

ALS Windsor Newsletter

May – June 2007

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Mark Your Calendars:

Dates:

Saturday, July 19th

\$5 Car Wash

Sunday Sept 7th

Buffalo Run/Walk at
Rondeau Park

Sunday Sept 14th

Bogey's Fore Beats

Golf outing at
Ambassador Golf Course

Sunday Sept 21st

Windsor Walk at

Dieppe Park

Bingo:

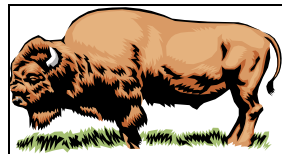
Classic Bingo IV
(Ottawa & Walker Rds.)

- Thurs. July 31, 10am, 12pm, 2pm.
- Tues. Aug 19, 10am, 12pm, 2pm
- Sat. Aug 30, 10pm, 12am
- Wed. Sept 10th 10pm, 12am.
- Sat. Oct. 18th, 10am, 12pm, 2pm

2008 WALKS Rondeau Sept 7th, Windsor Walk Sept 21st

We are most fortunate to have both the Windsor Walk and the Stubborn Buffalo Run and truly appreciate the work that goes into these events. Bingo revenue continues to decline so these fundraising efforts are most important. We hope to see you and your family at one of these great events this fall.

Stubborn Buffalo Run/Walk



Ryan Van Praet and family are busy preparing for the 2nd Annual Stubborn Buffalo Run on Sunday, Sept. 7th at Rondeau Provincial Park. This is a timed 8 mile run, 5 km walk and a 1 km kids rumble. Go to swimbikerunryan@yahoo.ca for more information, or call the office. We will have pledge forms available. Spread the word to anyone living in the Chatham area.



WINDSOR WALK

Pat Szucki and Leslie Pettypiece are busy with the 4th Annual Windsor Walk that will take place Sunday, September 21st at Dieppe Park on the waterfront. We have included one of the pledge pamphlets – feel free to copy the pledge form or call the office for more.

We have a supply of small lightweight cardboard pamphlet stands to hold the pledge forms. Please let us know if you have a location where they could be displayed. Perhaps where you work – or a favorite business or store.

Feel free to design your own t-shirts and name your team. Both walk locations lend themselves to a great place to stroll with friends and family -and an opportunity to make it a day of memories. We will be taking

pictures once again of each group to capture the day.

Also, check with your employer to see if they have a matching gift-giving employee program that will match any fundraising that you raise through pledges.



WINDSOR AREA STREET RODS INC.

The Windsor Street Rod Inc. members raised \$1576.00 for us through their recent car show. If you didn't have a chance to make it out – than you missed some great cars.

This Saturday, July 19th they are hosting a Charity Car Wash for us at the Windsor Expo Centre (old GM plant on Walker) From 12 – 4pm. The Hooter Girls, the Effect Energy Drink Girls and Redneck Catering will be there. Spread the word to your friends to bring their dirty cars.

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Support Meetings

No support meetings for
July and August.

Next support meeting
Monday September 29th



**Adelard Van Praet
Memorial Golf
Tournament**

Hats off to Chris & Addie White, Rob & Leashan , Ryan & Mindy Van Praet and their family for hosting a successful first time event. July 5th was a perfect day for the golfers – and just over \$2500.00 was raised. Watch for this event to take place next year

**3rd Bogey's Fore
Beats Golf Outing**

Crown Attorney Randy Semeniuk is organizing this event that will take place Sunday, Sept. 14th at the Ambassador Golf Course starting at noon. Randy was a close friend of Mike Beattie who died of ALS six weeks before our first walk 4 years ago. Mike was the son-in-law of Pat Szucki who started the Windsor Walk. Cost is \$150 for golf, cart and dinner. You can also come to dinner without golfing. It is \$40 with choice of prime rib, chicken or salmon. For more information contact Randy at Randal.Semeniuk@ju s.gov.on.ca

WHAT WE DO

If you are new to our organization it might be helpful to review what we do and what we help to provide.

Equipment:

We have built up a loan cupboard which includes walkers, manual and power wheelchairs, electric patient lifts, hospital beds, bathroom equipment - including bars, bath seats and bath benches. We have commodes and commode systems that will slide over the tub. We also have suction machines, IV poles and feeding pumps. I may have missed a few things, but keep in mind that if you need something, chances are we have it and would be more than willing to lend it to you. We also help to pay for the lease on communication equipment and will offset the cost of the Central Equipment Pool power wheelchairs. We will also assist in the cost of ramping. We do not cover the cost of home or vehicle modifications. We established the

Outreach Clinic in 2000. Twice a year Dr. Michael Strong and his clinic nurse Ann Rowe come to Windsor to see patients.

We hold support meetings for patients, family members and friends. They allow the sharing of useful information and tips and can often help with basic problem solving.

Attendance has dropped in the past few years, but we are hoping to rectify that in the fall. If you have any suggestions please pass them on. They would be most appreciated.

With my background I have done in-service for nursing agencies, nursing homes and to other health care professionals. As a former Public Health Nurse I am also very comfortable doing home-visits to provide support and to answer questions. I can be reached by telephone at (519) 736-4963.

So get those pledge forms and I hope to see you at the car wash or in September at one of the events.