
**TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA ASSOCIATION
NORTHEAST FLORIDA SUPPORT GROUP**



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SUPPORT GROUP MEETING THIS COMING SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 4, 2006 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME FOR THE MEETING

I'll start off by explaining the change in time for our meeting. As usual, my complicated life interferes with our meeting again. We have house guests (as usual) from Maryland that weekend and we have a function to go to early afternoon on Saturday. I tried to move the meeting to next week, but all-day training meetings are scheduled at Memorial Hosp. for that day. The following week (11/18) would move it too close to the Thanksgiving holiday for those who might be traveling. I hope that this change in time will not inconvenience you all too much; I just didn't want to cancel another meeting. Since the meeting is around lunchtime, I promise to bring adequate snacks so nobody will be hungry.

We are very fortunate to have attending this meeting and future meetings, **Kathy Taylor**. Kathy is working on her Masters degree at University of North Florida (UNF), and has been working with our National office in Gainesville for several months now. She attended the National TN conference in Portland, Oregon in September and is currently helping with documentation of all the information from the conference that will be published and distributed by National. Kathy will be covering some of this information at our meeting. Specifically she will talk about:

- Dental issues and TN
- Medications- is there anything new?
- Procedures for TN

Kathy formerly had TN and no longer suffers from the TN pain, so she clearly understands what we all go through. Good attendance on Saturday will really make Kathy feel welcome.

Our September meeting was lightly attended we only had 11 people attend.

A new member was at the meeting, **Edna Hamilton** from Gainesville, FL. Edna has experienced sharp TN pains after dental work in 2003. At first the doctors didn't know what was causing the pain. After being diagnosed with TN she was prescribed tegretol, it didn't work for her. She was then put on Neurontin to manage the pain; she takes 300 mg twice a day. She now has a dull pain that is starting back. She is seeing Dr. Loring a neurologist. Welcome Edna, we're looking forward to you attending more meetings with us.

Judy St. Martin is experiencing pain again. Dr. Cioffi determined it was not dental and recommended the gamma knife; her doctor didn't want to refer her for this. She is now seeing Dr. John Warner on Phillips Ave, in Jacksonville. She had an MRI and will be having nerve tests done. She is starting to decrease her medication as the medicines were causing her arms to shake. She is now on 1200mg tripleptal and

2400 mg of neurontin. Judy gave me a business card for Dr. Warner and I am trying to get more cards to distribute, if not I will make a copy.

Charlie Doolittle is doing well and is on Dilantin and neurontin every day.

Bennie Devane is still doing great after his Gamma knife. He's only had one small flair-up.

Lillie Byers is not doing so great after her gamma knife in 12/04. She went back to Dr. Zeal and he told her there was nothing more that he could do for her. She is experiencing more numbness and pain. She is seeing Dr. Rea at Shands in Jacksonville, she is on 1900 mg of neurontin and one Kepra per day.

Charlie Mae Walton is doing great, this is the first time in 15 years that she has not had to take tegretol. Charlie was having dental work done, and Dr. Cioffi was able to tell the dentist what Novocain to use to not trigger her TN. Charlie Mae has volunteered to help make the calls for our meetings. THANK YOU Charlie Mae.

John Vigneaux was having a dull eye pain about 3 months ago, he went to Dr. Haas and after two visits and some exercises the pain was gone. His is on one tegretol.

I have been in phone contact with **Vivian McGee**. Vivian is one of our newer members; she had the gamma knife and was doing fine for a while and then her pain came back. She was not a candidate for the gamma again and was referred to Gainesville by Dr. Cioffi. She called me on 10/23 and said that she was having the MVD on 10/27. I heard from her husband on 10/29, she is home and doing well. The MVD was successful; they found a vein/or artery resting on the nerve and inserted Teflon to protect the nerve. She is home now, experiencing pain (surgical) but the results are very promising. I hope to have an update for our Saturday meeting.

John Vigneaux called me this morning (Monday, 10/30) to inform me that his daughter died and she will be buried on Saturday. She had cancer, but her death came sooner than expected. Please remember John and Kathy in your prayers. If you wish to mail a card their address is 9601 Southbrook Dr., Villa N 1, Jacksonville, FL 32256

I hate to leave you on this sad note.

Hope to see you all on Saturday at 11:00 AM

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THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA TNA SUPPORT GROUP MEETS THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. ** IN THE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, 3625 UNIVERSITY BLVD, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

****11:00 AM-1:00 PM on 11/04/06**

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