
**TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA ASSOCIATION
NORTHEAST FLORIDA SUPPORT GROUP**

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SATURDAY, JUNE 5 IS OUR NEXT MEETING DATE



My thanks to everyone who assisted in the April meeting. Since I was going to be out of town, Ruth Eisen agreed to lead the meeting. Unfortunately, Ruth was sick that day so everyone pitched in. Charlie Doolittle agreed to take the lead and from all reports the meeting went very well. Charlie is a natural at this. Thanks to everyone for making the meeting run so well.

At this meeting members shared what medications and combinations of medications that they were taking, so that we could have a reference for our members to help each other. Thanks to Myron Morgan for this idea.

Since our doctors do not see many patients with TN, many times we have to help them on what combinations or other drugs might be effective in treating our pain. Also, many times the medications quit working after awhile and we have to go off them for several months. It's good for us to have a plan ready when this happens or when the pain returns. This information should help us be proactive in managing our pain.

I will attach a separate sheet with the medications that each of us are taking. I plan to continually update it with new information or changes, so that we can all keep this for a reference.

Bennie Devane recently had the Gamma Knife procedure at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville. He reported that he felt good, only thing that bothered him were the little holes in his head. I talked with him last week and he is still doing great. We like to hear this good news.

Our next meeting on **Saturday, JUNE 5**, will be our last meeting until September 11. Since many of us travel during July and August we always take a summer break. So please try to attend this June meeting.

While we are on this break, think about attending the National TN Conference that is being held in Orlando in November. There is so much information that is covered in these sessions concerning medications and treatments, both traditional and non-traditional. In addition, everyone attending is either a TN patient, family member, a member of the medical profession or someone who is involved in the treatment of TN. We can learn so much at these sessions.

One of the best things about these conferences is that the medical professionals presenting and/or attending this conference spend time with all attendees. Before and after sessions and during

lunch and meals. No where else can you have this opportunity of having this much time and effort spent on TN with our medical professionals.

If you are unable to attend the entire conference, try to at least attend one day's sessions. I attended the conferences in Pittsburgh in 2000 and San Diego in 2002 and will attend this year in Orlando. I continue to learn more at every conference and just sharing information with everyone. Of course if you cannot attend I will bring back as much information as I can, and the new video tapes will provide some information in early 2005.

Charlie Doolittle asked that I remind everyone to tell their doctors and dentists about this conference. The more information they learn, the better our treatment

Even though we will not be meeting in July and August, remember that I am always available by phone. Even when I'm out of town I will pick up messages, but in this case be sure to leave your number for me to call you.

Everyone have a safe Memorial weekend. We are finally going to dedicate a World War II memorial in Washington, D.C. this weekend. It's been a long time coming. We should all remember those who fought for us, gave their lives and those that are now fighting. I know that our Ruth has a strong military background so my thanks to her and any others of you who fought to keep our country free.

Have a good one !

(please excuse any spelling or grammatical errors, my spell check is not working)

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