



Cancer Caregiver News

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A note from the Founder...

Dear Friends:

It has been a long, hot summer and Jack and I took our 1st vacation since his illness last summer. We enjoyed some time away visiting friends and family and appreciating our own time together. I know that cancer doesn't take a 'vacation' and for many of you, there isn't the time or money for a real getaway but I hope that you are doing some fun things with your loved ones to celebrate your life together. A movie in an air conditioned theater and dinner out, a visit to a water park, a ride to Bartlett Lake or one of our other lake/water spots.

We also have had some exciting opportunities to share information about our cancer caregivers programs as you will see in our newsletter and photo gallery. AzMN supported a recent bipartisan bill extending medicare coverage for costly drugs and also participated in a trip to Washington, DC, to meet with Arizona legislators and attend the We Work for Health Summit.

We are proud that our cancer charity has taken the lead in recognizing the critical role of the cancer caregiver in caring for and advocating for their loved one with cancer. We are seeking grants, sponsorships, and donations for our upcoming Fall Cancer Caregivers Conference, Saturday, October 20th at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, in Paradise Valley, AZ. All cancer patients, families and others who care for those with cancer are welcome. Our focus is the young adult cancer patient and families caring for them. We are finding that often cancer is multi-generational with young people caring for parents with cancer and parents and grandparents caring for family members who are struggling with cancer as they are beginning their careers and starting their own families.

We will be announcing the agenda and the faculty in early September. Registration is open now and if you can help us raise funds with a barbecue at your home or through your work or business, let us know and we can help you plan your own "FUN-draiser"...every dollar helps us continue our free cancer education programs and help cancer patients and their families.

Warm regards and see you all soon!

Barbara and Jack Kavanagh

Barbara shares her
Cancer Caregivers Journey
in a monthly blog series
posted on the AARP® website.

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June's Blog:
<https://states.aarp.org/cancer-caregiver-adventure/>

July's Blog:
<http://states.aarp.org/cancer-caregiver-journey-starting-our-new-life>



July 2, 2018 - Barb & Jack had the honor of presenting Congresswoman Kyrsten Sinema with the 2018 Champion of Health Care Innovation Award



Upcoming Events...

Fall Cancer Caregivers Conference

"Recognizing Young People as Caregivers Too!"

Sat. Oct. 20, 2018

For More Information and
to Register for FREE visit

www.cancercaregiversaz.com

"Recognizing Young People as Caregivers Too!"

Cancer has no age demographic and neither does Caregiving.
A cancer caregiver could be a child caring for a parent or sibling or a parent caring for their child or their own parents.

Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Embassy Suites by Hilton Phoenix-Scottsdale

4415 E. Paradise Village Pkwy S., Phoenix AZ 85032

All seminars are **FREE** and open to the public,
plus a special Hilton discount for attendees who book a night.

To Sponsor, Donate, Volunteer or Register visit
www.cancercaregiversaz.com



Summer Highlights

"Jennifer Goes to Washington"

AZMN AND CANCER CAREGIVERS AZ TAKE OUR CAUSE TO THE CAPITAL, ADVOCATING FOR OUR CANCER PATIENTS, FAMILIES, & CAREGIVERS AND SPREADING AWARENESS TO THE PLIGHT OF THE "CANCER CAREGIVER" NATIONWIDE.

VISIT WWW.CANCERCAREGIVERSAZ.COM FOR MORE PHOTOS



Jennifer (AzMN), liason for Congresswoman Martha McSally (Arizona's 2nd District), & Paul Layeux (AzMN Board Member)

Representing the Arizona Myeloma Network and Cancer Caregivers AZ in our nation's capital was a true honor. I had the unique privilege of meeting with some of our state's Congressmen and women to rally their support of extending the Medicare coverage and benefits that so many of our cancer patient families rely on for otherwise very costly cancer treatments and medications. I met with Congresswoman Sinema (AZ's 9th District), Congressman Biggs (AZ's 5th District), Congressman Schweikert (AZ's 6th District), Congressman Gosar (AZ's 4th District), Congressman O'Halleran (AZ's 1st District), and Congresswoman McSally (AZ's 2nd District). We also discussed the controversial issue of pharmaceutical drug importation from other countries into the USA. Currently there are no regulations in place to require imported drugs to list the "filler" ingredients contained in their product. Many of those "fillers" can cause serious allergic reactions to patients and consumers. Also, there isn't any testing of imported drugs to know the ratio of medicine to added "fillers". Our legislatures agree that we must make changes to importation and keep Medicare benefits in place for those who rely on it.

Our invitation to Washington, DC was extended to us by MedicareRX and PhRMA, a biopharmaceutical research company, hosting the 2018 We Work for Health Summit. While attending the summit we were able to get a glimpse of many of the new and upcoming innovations in health care research. Everything from biogenetic testing for the predisposition of cancer and other rare or terminal diseases to advances in medicine and treatment processes. The technology and advancements are truly amazing and the collaborative efforts of this large community of doctors, engineers, scientists, pharmas, advocates and leaders in the industry is beyond measure. To see and be a part of the efforts this community is striving to accomplish, brings so much hope to the future of medicine and the treatment of so many who suffer from cancer and other diseases. Special thanks to Paul Layeux, our AzMN Board Member, who arranged this opportunity for us.

~ Jennifer Edelen, Program Coordinator for AzMN & CCAZ

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Barbara Kavanagh at AARP Arizona's Aging Network Breakfast (July 11) with Thomas Winkel, Director of the Arizona Coalition for Military Families, AARP Arizona State Director, Dana Kennedy (R), and AARP Volunteer, Fran Sperling (L).



Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

Show your support for cancer patients, families, and caregivers by attending the upcoming AzMN / Cancer Caregivers AZ fundraising events. Just eating a meal out with your family and friends helps a cancer patient and their family attend our Cancer Caregivers Education Program & Conference at absolutely no cost to them!

Please join us at Doglicious Hotdogs on 51st Ave & Bell Rd. on Friday, August 31, 2018 from 2-7pm AND at Culver's on 83rd & Deer Valley Rd. on Monday, September 3, 2018 from 4-9pm. Please visit our website for more info.

The CCEP program is for Caregivers of ALL types of Cancer and is supported by our gracious sponsors:



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