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Denver Chapter Newsletter

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This newsletter is being sent via our new email network, managed by Dennis Kolehmainen, caregiver for wife Cathi. For the folks who are new to our group, a brief history:

We began our chapter with approximately 20 survivors and caregivers, meeting at Mimi's restaurant in February 2001. Our first statewide meeting was held at the Denver West Marriott with an attendance of over 60 and a Clinical Psychologist speaking on coping with the life-changing aspects of GBS.

Since then our Northern Front Range membership has grown to include Denver, points north, and surrounding states of Nebraska and Wyoming

Our fall meeting occurs on the first Saturday afternoon of October. A holiday potluck is held the first Saturday of December. The first Saturday in March and the first Saturday in May completes our yearly schedule. All meetings for this year will be at St. Anthony Central Hospital, 4231 W. 16th Ave, Denver.

Our newsletters and other pertinent pieces of information will continue to be transmitted via the email network. If you have received this newsletter via snail mail, please send Dennis your email address so you can stay abreast of chapter news. If you do not have Internet access, please send a note to <u>Ann Brandt, 1025 Emerald Street, Broomfield, CO 80020;</u> include your current phone number so that our telephone volunteers can keep you informed about meetings.

Note: Ann maintains a blog, which discusses many aspects of surviving tough diseases, including GBS and CIDP. Search the entry categories to find the entries that apply to this vexing illness. Go to www.annkbrandt.com and click on Ann's Blog.

Mark your calendars for our fall meeting ~ Saturday, October 3, 2009, 2:00pm, St. Anthony Central Hospital, Auditorium A

The topic: coping with residual effects of Guillain-Barre Syndrome with special emphasis on the particular problems of CIDP.

Enjoy our magnificent Colorado blue sky and fall weather. We look forward to greeting old friends and meeting new friends in a few weeks.