

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA ASSOCIATION SUPPORT GROUPS MEETING CALENDAR and NEWS

San Francisco – San Jose Support Group March 11th “End the Pain” meeting in Mountain View

March 11, 2006 1:30 to 3:30pm, El Camino Hospital, Park Pavilion Bldg. Room “N”
Group members, Donna Bernheim, Erma Romani, Jeff Bodington, Lena Ragni, and John Porter, will tell us about their recent successful elimination of Trigeminal Neuralgia pain. They have all taken different journeys. Join us and ask all the questions you wish. Emily Diaz, one of our most knowledgeable TN members, will moderate the meeting.

2006 Meeting Dates, Saturdays 1:30 to 3:30 at Mountain View

March 11, May 13, July 8, September 9, November 11

North S.F. Bay Area Support Group April 1st meeting in Walnut Creek

John Muir/Mt. Diablo Women's Health Center. Refer to the attached map.

April 1st meeting is at 1:45 PM at 1656 N. California Blvd., Suite 100, across the street from the Dean Leshner Regional Center For the Arts and the public parking garage.

2006 Meeting Dates, Saturdays 1:45 to 3:45 pm at Walnut Creek

April 1, June 3, August 5, October 7, December 2

Sacramento Support Group, Dr. Barbaro at May 6th meeting at Sutter Health,

The Sacramento TN Support Group will welcome Dr. Nicholas Barbaro, Vice Chairman of the UCSF Department of Neurological Surgery, who will speak at the meeting, 1-4pm.

You are welcome to attend. The Sacramento Newsletter is on the TNA website or contact Susan Ray, Support Group Leader, at the Contact listing below in this letter.

Gamma Knife Tour

A tour of the UCSF Gamma Knife facility in San Francisco is being planned. Presentations will be made by the operational staff. We should have a date to announce in our next newsletter.

TNA NATIONAL CONFERENCE will include National and International TN authorities

The three day Biennial Patient Conference, September 14, 15, and 16 will be held in Portland, Oregon. Dr. Kim Burchiel of Oregon Health Science University and a member of the TNA Medical Advisory Board will host the Conference. Portland is relatively close and offers great possibilities for a beautiful Northwest vacation trip and destination tie-in.

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A Retirement Message and a request from Bennett Bloomfield

I have had to retire from the San Francisco-San Jose Support Group as Support Group Leader in order to pursue some repairs to an aging body.

I hope that you can help the group continue its work by sharing a few tasks. Our group has been offering support to TN sufferers for over 10 years and needs some help to continue.

I'll provide whatever assistance I can from my home . Please contact me or Emily Diaz.

My new e-mail address, and phone number and Emily's appear below in this letter.

“What’s New” directory on the TNA web-site www.tna-support.org

Check out the Medical Advisory Board 1/30/06 update. Click on **More about TNA** and select **Medical Advisory Board**. From the listings, select a member and get complete descriptions of the doctor’s background and their department associates at their hospital or university facility. Visit the site frequently for current TN and Facial Pain information and TNA activities.

Use the approved links for your most authoritative resources.

TNA patient representative, Alana Greca BSN, RN, accepts messages entered on the website.

CD Available of Dr. Nicholas Barbaro April 2, 2005 Walnut Creek presentation

Topics include: Classic Trigeminal Neuralgia versus other facial pain syndromes. Why is this important? Medical management of TN versus surgery. Surgical options for TN. Is TN a one-time illness or a lifelong problem?

The 80 minute long CD is available for any donation designated for either the North SF Bay Area or the San Francisco-San Jose TN support group. Send your contribution to:

John Porter, North S.F. Bay Area Group or **Bennett Bloomfield, SF-San Jose Group**
540 Benton Street, Alameda CA 94501 **621 Caribbean Way, San Mateo CA 94402**

Our groups are self-supporting and make use of donated funds for postage, phone work, recording speakers, mailing containers, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Striking Back, a Handbook of Trigeminal Neuralgia and Facial Pain

The new 500- page handbook is the essential reference intended for all of us with TN or facial pain. Co-author, Dr. Kenneth Casey is a practicing neurosurgeon, educator, researcher, and a long time associate of legendary Dr. Peter Jannetta, developer of the “Jannetta Procedure” or Microvascular Decompression surgery for relief of TN pain.

Order online at www.tna-support.org , Barnes and Noble, or call the TNA (800)-923-3608.

Communications; Newsletters, e-mails, and meeting schedules

Please keep our newsletters with future meeting dates and location maps for your reference. .

Mountain View meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd Saturday of January, March, May, July, September and November. **North S.F. Bay Area** meetings are on the 1st Saturday of February, April, June, August, October, and December.

If you change your e-mail address, please let us know.

If you want to be removed from our mailing list, call or email any of the contacts below.

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