



ALS Windsor Newsletter

January – February 2009

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Mark Your Calendars:

Sat Feb 7th –
Spinathon 12:30 –
6:30pm

Sat May 9th –
Tuesdays with
Morrie Chrysler
Theatre

Sat. May 16-
Windsor Area Street
Rods Show

Sun. June 14 –
Windsor Waterfront
Corvette Car Show

Bingo:

Classic Bingo IV
(Ottawa & Walker
Rds.)

- Sun. Feb 22nd ,
10am, 12pm, 2pm
- Tues. March 17th
4pm, 6pm, 8pm,
- Mon. April 6th ,
10am, 12pm, 2pm

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As we enter our 25th year of existence it is important to remember our mandate, the reason that we exist:

- to support and encourage the finding of the cause and cure of ALS
- to provide services which improve the quality of life for persons living with ALS
- to increase public awareness of ALS

In keeping with our mandate during 2008 we presented
- \$30,500.00 to Dr. Michael Strong to support research,
- \$25,500.00 was spent providing mobility and communication equipment.

I believe that while not perfect, for a volunteer organization we have much to be proud of- and we will endeavor to improve.

We are grateful to all those who have supported us in the past, those that continue to support our efforts and we

look forward to new partnerships. There is an opportunity to participate in the Stubborn Buffalo series, watch a play, or take in two great car shows in the next few months. Hope that we see you at one of these events.

License Fee Lawsuit

As you may have heard through the various forms of media – the bingo hall owners and we are involved in a law suit against the City of Windsor.

Please be assured that this is at no cost to our society.

The owners of the Bingo halls hired a specialized legal team and are paying all the legal fees. They are doing the same in Tecumseh.

The basis of the lawsuit as we see it : every charity pays a license fee for each session it runs to the city. This license fee is to pay for the costs for the city to issue the licenses and ensure that the rules and

regulations set out by the Alcohol and Gaming commission are followed. In 2007 approximately 2.4 million dollars was collected by the City of Windsor from the charities. This would seem to be an excessive amount of money to issue licenses and monitor the bingo industry. We believe that when excessive fees continue to be collected (because they can collect them) – it is no longer a fee, but rather a tax. Thus, we are hoping to get back some of the license fees that we have paid to the city going back to 1990. The lawyers are seeking class action status, and if successful than the other charities that run bingos in Windsor may become a part of the lawsuit. We will keep you updated, but we do not to expect to hear anything until summer.

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Support Meetings

Will resume in March



WINDSOR AREA STREET RODS INC.

This dynamic group of people presented us with a cheque for \$1200.00 on December 17th. That brings the total to more than \$3000.00 that they have generously raised for us in 2008. The great news is – they are going to dedicate fundraising efforts to us in 2009. Their 35th Annual Car Show will take place Sat. May 16th at the Windsor Xpo Centre. They will also be hosting a car wash in the coming months.

The Windsor Corvette Club

We have been chosen as the charity to receive proceeds from the Windsor Corvette Club Annual Car Show – held at Dieppe Gardens June 14th. More details in the next newsletter.

Zehr`s Tapes

Thanks to Pat Szucki who led the charge on saving Zehr`s tapes and to all who helped collect them. \$458.89 was raised.

The Stubborn Buffalo Spin-a-thon

will take place Sat. Feb 7th 12:30 – 6:30pm at Goodlife Fitness in the downtown mall in Chatham. Contact Ryan Van Praet at swimbikerunryan@yahoo.ca for more information or to register. Ryan is the Fundraising Co-ordinator for Chatham-Kent and developed the Stubborn Buffalo Series which includes the Spin-a-thon, the Adelard Van Praet Golf Tournament and the Stubborn Buffalo Run in September. Hats off to Ryan and his great family for all their support.

Tuesdays with Morrie

12.13 Productions will be presenting the play Tuesdays with Morrie under the direction of Mario Carnevale . This is a tribute to Dr. Ron Ianni and a fundraiser for our organization. The Honorary Chairperson is Mina Grossman-Ianni. It will be held Saturday May 9th at the Chrysler Theatre. Tickets are \$75 and include an Afterglow gathering with cash bar.

EQUIPMENT

The equipment is now inventoried and we hope to have the formalized list of equipment and services that we provide available in April. Basically, we fund leased CEP communication and mobility equipment. We also provide other mobility equipment, bathroom equipment, lift chairs, hospital beds, feeding pumps, suction machines, patient lifts and other various pieces of equipment.

Swelling feet?

If you find that your feet are swollen - try putting on a pair of good knee high socks first thing in the morning before you get out of bed. Men`s dress socks usually have good support. Of course elevating the legs also helps.

Bingo Volunteers

We appreciate the bingo committee: Solange Ward, Linda Scaife, Patty Morgan, Angel Jakos and a few others who fill in from time to time. Your efforts are much appreciated.

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