
**TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA ASSOCIATION
NORTHEAST FLORIDA SUPPORT GROUP**



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**Support Group Meeting this Saturday JUNE 7, at 11:00 AM
at Baptist Cancer/Gamma Knife Center,
1235 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207**

Please note that this is a change in meeting location and start time!

Our regular meeting will be held this coming Saturday at the Baptist Hospital Cancer Institute. After our meeting last month was cancelled with Dr. Zeal as the speaker. Dr. Zeal volunteered to have the meeting at Baptist and provide a tour of the Gamma Knife Facility. Our group had a similar tour in February '04 and it was very informative and helpful to those not familiar with the Gamma Knife. We have had several of our members successfully have procedure since that time. I encourage everyone to try and make it to the meeting, this is a great opportunity to see the facility and talk with Dr. Zeal about TN, the Gamma Knife and its results. Even those of you who have had the procedure should come. It is extremely helpful to those members who may have questions that you can answer. We don't get many opportunities like this. The staff has volunteered to provide coffee and light refreshments

I will provide the directions at the end of the newsletter.

I am sorry that our May meeting had to be cancelled at the last minute last month. I had two deaths in my family, my Aunt on April 22 and my Uncle on April 24. This was during my Orthodox Easter Holy week and no funerals could be held until the following week, after Easter. Both funerals were up north in Ohio and West Virginia. So we quickly left town for two funerals, we drove since the funerals dates kept changing. While in Ohio I was working with Tory to try to still have the meeting, but we were not able to get a projector for Dr. Zeal's presentation; he volunteered to have the meeting at the Baptist Center and by then there really wasn't enough time to get directions to everyone. So Dr. Zeal volunteered to have it in June. Canceling the meeting then seemed like the right thing to do. Tory worked daily with Dr. Zeal to try and make things work, but actually I think that this will work better. Then Tory and Ruth did lots of calling to get things cancelled. Tory, thank you for making this work.

My Aunt died unexpectedly, but without suffering and my Uncle has been ill for a year, but it was a peaceful death at home. He is the one I was especially close to. He was my Godfather and good friend, and lived to be 95 ½ yrs. Fortunately, I flew home the Sunday after our April support group

meeting and spent a week with my Uncle. The Aunt and Uncle were not husband and wife, two separate families, different towns.

Our April Meeting was the “Celebration Reunion” of our Support Group. Charlie Doolittle, dressed in his tuxedo, served as our Master of Ceremonies. And naturally, as for all our special events, Charlie was accompanied by his better half Eva.

The reunion was organized by our original founders, Ruth Eisen, Mary Lou McEver and Cindy Ezell. They each gave a brief history of how our group got started thirteen years ago; the first meeting was held in St. Augustine had 35 in attendance. The meetings were later moved to Jacksonville to be more centrally located. It was good to hear how our organization evolved and to celebrate where we are now. Ruth, Mary Lou and Cindy were in charge of the Reunion program, invitations and special recognitions. They did a great job in pulling this together.

Jane Boles, Executive Director/CEO from National headquarters in Gainesville, FL also attended as a special guest and spoke to our group.

Support Group volunteers were presented with framed certificates of recognition that were designed and prepared by Jim O’Gallagher. Dr. Margaret Dennis was also recognized for her continued support of our TN support Group.

A special thanks to Kathy Brown and Betty O’Gallagher who organized the food, decorations, etc. Everything looked so nice and the food was so very good. A good time was had by all. I know a lot of hard work and planning went into the preparation for this special event. It was so nice to have everyone handle this and for the meeting to turn out so nicely. I didn’t have to do a thing but show up, which was great since I was on the plane at 7:00 AM the next morning. My thanks to all who contributed and attended.

The meeting this coming Saturday will be our last meeting until September. Baptist would like to get a headcount so they can make sure they are prepared for enough people, so please let us know if you will be planning to attend. Here are the directions as promised:

Address: Baptist Cancer Institute
Gamma Knife Center
1235 San Marco Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Phone: (904) 202-7022

-Travel North on I 95 N

-Take Prudential Drive Exit (might be exit 350A) this is a right exit; get in the left lane as you exit.

-Make a left at the light on Prudential Dr.

-At the 2nd light on Prudential make a left on San Marco (this is only about 1/10th of a mile)

-At the 2nd light on San Marco, Make a left on Gary (this is only about 2/10ths of a mile)

-Then turn right into the parking lot of the Baptist Cancer Institute. The Cancer Institute is at the corner of San Marco and Gary.

There are two buildings together: the Eye Institute and the Cancer Institute (Gamma Knife Center). The Gamma Knife is in the smaller of the two buildings. There should be no problem parking; the centers are normally closed on Saturdays.

I will have my cell phone on if you have any problems. (904) 613-5751

Three things:

-Remember this is an 11:00 AM Start time; please try to be on time. These folks are normally off on Saturdays, so if we start on time they can have a good part of their day left for themselves.

-Please let us know if you are planning to attend call me at (904) 285-5307 or let us know when you receive your reminder call about the meeting. I would like to give a headcount Friday morning.

-The last time we met at Baptist many of us went out to lunch after. So if you are willing we can do this again.

I hope all of you are well and I again apologize for the abrupt cancellation of last months meeting.

Hope to see you all on Saturday. Remember this will be our last meeting until September. And no one has to worry about refreshments and Cathy & Reg don't have to lug the coffee pot in, We can all relax and learn.

Trigeminal Neuralgia Association (TNA)

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