient information. Race Director Mary Ellen Stajk writes, "We are well aware of the wonderful work that you are doing, and are thrilled to be able to make this contribution to your programs." Each pace and every stride brings us closer. Thank you for your very kind words, in addition to your donation.

Raising Funds & Raising Fun



Alex Krenz, accompanied by a box of Krispy Kreme donuts, before he begins his route of picking up donations for a school project.

PENNSYLVANIA

We salute Alex Krenz from Media School for his recent science-related project focusing on brain tumor treatments and raising brain tumor research funds. His research project addressed focused beam radiation using linear accelerators and the Gamma Knife. He wrote, "For my action I want to raise money for brain tumor research. Thus, I am asking you to make a donation to the American Brain Tumor Association and if you donate 10 dollars or more before May 10th, I will deliver Krispy Kreme Donuts to you" We thank him, and all those who contributed and supported him. His mom, Cheri Krenz wrote, "We are quite proud of his endeavors!" And so are we! Thank you for your initiative and pioneering in research, Alex!

TENNESSEE

Professional golfer and brain tumor survivor Kyle S. Minor, Jr. and his wife Melissa, organized the 1st Strokes for Hope Golf Outing. The event was a gigantic success — with every detail from golf accessories to towels — in perfect form. We are very grateful to the Minor family and friends for joining our efforts to eliminate brain tumors through our research programs.



Melissa Minor, far right, and her committee prepare to register golfers at the 1st Strokes for Hope Golf Outing in honor of her husband, Kyle S. Minor, Jr.



More than 120 participants came to celebrate the life of John C. Bausch by climbing the gorgeous State College mountain terrain.

PENNSYLVANIA

The family and friends of John C. Bausch gathered on a beautiful spring day to kick off Brain Tumor Action Week and Hike for Hope that a cure will soon be found. The participants and the supporters made this event successful in so many ways. Judy Bausch, John's mother, wrote, "We are thrilled that the Hike for Hope was such a great success. Already we are looking forward to working with ABTA next year. We are committed to the ongoing research to find a cure." Thank you to the Bausch and Pisano Families for helping us reach our mutual goal of finding a cure.

NEW YORK

In addition to heightening awareness about brain tumors, Robin Burkhart collected pledges by walking for the Association programs during Brain Tumor Action Week. We are grateful for every step she took bringing ABTA closer to our common goal of eliminating brain tumors.



Special thanks to the lovely ladies of the committee. We are one in wanting to find an end to this disease that took our friend, Laurie.

MICHIGAN

The 5th Annual Celebrate Life Dinner to honor Laurie Deierlein was a poignant evening. Laurie lost her brain tumor battle just weeks before, but she never lost her zest for wanting to help us continue to wage the fight against brain tumors. One of the evening highlights was the film shown by Lila Lazarus, TV news WDIV-TV, featuring interviews with Laurie and her husband Bill, speaking candidly about Laurie's illness and their lives. The evening truly was a reason to celebrate Laurie's life and express thanks to her wide circle of devoted family and friends for continuing to embrace ABTA as their favored charity.



Matt, Amy, and Tim McCoy proudly present ABTA with a check from the Dan McCoy Family Fun Run held in memory of their father and husband.

ILLINOIS

Amy McCoy and her young sons, Matt and Tim, held the 1st Annual Dan McCoy Family Fun Run as a memorial tribute to their husband and Dad. The McCoy family and friends have burst into the ABTA family of volunteers and are on a mission to fund research to end brain tumors. Their 5K Fun Run was a springboard to their efforts. Amy McCoy wrote, "Dan was a loving father, husband, and Chicago Police Officer. It is my hope that this tribute to Dan will teach Matthew and Timmy what kind of man their father was and just how many people loved him. My dream is for Timmy's heart to grow fuller with daddy's love, and for Matthew to look forward to this annual celebration of his dad's memory." Many thanks to the entire committee, especially Amy McCoy, Terri Hefertepe and Joyce Nelson.

ILLINOIS

Aloha! The Barefoot Hawaiians hosted the 1st Annual Tropical Nights Charity Luau to benefit the programs of ABTA. This spectacular evening included flower lei making, hula lessons, raffles, buffet dinner and the best Polynesian show to hit the mainland, The Fires of Polynesia. Mahalo (thanks) to everyone involved in making this event a success.



Hatted ABTA board members Pat Hansen, Jim Keith and Don Segal flank organizer Pam Kamberos to commend her and her families' triumphant George's Jog event.

ILLINOIS

The Kamberos family held their 5th Annual George's Jog. They and their friends have outdone themselves with a phenomenal event in memory of their husband and father, George Kamberos. With record attendance and contributions, they have found the formula for a fabulous event! We congratulate their nonstop power to aid ABTA in our purpose of eradicating brain tumors forever. Thank you to Susan, Kristin, Nicole, and especially Pamela for making this year the best yet!

Raising Funds & Raising Fun



Carl's Body Shop of Dayton, Ohio donated a car to be smashed for the Epsilon Delta Tau annual car smash. This "hit" of an afternoon was filled with crashing, annihilating, and pulverizing for brain tumors. Seen here are some of EDT's "smashers."

OHIO

Mark Rice would be proud of his Epsilon Delta Tau fraternity brothers as they have another smashing year in funding ABTA programs as a tribute to him. EDT Brother Bryan Eyring wrote, "Mark was a very active brother of ours who was taken away from us much too soon." Although many years have passed, the crash lives on as a testament of their commitment to their brother and the challenges others face. Thank you EDT — your event was a "smash" hit with us too!

ILLINOIS

On a beautiful, warm summer day, the Horberg family and friends, gathered for the 1st Annual 5-mile Larry Horberg Memorial Wheel to Heal to help those affected by a brain tumor, today and tomorrow. His family wrote, "Larry acted with integrity and kindness in his personal life as a husband, father, son, brother, and friend, as well as in his professional career as a clinical psychologist." We thank you all for your efforts and your outstanding results, and for choosing to pay tribute to Larry through the programs of the American Brain Tumor Association.



Family and friends come together to celebrate the life of Larry Horberg at the Wheel to Heal Bike Ride.

RHODE ISLAND

"It was time to do something to raise awareness about brain tumors," said Carrie Stone. So she and her children, Christopher, Jr. and Casey, rolled to remember and skated for a cure in memory of husband and father, Christopher Stone, Sr. It was also an afternoon to celebrate, have fun, and laugh! With every roll of the skate wheels this family brought ABTA closer to finding a cure for brain tumors and motivated others to join them. We are most grateful for your time, energy, and dedication to our mutual cause. Thank you.

Holiday Shopping

ABTA SHIRT



A rich purple with the ABTA logo in white, this short-sleeved polo-style knit shirt makes a perfect gift for the holidays, birthdays, or just to say "Thinking of You." This shirt is 50% cotton/50% polyester and is true to size. Shirts are \$15.00 each.

CHRISTMAS CASSETTE



Enjoy your holiday favorites: Jingle Bells, White Christmas, Joy to the World, Silent Night, and more by classic artists — Burl Ives, Jack Jones, Roger Williams, Fred Waring & others... Cassettes are \$8 each.

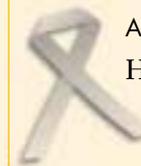
Holiday Card brochures were mailed in August. If you did not receive yours, please call our office at 800-866-1281.

CHRISTMAS CD

Give the gift of music with this special Christmas Memories CD. Ten favorites include White Christmas, Christmas Time Is Here, A Holly Jolly Christmas, Silver and Gold, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman, Skating, The Christmas Song, Silver Bells and The Christmas Waltz... The CDs are \$10 each.



AWARENESS PINS



Help raise brain tumor awareness by wearing a Brain Tumor Awareness pin. These 1" lacquered pins are a soft shade of grey, symbolizing the gray matter of the brain. Pins are \$5 each.

TO ORDER

I would like to order:

Quantity	Description	Each	Total
	Cassette(s) at	\$8 each	\$
	CD(s) at	\$10 each	\$
	Shirt(s) at	\$15 each	\$
	CIRCLE SIZE S M L XL XXL XXXL		
	Pin(s) at	\$5 each	\$
Postage/Handling	1 to 2 items, \$2 3 to 6 items, \$3 each add'l, \$.25		\$
Total			\$

Name _____

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(Please fill in should we need to contact you regarding your order.)

Mail your order today with a check payable to:
AMERICAN BRAIN TUMOR ASSOCIATION (or ABTA)
 2720 River Road, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018

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Fax your order to 847-827-9918
FAXED ORDERS MUST HAVE COMPLETE CHARGE CARD INFORMATION.

Charge card minimum of \$25. **Charge my order to:**

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News & Announcements



Sponsored by the Florida Brain Tumor Association, the 5th Bi-Annual *Sharing Hope: Tumor Talk* conference for brain tumor survivors, their friends and families and healthcare professionals will be held January 17–19th, 2003 at the Fort Lauderdale Airport Hilton. For more information, call 954-755-4307, or send an e-mail to Bt1Diva@aol.com. Details will also be posted at www.fbta.info — click on the “events” banner.

An addition to your medical library: Renowned neuro-oncologist, Victor Levin, MD, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston released the second edition of his book, *Cancer in the Nervous System*. Covering both primary and metastatic brain tumors, we particularly like the chapters addressing “Symptoms Secondary to Cancer and Its Treatment.” The discussion of rehabilitation, mental status, cognitive functioning, and psychosocial issues makes it an important selection for any neuro-oncology resource center. The book is available at www.oup.com.

Interested in learning what the National Cancer Institute is funding? An easy-to-use interface at the *NCI's Cancer Research Portfolio* web site gives even neophyte Internet users the ability to quickly see who is receiving government research support and the nature of the research. There are clinical studies (offered to patients), prevention, early detection, survivorship, causes, and biology studies. Visit <http://researchportfolio.cancer.gov>, choose Brain Tumor from the menu, and retrieve over 600 pre-sorted projects. Click on any of the project names for details — who is doing the research, what it's about, and where it's being done.



Coffee With The Angels is officially available! David Bailey's newest CD includes 18 new songs (including *Java Junkie*, *Her Favorite Color Was Green*, *Tucson*, and *Keep on Walking*), backup singers including the Hot Soup trio and a gospel quartet, guitar players, bass players, a harmonica player, and a bagpipe (!). The complete song list, audio samples, and ordering information is available at www.cdbaby.com/cd/dmbailey02.

Diagnosed with a glioblastoma five years ago, David Bailey looked his future squarely in the eyes and moved right past it. Off the shelf came the guitar and a new life. First entertaining within medical circles, David is now a nationally renowned, award-winning folk artist. His Cat Stevens/Gordon Lightfoot sound bring the complexities of everyday living to their most basic level. Laugh, love, and smile with David as he walks, side by side with us, through our humanity.

Interested in showcasing your medical product or service to an audience of approximately 700 brain tumor patients and family members? Sponsorship of the American Brain Tumor Association *Sharing Hope Family Weekend 2003* will provide that opportunity for you! Contact Marjorie in the ABTA office for details: 847-827-9910.

CURE magazine provides medical information about recent advances in diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of cancer. A recent issue included articles about monoclonal antibodies, art therapy, clinical trials, financial concerns, therapeutic journaling, advocacy and more. Written for patients and their caregivers, *CURE* provides information that helps you to become an active partner in you, and your loved ones, healthcare. Sign up for a free subscription at www.curetoday.com.



Kerri Schultz, ABTA's Patient Education Coordinator and Jillann Demes, our Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation Social Work Chair, made a poster presentation at the Association of Oncology Social Worker's annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. The subject of their presentation was our very own ABTA KIDS website, found at www.abta.org/abtakids.htm

Sharing Resources

CAREGIVERS OF PERSONS WITH A BRAIN TUMOR

Paula Riess, RN, PhD-c, CNRN; Barbara Given, RN, PhD, FAAN
Michigan State University



In order to understand the needs and feelings of people who care for persons with a brain tumor, we are conducting a one time, 45 minute telephone interview with such caregivers of persons with a brain tumor. All information is confidential and there is no financial cost to you.

WHO ARE WE?

Paula Riess, RN, PhD-c, CNRN, doctoral student in Nursing at Michigan State University, will be conducting this study in collaboration with the American Brain Tumor Association, Hermelin Brain Tumor Center, Henry Ford Health System; Michigan Department of Community

Health; Michigan State University, College of Nursing; and the National Brain Tumor Foundation.

WE WILL BE ASKING ABOUT:

- What types of care activities you do
- What problems are most common and may be hard to handle
- What changes you have made in your life since you became a caregiver

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IF YOU:

- Provide day-to-day care for someone with a brain tumor
- Are over 21 years old, and

- Have regular access to a telephone

Please call our project toll-free number at 1-866-855-0941 or email us at paula.riess@ht.msu.edu. The information you provide will help us meet the needs of future caregivers.

Support for the study is provided by a Neuroscience Nursing Research Grant from the American Brain Tumor Association and the Oncology Nursing Society in collaboration with the Behavioral Cooperative Oncology Group-Mary Margaret Walther Cancer Program of the Walther Cancer Institute. 🙏

ABTA Tributes

Anniversary Wishes

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Berger, 25th
 Tim & Mary Berger, 25th
 Mr. & Mrs. Sid Burger, 60th
 Bernard & Matie Finkel
 John & Jo Gallucci, 50th
 Ralph and Ann Gill, 50th
 Francis E. & Patricia A. Griffin, 48th
 Scott & Kathleen Haas, 10th
 Harold & Frida Heyward, 65th
 Gil & Sondra Kate, 50th
 Doug & Rosalie M. B. Petroni
 Gene & Janet Ross, 50th
 Donald & Gail Segal, 40th
 Bob & Marge Smith, 50th
 Harold & Leona Swirsky, 53rd

Birthday Wishes

Charlotte Chipman, 100th
 Mrs. Alvin Cohn
 Blair Dean
 David Drasch, 14th
 Joshua Cazel Dupuie, February 11th
 Trudi Getschel
 Hazel Gitlitz
 Monica Ann Glembin, 40th
 Leonard Goldman, 70th
 Harris Goldstein
 Kristen Grisham
 Elvira Halteman, 80th
 Dr. Laura Horn
 Jack Houston
 Manny Kramer
 Liz Lefkofsky
 Blossom Lowenstein
 Mitch & Sharyl Portugal, 50th
 Bette Prestwood
 Joan Rapoport
 Susan Robin
 Edward Ryan, 30th
 Elizabeth Ryan, 30th
 Martha Ryan
 Mark & Michelle Sager, 90th
 Poppy Scheib

Leonard H. Sherman's Diane
 Gerald Sussman, 80th
 Rabbi Roy Walter, 60th
 Gary Wimmer
 Dan & Josie Zeller

Congratulations

Audrey Boothe, Outstanding Student Athlete
 Bob Borsom, Outstanding Student Athlete
 Christopher Burrell, Graduation
 Brenda Cole, Bat Mitzvah
 Marco Eufrazio, Outstanding Student Athlete
 Sarah Farrell, Honor Student-Class of 2002
 Alex Galante, Bar Mitzvah
 Sara Galante, Bat Mitzvah
 Enid Hayum, Bat Mitzvah
 Tomisi Kikama, Outstanding Student Athlete
 Elizabeth King, Outstanding Student Athlete
 Marijo Komp, Retirement
 Lindsay Kressner, Outstanding Student Athlete
 Craig Leaf, New Job
 Benjamin Lebwohl, Bar Mitzvah
 Jordan Miller, Bar Mitzvah
 Veronica Miller, Outstanding Student Athlete
 Jennifer Nunn, College Graduation
 Lisa Phillips, 8 Year Survivor
 Alison Piper, Outstanding Student Athlete
 Rupal Rawalji, Outstanding Student Athlete
 Christopher Reynolds

Linda Roberts, 2 Year Survivor
 Jonathon Schwartz, Bar Mitzvah
 Wendy Sheinin & Mike, Engagement
 Tramell Smith, Outstanding Student Athlete
 Dr. William Stromberg, 2 1/2 Year Survivor
 Andrea Stutland, Being named "Mom of the Year"
 Moiz Sufi, Outstanding Student Athlete
 Joseph Tancredi, Outstanding Student Athlete
 Christopher Taylor, Outstanding Student Athlete
 Mrs. Sheldon Waldstein's Granddaughter, Bat Mitzvah
 Chris Wichmann, BA/MA — New Elementary Teacher
 Heather Wojdula, Outstanding Student Athlete
 Mr. & Mrs. Henry Zipperman, Special Celebrations

GetWell Wishes

Nancy Dell
 Adam J. Fiorowski
 Patty Gold
 Jodi Golds
 Elvira Halteman
 Carla Kellogg
 Marcella Lyons
 Ellen Nissenbaum
 Toni Rowitz
 Rachel Zajicek

Holiday Wishes

Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Fowkes, Jr.
 Justin Fraser
 Nancy Hogue
 Betty Mastro Matteo
 Joan Plummer
 Christopher L. Urps

On the Birth of

Julian Hayum's Grandchildren
 Michael Pekay's Grandchildren

Thank You

Dr. David Baum
 Lisa Bienkowski
 Dr. Steven Brem
 Children's Memorial Hospital
 Patrick & Peg Findle
 Dr. Marian
 Dr. Schiff
 Dr. Tadanori Tomita

Thinking of You

Donna Marie Amati
 Arnold Bartell
 Sandy Gilbert
 Monica Ann Glembin
 Louisy Lee McClain
 Timothy D. Nicholson
 David Peterson
 Jeanette Santos
 Baruch Yosef Sherer
 Bobbilynn Tull
 Lynette Vogt

Wedding Wishes

Ann P. Almeida & Douglas Catalano
 Barry Axler & Maurene Dunn
 Jay Byron's Son
 Charles & Elizabeth Chase
 Patrick Martin & Michele Dellacona
 Andy & Kristen Parsley
 Guy & Sallae Posey
 Cari Schiff

In Honor

Gail Adey Acebal
 Joy Agnelli
 Joanne Anderson
 Anne Armstrong
 John & Terri Arnold
 Vernon Bagley
 Susan Meyers Barclay
 Michael W. Barney
 Erik Beach

Luke Beausoleil
 Naomi Berkowitz
 Tara Berthold
 Karen Bierman
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 Martha Blunk
 Rachel Boelens
 Amy Boldebuck
 Brianna Borwig
 John Bosanec
 Tina Brady
 Nancy Rae Branson
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 Michael Church
 Sandra S. Clinger
 Susan Coren
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 Robert Lee Dempsey
 Daryl Didier
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 James Eggener
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 Mark G. Evans
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 John Fearing
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 Megan Fischer
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Joseph Adkins
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 Genanne V. Anderson
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 Jack Belanger
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 Ross Benner
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ABOUT ABTA SPECIAL OCCASION DONATIONS

Thinking about someone on their special occasion? Looking for a creative holiday gift idea? Consider making an "In Honor Of..." donation to ABTA.

Mail your check to:
 American Brain Tumor Association
 2720 River Road
 Des Plaines, IL 60018-4117

Include a note informing us of the occasion, and give us the name/ mailing address of the person to whom you wish a card sent. We will send a card to the person you specify, signed with your name, and send you a receipt for your donation.

Donations can also be made by telephone (847-827-9910) or at our web site (www.abta.org), using a MasterCard, VISA, or Discover card.

The Special Occasion donations listed here were made between January 1 and June 30, 2002.

ABOUT ABTA SPECIAL MEMORIAL FUNDS

An ABTA Memorial Fund provides a special way to remember a loved one at the time of their death. Once a memorial fund is arranged by calling the ABTA office at 800-886-2282, family and friends can make donations to the individual's Fund using a check or credit card. There is no charge to open an ABTA Fund. If you would like to learn more, please call us.

The Memorial Funds listed here were opened between January 1 and June 30, 2002.

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 Judith Block
 Susan Block's Mother
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 Jack Boecher's Father
 Cheryl Bohler's Mother
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 Seth Bottom
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