

GBS/CIDP Foundation International
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Looking Back:

Saturday, February 4 drew an interested audience to hear one of our own members, Frank Smolka, talk about CIDP, medications he uses and how he is effectively managing pain. Frank will be happy to talk more with you if you wish: 303-979-8551

Current News:

Our group has moved forward to the once a month meeting schedule. Ted Asch reported that our spot on the Boulder Community Network web site is ready to fill in with our information.

Ted has kindly donated 100 "Find a Cure for GBS/CIDP" wristbands for sale at \$1.50 each. Proceeds will go toward what you, this support group, wants: donate to the foundation? Keep the \$ for local monthly expenses? We want, and need, your input.

Looking Ahead:

Supplies have arrived for the April CHANNEL 9 HEALTH FAIR. We need to know ASAP who is willing to volunteer to work the various sites so we can get necessary materials to you. We will have more information and can answer your questions at the March meeting.

PLEASE DON'T THINK SOMEONE ELSE WILL DO THIS. SO FAR WE HAVE ONLY 3 VOLUNTEERS!! THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT GBS/CIDP AND OUR LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP.

To date we will be represented in Colorado Springs, Arvada, and Littleton. Evergreen will have materials out for folks to pick up, but they have no space for a person to be at a table. Volunteers are still needed for Aurora, Highlands Ranch, Boulder, Westminster, and Thornton.

Plans for our **ANNUAL STATEWIDE MEETING** have hit a glitch. If we wish to meet in September this year, the Denver West Marriott will not firm up our reservation before July, leaving us with very little time to prepare. This leaves us with three choices:

1. Find another location for the meeting now. (This may, or may not be the ideal as the Foundation has an account with the Marriott chain.) Anyone have an "in" with any facilities with meeting rooms?
2. Put everything on hold until we hear from the hotel, then secure another location if they say no which means we will have to rush our preparations.
3. Skip having a state meeting until September 2007.

We need more input on this matter and it will be discussed at the March meeting.

March meeting: **Saturday March 4, 2006.**

NOTE: New location ~ St. Anthony Central Hospital, 4231 West 16th Avenue, Denver, 303-629-3511. St. Anthony is a short distance East of Sheridan and one block North of Colfax. Their parking lot is available for \$1.00 charge or you can park on the street for free. If you need, you can be dropped off right at the front door. Go in the main entrance and ask at the person at the desk for directions to the **Birch Room**. It's on the first floor. Meeting begins promptly at 2:00pm.

Speaker: Jean Archer, the liaison in Colorado Springs. She will talk on Naturopathy and Homeopathic Medicine. Her GBS story began eight years ago and she was diagnosed with Miller Fisher variant. Jean has been under the care of an Osteopathic Physician and has experienced relief from residual symptoms by using homeopathic remedies. A post GBS tetanus shot resulted in increased neuropathy in her feet.

All recipients are encouraged to provide suggestions and tips for upcoming meetings and newsletters. This is YOUR way to provide encouragement and HOPE to others.

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