

ALS Windsor Newsletter

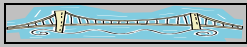
Jan – April 2010

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Mark Your Calendars:

Chatham-Kent Quilter's Guild Show
May 7th & 8th

3rd A.V.P Golf Tournament
Sat . July 17th



ALS Windsor Walk
Sunday, Sept 19, 2010

Bingo:

Classic Bingo IV
(Ottawa & Walker Rds.)

- Wed. Feb 10 - 4pm, 6pm, 8pm.
- Wed. Mar 31 - 10am, 12pm, 2pm.
- Wed. April 7 - 10am, 12pm, 2pm.

OUR MANDATE:

- 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

Dr. M. J. Strong –

Will assume his new position as Dean of the Shulich school of Medicine & Dentistry at the University of Western Ontario in July. He has indicated that he will continue to be active in research. We are also hopeful that he will continue to hold a bi-yearly clinic in Windsor. The ALS community is most fortunate that Dr. Strong has trained Dr. Kristen Shoemith who will assume more of the clinical practice.

1984 - 2009

2009 was the 25th year of our existence and a busy one for our organization. We are fortunate that we have some great people involved with our organization and that we have been provided with generous donations and wonderful exposure by other organizations. In keeping with our mandate during 2009 we provided - \$28,500.00 to renovate a room that will expand Dr. Strong's research workspace. - \$7,500.00 was also provided for the studentship funding that we have supported for many years and has enticed some to follow a career in ALS research.

We also spent more than \$26,000.00 in providing equipment and services to those living with ALS in Chatham-Kent and Windsor Essex Counties.

We remain 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.



We were most fortunate that the Windsor Area Street Rods Inc. organization chose us to be the beneficiary of their annual May car show for the second year. This was due to Frank Wall who was the original president of this great group of car enthusiasts. Frank will be missed by many in our area.

In May, 12.13 Productions did the stage presentation of Tuesdays with Morrie as a tribute to the late Dr. Ron Ianni. It was a poignant presentation and we were fortunate that Dr. Strong was able to attend.

We were also chosen to be recipient of the funds raised at the Windsor

Corvette Club car show which was held in June.



September was the fifth Windsor ALS Walk under the leadership of Pat Szucki and Leslie Pettypiece and the support of their dynamic family. Justice Randal Semeniuk also hosted the Fourth Bogey's Fore Beats golf outing in September.

The 2010 ALS Windsor Walk will take place September 19th - watch for details.



The Stubborn Buffalo Series of fundraising events started the year with the Cycle For ALS event in February, the Adelard Van Praet Memorial Golf Tournament in July, and wrapped up our year with the Stubborn Buffalo Run in November.

They are changing the Series somewhat this year, but the 3rd Annual Adelard Van Praet Golf tournament is set to take place Saturday July 17th in Chatham. This fundraising series has definitely raised awareness in the Chatham-Kent area.

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This year we will be the recipient of the Chatham-Kent Quilters Guild raffle – that will be drawn at their show on May 8th in Chatham. This prestigious 2 day show is only held every other year and we are honoured to be this year’s designated charity.

You can see the beautiful quilt that is being raffled at their website www.chathamkentquilterguild.com

Please keep us in mind if your work place does ‘dress down’ days for charity.

The Ontario March of Dimes closed the office on Erie St. in June. Having a store-front presence was definitely more convenient for people to drop off and pick up items, but we are pleased that no service has been affected. We are also saving \$10,000 per year. We will revisit getting a staffed office location if the need arises in the future.

License Fee Lawsuit Update

We are one of the charities involved in a law suit against the City of Windsor. The legal proceedings are continuing to progress slowly. The Bingo hall owners have hired a legal team and are paying all the expenses.

It is hoped that this will be classified as a class action suit which will in turn involve all charities that ran bingo sessions going back to 1990. Please be assured that this is at no cost to our society.

We will keep you updated, but we do not to expect to hear anything until summer. If you have any questions please call Sharon.



Power Wheelchairs

We have a few loaner power chairs that we can provide to help conserve energy and at the same time will allow someone to get used to driving a power chair. Due to the nature of ALS, there often comes a time that specialized equipment such as tilt seating or alternative devices to drive the wheelchair are needed. The Central Equipment Pool program must be accessed for this specialized equipment. The CEP program is funded by the Ontario government and is currently administered by Shoppers Home Health Care.

Applying to retrofit a power chair and waiting for the approval, delivery and installation of the additional equipment may waste precious time and insurance companies can be reluctant to pay for the modifications needed. For this reason we do not usually provide

funding for a power chair unless it comes out of the CEP program to start. This not only saves time, but helps to ensure that any changing needs can be addressed quickly.

Zehr’s Tapes

Keep collecting them. Call 564-7172 or 736-4963 and we will pick them up. We have now received more than \$600 from Zehr’s.

Support Meetings

We hope to have the support meetings organized by May and will keep you posted. If you are interested in attending a support meeting or in helping to organize one, please call 564-7172 and leave a message. Someone will return your call.

Check it out

A user friendly and interactive website that you may find beneficial is called ALS TDI and can be found at: www.als.net

In Memoriam

We send our deepest sympathy to the families of :
Elsa Pannella (Nov. 09)
Julie Guthrie (Dec.09)
Robert Herbyinchuk and Frank Wall (Feb. 2010)