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Dear Myeloma Warriors,

Welcome to our 2018 edition of *Making Miracles*. We began this publication 10 years ago, and it remains a tremendous honor to highlight your support of the IMF and the myeloma community.

The member fundraisers you dream up and bring to fruition celebrate the generous, welcoming, creative, and bold ways you live your lives. In that spirit, *Making Miracles* is not about myeloma, it's about what the myeloma community does to support each other, to spread awareness, and to make a difference.

This past year, you shared your talents, your friendships, your new adventures, and your favorite pastimes. You led tennis workshops, you sold cookies, you celebrated anniversaries, you ran many miles. You lived your lives well, and you shared them with your family, friends, colleagues, and us.

You can create a fundraiser by organizing a once-in-a-lifetime party. You can also create a fundraiser by walking in a park with friends.

This coming year, please think about the things you know you'll do – and hope to do. The talents you know you have – and the new skills you'd like to learn.

And then think about how you might extend their meaning by making them into a fundraiser for our IMF community. I'm here to help you think it through and make it happen.

With warmest regards and deep appreciation,



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Friends Create **A LEGACY**



Back in 1999, the movie “The Matrix” made its debut nationwide. A Woodstock anniversary music celebration made its return in upstate NY. The U.S. Women’s Soccer Team won the World Cup in front of a record-breaking crowd in Southern California.

And in St. Cloud, Minnesota, a dedicated group of individuals began organizing the first JC Golf Tournament.



JC Johnson

The Beginning

The idea originated with friends and family of Janet “JC” Johnson, shortly after they lost her to myeloma. They wanted to do something in her memory, and they knew that “JC” would have appreciated any efforts made to fund research and help others.

They decided on a golf fundraiser that would take place in the spring of 2000. Golf was a natural fit because many in their circle of friends played.

That first year, they also did something that would set the stage for years to come: They put the word



“Annual” in their name from the very start. Patty Gaetz, an original member of the planning team and now a Board member for the event, looks back and recognizes this decision as a critical juncture. “We realized our strength and potential,” she says.

Now, 18 years later, the JC Golf Tournament is stronger than ever, with the 19th Annual JC Golf Tournament taking place this May.

A Whole Lot More Than Golf

Although it’s called the JC Golf Tournament, from the start it has been more than golf, and the other elements have continued to enrich over time. The golf tournament portion begins in the morning, and lasts until mid-afternoon. It is followed by a Social Hour, and then dinner and dancing. Throughout the day and evening there are also raffles, a silent auction, door prizes, various side-contests on the golf course, and more food and drink. All of these components add to the fun and camaraderie of the event – and also lead to more dollars raised for the cause.



With so many years under their belt, it’s hard for the group to pick their favorite fundraising contributions. Bob Zins, an original organizer and the Board Presi-

dent, shares a partial list that represents the scope – there’s truly something for everyone: Overnight stays at resorts, lawn mowers, high-end recliners, Minnesota Twins tickets, dinner packages, luggage, and golf equipment (naturally!) are just a few, along with a wide range of gift certificates. Bob is also quick to acknowledge the generosity of a large number of local businesses who over the years have donated food and service for their dinner, as well as radio advertising, printing, and so much more.

There are so many people behind all of the generosity. By way of example, Bob fondly shares his admiration for the



group of women who sponsor a hole on the golf course each year, and make each year a different theme. “They dress up in the theme of the year, and they give out prizes, cookies, Jell-O shots, and cup coolers,” Bob explains. Themes have included the 60s, the wild west, a casino, and the tropics.

Rain or Shine

The idea of the tropics is especially notable – this is Minnesota, after all. At their 18th annual event, the “bad weather” fears they worry about theoretically every year were brutally realized. The fundraiser was faced with what Bob deems “the worst weather in the history of our ‘rain or shine’ tournament.”

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They greeted that day in May with heavy rain and strong winds leading to wind chill temperatures below freezing.



Only five of the 27 golf teams were able to complete all 18 holes. "It was just too cold and wet to be outside!" Bob says. The organizers weathered the storm by moving all of the other fun, which is typically staged outside, into the clubhouse – including the putting contests. "We were pleasantly surprised at how well it worked out," Bob reports. "We had an afternoon of visiting, socializing, and card games." And of course they gave special recognition to the five teams that spent four hours completing their golf round in the horrible weather.



The group took a lesson from last year's event. "It taught us that we no longer have to fear a bad weather day," Bob explains.

Long-time attendees of the JC Golf Tournament were not at all surprised that last year's fundraiser was still a wonderful event. Multiple fans of the fundraiser noted that they know to count on it taking place the same time every year – the Saturday before Memorial Day Weekend, and that the timing also coded as an unofficial beginning of summer, regardless of whether there happens to be below-freezing weather. That feeling of the start of a new season lends an excitement to each year's event, and inspires the community to keep joining in.

A Fine-Tuned Organization

The "rain or shine" success of the JC Golf Tournament is also attributable to fine-tuned preparation. The originators of the fundraiser prided themselves on taking a methodical



approach from the very beginning, but the structure of their organization has also evolved. The event now has a standing 10-person Board of Directors, with an additional 15–20 volunteers who dedicate their time each year, starting with the solicitation of sponsors at the beginning of each year's planning, and wrapping up with the thank you notes that are written to close out another year's event.



"An event like this cannot continue without the support of time and talents from all the volunteers," notes Jim Sand, who has been involved from the beginning, and is now Vice President of the Board.



The preparation and execution work is broken out into seven committees: Communications, Prize Management, Dinner, Sponsorships, Hospitality, Golf, and Finance. The team is focused on organization, with no one person bearing too much responsibility.

The JC Golf Tournament organizing team recognizes that creating this formal a structure isn't for everyone or every fundraiser, but they think the strengths of how they plan and balance duties can be applicable no matter your fundraiser. Patty distills it to this advice: "Believe in your cause, communicate, set goals, ask for help, keep making new connections, and don't forget to have fun!"



The Next Generation

They organizers are enormously grateful for the continued support and participation of "many, many golfers and dinner guests," Bob notes, a large number of whom have joined in from the very beginning.

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Using a New Talent **FOR THE IMF**

by Brenda Riggs

On February 14, 2007, I received the news no one ever wants to hear... I had cancer... multiple myeloma. What the heck is that?

I learned quickly, and soon went through a series of treatments and transplants, which brought me to 2010, on the other side of a tandem transplant. There were very strict rules: No playing in dirt, no eating fresh veggies, no playing with others, limited time outdoors... I'd always been a person who kept busy. What was I going to do with all of the restrictions?

During this "quarantine," my stepmother Janeice introduced me to quilting. It gave me a purpose for getting up, moving around, and using my brain. I made my first quilt that year. When I started, it was hard for me to imagine that I could make something so beautiful. But I did.

After my diagnosis, I started attending the Southeastern Virginia Multiple Myeloma Networking Group when it was



Brenda pulling the winner's name, Jane Marks, for the Courage Quilt.

brand new. Our support group couldn't have started or stayed so successful this long without the IMF, along with everything else the IMF does for patients and research. Quite simply, without the IMF, I might not be here today.

So in 2015, it struck me that I should do something to give back. I thought about the time after my tandem transplant, and how the challenges of that period led me to find a new talent. It felt right that a quilt should become how I fundraised for the IMF.

*"Quite simply, without the IMF,
I might not be here today"*

I raffled the second quilt I had ever made, called "Many Blooms of Life." Cancer can be compared to blooms. Some days it's cold and dreary, so blooms close into their budlike form. Other days, when the sun is out and it's warm, they open up big and beautiful. That's what living through cancer treatment can feel like. The winner was a member of our support group. Her name was drawn on Day One of her own transplant – exactly five years after my own Day One. She was definitely meant to win.

Last year, I raffled another quilt, called "Courage," which I made to honor my dear friend Kay Wade. She had another form of cancer, but like us, she was courageous, and she fought every day. The winner of that quilt volunteers with me at the FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association. It's also great to spread myeloma awareness into the larger world.

Now it's your turn: Turn challenges into talents, and use your talents to make a difference. With all of our help, they are getting closer and closer to a cure. I'm proof. Since my tandem transplant – and making my first quilt – I have been blessed with being cancer-free.



Brenda Riggs with Darcy McCorristin, winner of the Many Blooms of Life Quilt.

Uncorking **HIS SUPPORT**

Steve Weinstein learned about myeloma several years ago, when a loved one was first diagnosed. He quickly became a passionate member of the community, and is now a co-leader of the Boca Raton Multiple Myeloma Support Group. Steve is also constantly using his professional life and personal interests to lend support to the cause.

Corks For The Cure is one example of Steve's commitment. Steve had already been collecting wine corks, because he knew there were companies that paid for the corks. It struck him he could recycle them on behalf of the IMF – and also collect other people's corks to increase the impact even further.

When it was first time to turn in the corks for cash, an Internet search led Steve to the company Yemm & Hart. He wrote to them to request a shipping label, and introduced his cause. "The owner wrote back that he was thrilled to partner with me," Steve says – because it turns out his mother also had myeloma.

Over the past two years, the *Corks For The Cure* efforts continue to grow. Steve, who works as an administrator in academic healthcare, has set up striking, three-foot high collection boxes in the lobby of Nova Southeastern University's medical classroom building. He also carries a smaller collection box with him throughout campus and beyond –

even when he's out shopping. He also makes sure to always have the IMF's educational materials on hand.

Word of Steve's ongoing fundraiser continues to grow, and the corks keep coming in. "Support group members have asked country clubs, wine bars, sports bars, and friends to save wine corks for them."

Corks For The Cure has also expanded to include wine tasting events at Palm Beach Liquors, which is owned by his friend. At the tasting events, the store's owner donates gift certificates for a raffle, with proceeds going to the IMF. The store also saves its corks for the IMF.

All told, in 2017 *Corks For The Cure* recycled approximately 17,500 corks. Steve's upcoming plans include taking the fundraiser nationwide.



**Corks for
The Cure**
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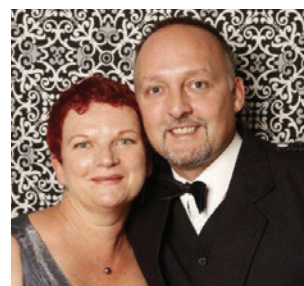
Whiskey Wisdom **FOR THE IMF**



Gary McAdam has been collecting and tasting whiskey for 30 years, a hobby that evolved into educational tasting nights for family and friends, which led to an online presentation that zooms over Scotland to introduce Scottish whiskey from its six regions. Gary calls it a "virtual tasting tour."

After his wife Frederique was diagnosed with myeloma, Gary wanted to do something unique in support of the IMF community. Using his "virtual tasting tour" felt like a natural fit. His *Grand Tour of Scotland* fundraiser was born.

For the fundraiser, Gary enlists friends and colleagues to host tastings, usually for a group of five to eight guests. Each of those guests contributes to the night by donating via Gary's dedicated IMF webpage. Gary brings whiskey from his own collection, along with tasting mats, glasses, presentation – and "good humor," he adds.



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Reaching Out **TO EDUCATE**

For 12 years, Jack Aiello had hosted a beloved *Texas Hold 'Em Benefit Bash* in support of the IMF. But in 2017, he just didn't have the time. Nevertheless, he did not want the year to go by without continuing to show his support of the IMF through fundraising.

Jack therefore decided to organize a virtual fundraiser in 2017, which would take less time, but still connect him with all of the friends and family who have supported the myeloma community over all these years.

He focused his request on support of myeloma education. "I believe strongly in education, and as more treatments become available, patient knowledge becomes more important," Jack explains. The funds raised would be used as "education grants" to help Support Group Leaders travel to the IMF's Support Group Leaders Summit, as well as provide fee waivers for patients and caregivers attending IMF Patient & Family Seminars in the San Francisco Bay Area.

He reached out to his network in support of *Jack's Education Grants* primarily through email. Several of his friends also spread news of his fundraiser via Facebook. All paths of outreach led supporters to the dedicated fundraising webpage Jack set up with the IMF, and 160 supporters donated to the cause.



Yelak Biru, Jack Aiello, and Jim Omel

Over all of Jack's years hosting fundraisers, facilitating the San Francisco Bay Area Myeloma Support Group, and attending conferences and Patient & Family Seminars, he is always struck by how many people he meets ask "How can I help?" He notes that his *Jack's Education Grants* virtual campaign was a simple way to bring these people into the myeloma community of fundraising and awareness.

Editor's Note: Are you interested in trying something new or celebrating a milestone with your family, friends, or co-workers? Are you looking for fun things to do in your community? The IMF can help you turn it into a fundraiser! Call Suzanne Battaglia at 800-452-CURE or email SBattaglia@myeloma.org to get started.

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Gary has overseen tours for companies, social clubs, and groups of friends just getting together. "Folks love donating while enjoying a glass and learning something about whiskey, as well as a few anecdotal stories about Scotland," Gary says. "The tour is meant for anyone over 21 who wants to learn about Scottish whiskey from a passionate Scotsman."



Gary has personally tasted more than 600 different Scottish whiskeys, out of the 1,000 whiskeys of his native land. As his fundraiser has evolved, Gary has also expanded to include a "tour" of whiskeys from other countries too – "as single malts become popular around the world," Gary explains. He also notes that at most tastings, the group ends up discussing U.S. bourbon and rye whiskeys too.

Gary's daughter Josephine has also taken up the cause. As a radio DJ, she has held one-day telethons in support of the IMF and the myeloma community.

They both believe that awareness is key. "Myeloma is not a commonly known cancer," Gary says. "So using whiskey, I can educate, as well as give folks an entertaining night."



Celebrating Our Member Fundraisers OF 2017

Our member fundraisers for 2018 are full steam ahead, but we also want to celebrate all that was accomplished last year. The energy, the fun, the compassion – all of which and so much more describe our 2017 member fundraisers and the people who made them happen. We're honored and inspired by what everyone does to support patients, families, and research all around the world.

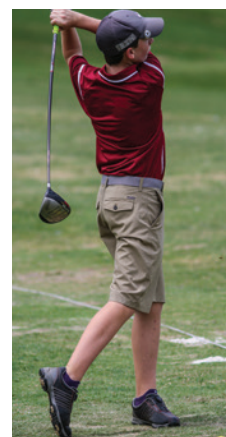
So, a toast to 2017, which brought us Nancy Raible's **5th Annual A Visit to Virginia's Wine Country** as well as Gary McAdam's ongoing **Grand Tour of Scotland** whisky tasting (see page 6) and Steve Weinstein's ongoing **Corks For The Cure** (see page 6). We'll also never pass up a delicious dessert, and we're therefore grateful for Ruth Schimmel's **5th Annual A Day at Dairy Queen** and the **Scrumptious Holiday Cookie Fundraiser** organized by Jameca Barrett.

All of those treats mean it's time to burn some calories. Edward Curtis provided us with **Masters Tennis for Myeloma**, Team SYNERGY organized its **3rd Annual Strengthen for a Cure**, and Andy Sninsky kept pedaling with his ongoing **Bicycle Mojave and Beyond**. Robyn Sullivan brought horses into the

mix too, with the **Anita Bell-Boyle Memorial Barrel Race**. Out in the water, we had Doug Farrell's **5th Annual Captain Turner Ocean Swim**.

Hopefully not too many balls were water-bound at our wonderful golf fundraisers! Bob Zins and his long-time team of collaborators organized the **18th Annual J.C. Golf Tournament** (see page 3), Todd Birmingham oversaw the **12th Annual Coach Rob's Benefit Bash & Golf Tournament**, and the Czerkies Family spearheaded their **10th Annual Carolyn Czerkies Memorial Golf Outing**. Mark McCalman and Graham McCalman brought us a **Golf-a-Thon for Myeloma**. We also celebrated Sharon and Scott Kowalczyk's **4th Annual Chek Fest Golf Outing**, Darla Kubik and Dwight Royall's **2017 Kubik Memorial Golf Tournament**, and Maurice Pierre's **2nd Annual Support Sheldon Golf Tournament**.

IMFers also love to run and walk for the cause. The Philadelphia Multiple Myeloma Networking Group organized their **9th Annual Miles for Myeloma 5K Run/Walk**. The **5th Annual Miracles for Myeloma 5K** was overseen by Sheree Pask, Ron Pask, and Gina Klemm. Last year also brought us



the **6th Annual Cincinnati Flying Pig Half Marathon** from Ellen Grammel, Teresa Meier, and Chris Meier, as well as Theresa Tucker and Sheila Burton's **3rd Annual A Walk in the Park**, Julianne Basques' **Julianne's Half Marathon**, Jim Shoemaker's **Memphis Miles for Myeloma**, and Helene Watts' **Walk Work Win 5K**.

With all of those miles logged, it's time to take in some arts and culture. Brenda Riggs created her **Courage Quilt** (see page 5), Jenny Hack created **Artsy Wreaths**, and Abigail McLaughlin sold her book **It's Okay** on our behalf. Radio DJ Josephine McAdam hosted a **Telethon** and Charlie Eddins organized the **3rd Annual Heritage Singers**. Carol and Benson Klein continued to bring us their ongoing **Trooper Benson** fundraiser, showcasing the comic strip artwork of Bill Rechin and Don Wilder. Comedy was also at the forefront of Kent Oliver's **2nd Annual Laugh 4 Life** and Laura Mooney's **2nd Annual A Night of Comedy**.

There was also plenty of laughter and fun at the many dinners, parties, and gaming events our IMFers organized in 2017. These include Debbie Beatty's **2nd Annual Mission for Matt**, Ken Fabian's **Birthday Celebration**, Julianne Stafford's **4th Annual Red House Carnival**, Carol Klein and Anne Girod's **8th Annual Bridge Blasts Myeloma Ladies Game Day**, Janet Kerrigan's **Myrtle Beach Multiple Myeloma Fundraiser**, and

the **2nd Annual Celebration of Life** hosted by Debbie Morelli and the Central NJ Multiple Myeloma Support Group. It's also always a good day when you can wear jeans to work, which the Nuveen Company did with their **2nd Annual Casual Jeans Day**.

Lastly, and just as meaningfully, some IMFers created compelling fundraisers solely through donation envelopes, emails, social media, and their dedicated IMF fundraising pages. We're grateful for Ed and Ann-Marie Baranofsky's **Anniversary Celebration**, Regina Hildebrand's **Fight for a Cure**, Jack Aiello's **Jack's Education Grant** (see pg. 7), Miss Black USA Daphne Lee's **Mail-In Campaign** (see page x), Sue and Wayne Bizer's **Let's Whip Myeloma**, and the **Myeloma Awareness Online Fundraiser** overseen by Jerry Walton and the Southeastern Virginia Multiple Myeloma Support Group.

Convincing your colleagues to wear jeans to work, a celebratory dinner, gathering friends at a bar for drinks, creating art that you love – there are so many ways to express yourself while supporting our cause. If you're looking to make your daily life into a fundraising event – reach out! If you're looking to do something out of the ordinary – also reach out! Please contact Suzanne Battaglia at 800-452-2873 or SBattaglia@myeloma.org. We can't wait to be inspired by your ideas and help you bring them to fruition.



Cutting-Edge Research

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1. Dr. Kyle, Dr. Adamia, Sheree & Ron Pask (Miracles for Myeloma 5K)
2. Cynthia Chmielewski, Dr. Kyle, Dr. Giuliani (Miles for Myeloma 5K)
3. Dr. Kyle, Susie Durie, Bev Lundorff (JC Golf Tournament)
4. Susie Durie, Dr. Kyle, Oliver Family, Dr. Menu (Laughs 4 Life)

The fundraisers created by IMF members are essential to the success of all of our programs, including the IMF Brian D. Novis Research Grants. These grants support innovative myeloma researchers around the world who are working to improve treatments while seeking the cure. Six fundraisers in 2017 made these grants possible:

Laughs 4 Life

Eline Menu, PhD

Vrije Universiteit Brussel – Brussels, Belgium

“Metabolism within the bone marrow microenvironment: targets for MM therapy?”

Chek Fest Golf Outing

Elke De Bruyne, PhD

Vrije Universiteit Brussel – Brussels, Belgium

“Protein arginine methyltransferase 5 (PRMT5) in MM: pivotal role in genomic instability and drug response?”

Miracles for Myeloma 5K

Sophia Adamia, PhD

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School – Boston, MA

“Functional role of core splicing factor deregulation in MM pathogenesis”

Miles for Myeloma 5K

Nicola Giuliani, MD, PhD

University of Parma – Parma, Italy

“Reprogramming MM cell metabolism to affect bone disease in Multiple Myeloma”

Wayne Hamby Memorial Golf Tournament

Simona Segalla, PhD

Ospedale San Raffaele – Milan, Italy

“The ribonuclease DIS3 in the DNA damage response in myeloma: a targetable pathway to protect the genome”

J.C. Golf Tournament

Jacqui McGovern, PhD

Queensland University of Technology – Brisbane, Australia

“Tissue engineering of an orthotopic humanised bone-organ as a preclinical platform for multiple myeloma research”



A typical year's attendance at the JC Golf Tournament is approximately 125 golfers, with an additional 50 people joining for the evening's dinner and dancing. "This number works out comfortably for us," Bob notes, "because we fit well in the clubhouse without being too crowded, and it gives us plenty of room to display all of our silent auction items."

While they are happy with their numbers, the original planners and attendees from the early years have also taken care to bring their sons and daughters into the fold. "Our kids have participated in this event from the start," Patty notes. "They have seen first-hand how a small, thoughtful group of friends, including them, has made a difference."



"We need a foundation for the future to build on," Jim adds. "By bringing in 'the next generation' we hope they will see how you can do something very special and have fun at the same time."

"It was an honor to meet people who have personally benefitted from research gains"

"Our community of myeloma friends has also grown considerably in the last 18 years," Bob says. They have always encouraged myeloma patients and their families to attend. For this year's event, they have extended that reach further by inviting area support groups to participate.

"The number one reason is, you are not alone," Jim explains. "The second reason is, I believe it helps with educating all who attend or volunteer that there is a face to what we do. That is very important."

A Legacy of 18 Years... and Counting

There are so many ways to measure a legacy, and the numerous ways support to the myeloma community touches lives and changes the very landscape of what it means to be diagnosed

with the disease. But one way, surely, to note the legacy of the JC Golf Tournament is through the Brian D. Novis Research Grants they have sponsored – five in total.

Looking back as they enter their 19th year, Bob notes, "When a handful of us started, we knew very little about myeloma. Through our relationship with myeloma patients and the IMF, we've learned so much about the breakthroughs and the advancements in the various treatments available."

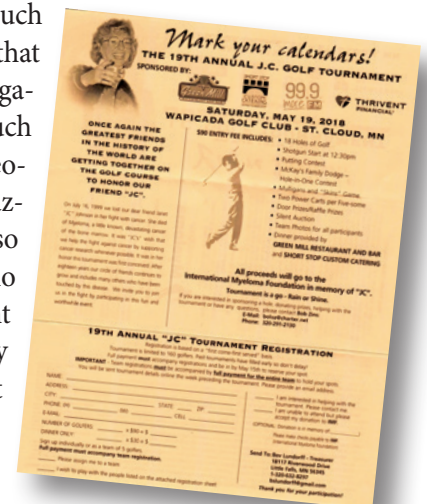
This year, the JC Golf Tournament is funding Novis Grant Winner Dr. Jacqui McGovern. At the American Society of Hematology (ASH) Conference in December 2017, Bev and Steve Lunderoff represented the group and presented Dr. McGovern with her grant award. "The experience was very moving," says Bev, who is also their Board Treasurer. "It was an honor to meet people who have personally benefitted from research gains."



"What strikes me is the positive attitude and determination that the survivors have always shown in beating the disease," Bob

adds. "Special memories throughout the years include meeting myeloma patients and their families."

All of the organizers of the JC Golf Tournament are proud and humbled by the contributions they have been able to make for the cause. "It's such a great feeling to know that we're involved with an organization that provides such benefits for so many people," Bev says. "It's amazing to me that there are so many of our friends who look forward to this event every year. I hope the only reason the tournament ends is because a cure has been found."



Miss Black USA

LIVE-STREAMED FOR THE CAUSE

In her roles as Miss Black USA and as an accomplished professional dancer, Daphne Lee is used to being front and center. After her mother was diagnosed with myeloma in 2016, Daphne was eager to use her visibility for the cause.

At the IMF's Comedy Celebration on November 4, 2017, Daphne co-hosted a live-stream of the evening's Red Carpet, interviewing arriving guests and previewing the festivities to come. Her partner was Alie Ward, a television correspondent who also has a parent with myeloma.

"As an African American... I make sure to spread knowledge and information"

Daphne was elated to participate, viewing it as a way to for everyone to "know that there is a myeloma family out there," she says. She was particular honored to meet and interview myeloma physicians and researchers who are improving lives on a daily basis and getting closer to finding a cure.

Daphne also recognizes the importance of education. "As an African American with a rich culture of Afro Latina and

Caribbean background, many people are not aware of myeloma," she notes. "I make sure to spread knowledge and information." Whenever she has a speaking engagement,

Daphne also leaves IMF donation envelopes behind.

Her reign as Miss Black USA comes to an end in August, but Daphne plans to keep using her visibility to support the myeloma community however she can. "This has been such a rewarding experience that came out of something unfortunate," Daphne says. "I plan to use my mother's diagnosis to grow my artistry, bring awareness, and have a new take on life."



Daphne Lee and Alie Ward

Monthly Giving

FOR THE IMF COMMUNITY

Since 2008, members of the IMF's monthly giving program, the Hope Society, have been supporting our core programs and services in a very special way. Monthly gifts ranging from \$5 to \$1,000 have been adding up, and with each new member, the Hope Society gets closer to reaching an all-time record of raising \$100,000 in a single year!

The impact of this program has tremendous benefits for patients and caregivers who are living with myeloma. Ongoing education and support for our community – such as updating the IMF website and our publications library with the latest information, and producing our weekly web series #AskDrDurie – are supported by the ongoing commitments of our Hope Society members.

On the following page, we are grateful to share the Honor Roll of those who participated in the Hope Society in 2017. We encourage you to join them this year. If you have questions about the Hope Society, you are welcome to contact us at info@myeloma.org or at 800-452-CURE and ask for a Development Team member.

If you know you're ready to get started, joining is easy! You can do so directly through the IMF website at hope.myeloma.org. New members will have the option to select from a brand-new assortment of thank you gifts for joining. Supplies are limited, so sign up today – and start making a difference, one month at a time!

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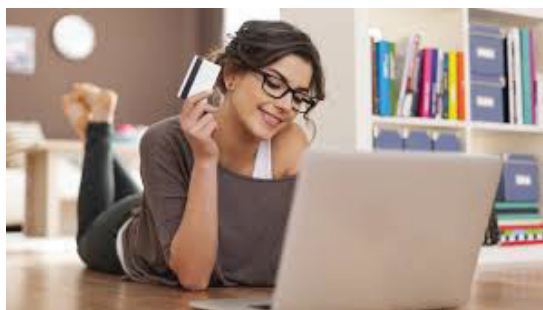
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Upcoming Member Events in 2018

August 1, 2018

Laughs 4 Life – Hattiesburg, MS
Contact: kentpoliver@gmail.com

September 22, 2018

Miracles for Myeloma 5K – Clark, NJ
Contact: rpask@comcast.net

September 22, 2018

A Visit to Virginia's Wine Country – VA
Contact: Nancy Raible – nancyandclauda@verizon.net

September 22, 2018

A Mission for Matt – NY
Contact: Debbie Beatty – dtbeatty@hotmail.com

September 29, 2018

Seeds of Hope Luncheon – OH
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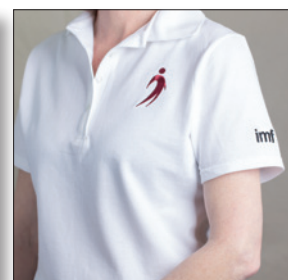


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