



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



In this issue, if you have not renewed your membership, we will have included a letter and survey, and a stamped return envelope. Please reply and renew, or let us know why you are not renewing. This year we had donations for research along with renewal that ended over \$13,000.00. This money allowed us to respond to a matched funding request for the CaNIOS research team. It is only with your continued support that we increase our public awareness, education, and research goals. As a member, you are part of the solution as we work together to conquer lupus.

Note.

If you wish to renew by Visa , Mastercard or Amex, you may do so by phone. For information, to renew, or make a donation by phone, call Karen Furlotte@ Lupus Ontario 905-415-1099, 1-877-240-1099.

The deadline for the Fall 2008 issue of Lupus Link is now August 15th. Please send submissions to the editor, Jaclyn Law at jaclynlaw@hotmail.com



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Message from the President

Julia Kane, Lupus Ontario

I am very pleased to include in this newsletter a free copy of our new booklet "Living Well With Lupus, FACTS" It represents a compilation of information from the *Living Well With Lupus* brochure and the *22 Facts Sheets* produced by Lupus Canada under the Ontario Trillium Grant.



Further copies are available for \$5.00 ea by calling Juanita or Karen in the office.

This Lupus Link Note also contains an abbreviated annual report for the year October 2006 to September 30, 2007, with our charities return being filed with Revenue Canada following audit in January, 2008. The full report is available on request.

As you read our inserted Walk a Block report with all the wonderful pictures, you will come to see that this is the one of the very best ways to accomplish all our goals and we are putting a great deal of time effort and energy behind this vehicle. The national public awareness is increasing and the public awareness created in every walk is invaluable. The education through media and signage brings out more volunteers and the money raised in pledges and sponsorship allows Lupus Ontario and Lupus Canada to fund larger portions of Research and assist people living with lupus.



LUPUS CANADA

Message from Andre Vincent, New President, Board Chair

"I am extremely proud to have a full team of directors from across the country supporting the cause of improving the lives of people living with Lupus. The level of commitment and devotion to the cause is outstanding and everyone living with Lupus should be proud of their volunteer representatives.







During three days in Montreal, we worked relentlessly to focus the energies and resources of the organization on the most efficient and effective ways to help people living with Lupus. Together, we adopted the five pillars of our work for the next year. These pillars are:

1. Public awareness: Because Lupus is not well known, it is imperative that we bring knowledge and awareness to people surrounding those living with Lupus. We confirmed the development and the circulation of TV public service announcement (PSA) and other related ways to ensure Lupus is better known and understood. In the next few months we will finalize the discussions with TV networks for national coverage and provide copies of the PSA to all member organizations and divisions to facilitate the contact with provincial and local medias.

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LUPUS ONTARIO ANNUAL REPORT, OCTOBER 1, 2006- SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

<p>From the President: Julia Kane</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">MISSION</p> <p>To Provide a means of Support, Education, Public Awareness and Fund Research</p> <p>The amalgamated Lupus Ontario was originally formed in 1978 by dedicated volunteers. With over 750 current and honorary members, Lupus Ontario strives to provide a means of Support, Education, Public Awareness and Fund Research. The 16 Branches and Support Centres around the province are active in counseling, educating and promoting awareness about lupus with the help of many wonderful volunteers. Karen Furlotte, the office administrator, is the heart of our daily operations and the part time assistance of Juanita Butler as Provincial Walk a Block Coordinator have facilitated our outstanding success this past year.</p>																				
<p>FUND DEVELOPMENT</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance for the Cure (January) has been our largest single fundraising event to date. We realize that Walk A Block (October) has the potential to become an even larger success in the future (May) and will compensate for lost income from Flare for Fashion (third party Foundation). • With every donation being important, we also recognize the support received from the annual Italian Dinner, (Nov.), several golf tournaments, the Durham Carnivals as well as individual events. • The annual research drive with our membership renewal has shown how generous people with lupus are and how important it is that we continue to search for a cure. 																				
<p>EXTENDING OUR REACH: COMMUNICATIONS and increased PUBLIC AWARENESS</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booth at Women's Health Matters Forum, Shopping Malls, Seniors Centres, • Met with several service groups, presented 18 certificates of appreciation for donations. • advertising on digital screens in Viva buses for Walk a Block Mobile signs • produced 100 Lawn signs for walk sites • Created a presence on Face Book • Purchased and installed display cabinets for Fact sheets and Newsletters in three clinics • Purchased new portable display board, made available on request • Distribution of four newsletters(4000), fact sheets(10,000) and annual report (750) plus 200 new information packages • Distributed 4,500 Lupus bookmarks, 2500 pens, 500 + caps outside of Walk a Block 																				
<p>Consistent Delivery of HIGH QUALITY SERVICE</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support groups and support group meetings advertised on web site • Web MD on web site • Medical symposiums at AGM plus two in Ottawa area • New Lupus Book available, (1000 Faces) advertised in Newsletter /web • 800 line available plus three separate provincial support centre phone lines • Youth involvement encouraged by assisting with travel to Youth Symposium 																				
<p>Strengthening our VOLUNTEER FOUNDATIONS</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year long project to produce a new Volunteer Manual completed (G. Checkly) • Prioritized Support Group rejuvenation. Started two new support groups. Increased communications and visitation with provincial support centres • Special recruiting of two new board members... Treasurer, Emily Leung and Director of Fund Development, James Christopher • Volunteer awards given at AGM, Lupus Canada AGM • Ontario Volunteers awards nominations 																				
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND FUND BALANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

(With comparative figures for the six month period ended September 30, 2006)

SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES (Schedule 2) FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

(with comparative figures for the six month period ended September 30, 2006)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

(with comparative figures for 2006)

	2007	2006
Receipt		
Activities income (Schedule 1)	\$229,566	\$161,306
AGM registration	1,440	1,440
Books/Literature sales	240	3,571
Charity donations	24,232	27,904
Donations	262,379	111,931
Individual membership dues	15,685	16,000
Investment income	8,203	938
Memorial Donations	24,986	23,694
Miscellaneous income	225	74
	566,956	346,858
Disbursements		
Advertising and Promotion	\$12,050	5,355
Amortization	995	888
Bank Charges	5,798	2,666
Clinic Funding	124,286	25,761
Education and Training	1,359	2,995
Fundraising	143,293	58,816
Insurance	1,959	1,315
Legal and Accounting	3,100	3,150
Lupus Canada	21,701	7,900
Newsletter	8,649	8,672
Office Supplies	9,506	7,060
Postage	12,177	7,835
Printing/Brochures	5,486	5,680
Rent and Utilities	14,400	14,400
Special Project Funding	---	15,000
Telephone	9,358	6,804
Travel	17,088	19,698
Wages and Benefits	42,644	40,756
	\$433,849	\$266,509
Excess of revenues over expenses		
For the period	133,107	80,349
Fund balance, beginning of period	116,759	70,160
Allocation to research expenditures	(80,000)	(14,000)
Nevada receipts allocated to deferred contributions	---	(19,750)
Fund balance, end of period	\$169,866	\$116,759
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ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	\$58,108	\$134,691
Investment (Note 3)	169,241	76,886
Accounts receivable	8,278	3,471
Prepaid and deposits	8,136	7,757
	243,763	222,805
Property, plant and equipment	2,606	3,601
	\$246,369	226,406
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$3,526	\$4,604
Deferred contributions (Note 5)	45,0832	92,112
Unexpended research allocation (Note 6)	27,894	12,931
Fund balance	169,866	116,759
	\$246,396	\$226,406
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LUPUS CANADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

2. Volunteer development: Volunteers are the heart of this organization and our most precious resource. The development of support group leaders as well as the development of more volunteers to share the load has become critical. The Trillium foundation project completed over the last two years along with the work completed by our volunteer management committee now provides us with all the tools to increase our development and support our volunteers.
3. Advocacy: The complexity of the various government programs, benefits and insurance related information is becoming more evident all the time to people living with Lupus. Sharing the extensive knowledge of government programs, benefits available and other non medical information that we have collectively accumulated across the country would allow us to provide better information of people living with Lupus and leverage our respective knowledge for the benefits of all. We have therefore committed to share, analyze, compile and distribute as much information as possible to people living with Lupus. Stay tuned for key information on our website.
4. Research: Over the last year (and depending on the fiscal year of reference) our member organizations have invested between \$400,000 and \$500,000 to support research. This clearly illustrates the immense accomplishment they have realized and they should be congratulated. Our partnership with CaNios (medical research group) is the envy of many health related groups. Our access to key medical advisors, the symposium and various other information forums are only some of the example of the benefits of our collaboration. For the last four years now, Lupus Canada and CaNios have held their annual meeting at the same time in the same location in order to maximize benefits and cooperation. During our meeting, we challenged ourselves to allocate more money to research and to designate a portion of our fundraising effort to
5. Walk a block: As our main fundraising initiative, Walk a block is one of the most cost efficient fundraising campaigns we can develop. With all organizations across the country already fully engaged, we established aggressive objectives and implemented structures and means to make this an even bigger success. Walk a block is a fantastic cooperation effort, not only between Lupus Canada and its member organizations but also between the member organizations themselves.

At the end of the meeting we thanked Mae Boa for her leadership and exceptional volunteer work as chair for the last four years. We will forever be grateful for her work.

I also want to thank Catherine Madden, our new executive director who has been instrumental in the preparation and success of this meeting. It is simply amazing to see how much Catherine has been able to handle in only a few weeks since she joined us. Her vast experience in the not for profit sector was evident. Her level of energy and enthusiasm brings so much to our organization.

In closing, I want to ask all our Lupus friends to consider organizing a small walk for Lupus. Yes, it is in 11 months from now but with the leader's kit on our website, our office support and each of our member organization and divisions commitment, you can make a difference by asking 5 or 10 friends to walk with you. So many have done it already in 2008, join us! I would like to hear from everyone who is organizing a walk. Let me know what is working and what else we can do to help. Let me know if you are a new leader. Be a leader organize a small walk."

Andre Vincent, Chair, Lupus Canada
www.lupuscanada.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 12th "THE RESILIENT SPIRIT",
An evening in aid of lupus awareness
8pm 2 Sussex Ave, Innis Town
Hall , U of Toronto, \$20 in advance
or \$25. @door. Call 416-706-7694
www.creativeconsulting.com

August 20th London , Ontario @
Greenhills Golf Club
Irish Canadian Club golfs for
lupus. Openings and
sponsorships available.
\$125.per player Call Damian
Byrne: 519-675-9632

September 13, WALK FOR
LUPUS FUN FAIR, OSHAWA
www.durhamwalkforlupus.com

October 4th Koski Kup. Co-ed
street hockey tournament see
www.koskikup.com for details

November 1, 2008 Saturday
Thunder Bay Lupus Symposium
for info call Paula Courtney
807-626-9089

November 8th, 22 Annual Italian
Dinner Gala ✕ For tickets and
information call 905-415-1099



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