

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

S.F – San Jose Support Group November 11 meeting in Mountain View
November 11, 2006, 1:30 to 3:30pm at El Camino Hospital, Park Pavilion Building,
Room “N”. A map and directions are attached.

Program:

- A review of the September TNA National Conference proceedings by Judi Shade.
- Further discussion, INSIGHTS, Facts and Stories behind Trigeminal Neuralgia, the new book by Dr. Joanna Zakrzewska.

A comprehensive work that covers diagnoses, medical and surgical management, pain recurrence, management of side effects, treatment complications, additional ways of managing Trigeminal Neuralgia, and decision making.

Dr. Zakrzewska, an international crusader on behalf of research for a TN cure, has written this book for patients. She has previously authored two technical medical volumes, over 80 peer-reviewed articles, and pain textbook chapters. You can order “Insights” at our meeting, from the TNA by phone, TNA website, or Barnes and Noble Bookstore.

2007 SF-SJ Support Group Meeting Dates, Saturdays 1:30 to 3:30, Mtn. View
January 13, March 10, May 12, July 14, September 8, November 10
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North S.F. Bay Area Support Group meeting, December 2 in Walnut Creek

Join us at John Muir/ Mt. Diablo Women’s Health Center, Walnut Creek across from the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts. A map is attached.

Saturday, December 2, 2006, 1:45pm to 3:45pm.

Program:

- Members’ review of the proceedings at the TNA National Conference.

2007 Meeting dates, Saturdays at Walnut Creek

February 3, April 14* special, 2nd Saturday of April, June 2, August 4, October 6, December 1

*** APRIL 14 PROGRAM: AN AFTERNOON WITH DR. KENNETH CASEY**

Hosted by John Porter

Dr. Casey will join us and speak at a special meeting scheduled for Saturday afternoon, April 14, 2007. The time and location will be announced later.

Dr. Casey is an Associate Professor in the Department of Neurosurgery at Wayne State University in Detroit Michigan. He is a member of the TNA Medical Advisory Board and a former associate of Dr. Peter Jannetta at the Department of

Neurosurgery at the University of Pittsburgh. He is a specialist in Face Pain and co-authored “Striking Back”, The Trigeminal Neuralgia and Face Pain Handbook. Dr. Casey has performed thousands of Microvascular Decompression and related face pain procedures. (Ref. Harper University Hospital, Detroit)

As a strong advocate of patient education, he recognizes the difficult decisions a patient must make.

Dr. Casey concludes in his Preface: “I think the mistake, then, is to ignore the information we have on face pain and that the blunder is to allow others to dictate to someone in face pain a course of action that may not be appropriate for that individual”.

Dr. Casey, in addition to his clinical and academic duties, is a dedicated, proactive supporter of the TNA and TNA Support Groups worldwide.

His presentations reflect the latest technology and research and offer a vision of the future.

All members and friends of TN support groups in Northern California are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Visit the TNA website, at least weekly, for additional new articles about medical developments and patient experiences.

Communications; Newsletters, e-mails, and meeting schedules

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

Mountain View meetings are held on the second Saturday of January, March, May, July, September and November. North S.F. Bay Area meetings are held the first Saturday of February, *April, June, August, October, and December. *Note: April 2007 Special date is on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

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