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**THIS NEWSLETTER IS IN
HONOR OF ALL OUR
DONORS -we thank you!!**



**OUR SUPPORT GROUP CELEBRATES
A BIRTHDAY – one year into our
passion... 'ending the pain'**

And more...

**TNA's 6th National Conference in
Portland, Oregon, September 2006!!!!**

**SUPPORT GROUP MEETING:
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2006**

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SUPPORT GROUP CELEBRATES 1st BIRTHDAY!!!

JULY 2005 – JULY 2006

THANK YOU, DONORS

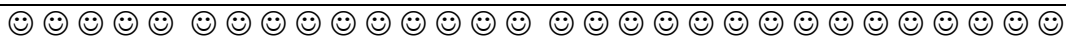
Thanks to all of you who have supported our cause through your listening, your actions, your financial contributions, and your words of encouragement during the past year. We continue to face tremendous challenges and we thank you for responding to our support group.

It is for everyone who is affected by severe face pain that we dedicate our support and our care. It's a privilege to be able to make a difference in such a noble cause - helping people get the support and information they need and deserve.

Thank you for joining us in the fight to '***end the pain***'.

Most Sincerely,

Carlin Lagrutta
Support Group Leader



MESSAGES

From:
Carlin Lagrutta

I am proud of **all** SUPPORT GROUP MEMBERS!! **You** take the time, effort, and willingness to share *your* personal TN/facial pain history with all; along with *your* free-will basket donations at meetings and kind donor support. I also thank those whom disclose their name, address, phone and email address for the "**Local Support**" list. Anyone of us can use this list, including family and friends. All it takes is just a phone call, email and talk to someone!

The **Trigeminal Neuralgia Association**, a non-profit national organization, 925 Northwest 56th Terrace, Suite C, Gainesville, Florida, 32605, has the best, concerned and knowledgeable individuals anyone could ever ask for! Please, let's not forget National needs help, too. (800) 923-3608; www.endthepain.org.

'If you are going to try to beat something, you are not going to do it standing in the corner'...together, support group members, we will find a way to... 'END THE PAIN'.

CARLIN





















From:
Carol Roberts

One never knows when or where you might encounter someone suffering from facial pain. In May 2006, I went on a cruise to Alaska. There was a woman in the group I was traveling with that has a small tumor by her brain stem that has caused her facial pain. She is symptom free while taking prescription medication 'Neurontin'; she has chosen against surgery for removal of this tumor.




















I went to the Ukraine and Russia in July but didn't meet anyone with facial pain. I wonder: 'Will I meet anyone suffering from facial pain upon my future travels?' Needless to say, should I meet *anyone* with facial pain during my travels I will proudly say, "I am a member of the Trigeminal Neuralgia Association", please visit website: www.endthepain.org.

CAROL






























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↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ...**GROUP MEMBERS**... ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑

Let US not forget to:

PATRONIZE OUR DONORS!!!!

   CALL,    WRITE,    VISIT.

Do not forget to say: 'I am a member of the Stockton TNA Support Group, thank you for your support.'

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Telephone, say: "Hello, thank you for your contribution! Stockton Support Group and TNA National appreciates you!"

↘ ↘ ↘ ↘ ↘ **TNA WRISTBANDS available for purchase** ↙ ↙ ↙ ↙ ↙

TNA/National now has wristbands that are available for purchase - **thru our local support group** - at \$2.00 per wristband. The wristbands are blue in color, stretch to wear over your wrist and say: www.endthepain.org. FUN to wear/display on you wrist and support such a noble cause, too! Our **local support group** is offering this **great wristband for \$2.00 each**. You will want one for yourself, OF COURSE!! Also, family/friend members! Everyone will ask you about the wristband as they notice you wearing it...**help get the word out about TNA: 'end the pain'**. Contact: Carlin Lagrutta at (209) 464-7171 to purchase.



MAY 2006 SUPPORT GROUP MEETING RECAP

This meeting was *very informative*. We viewed from our group's library material(s): 'Why Is Emily Screaming' [about the 4 year old girl with TN]; and the TV program 'Inside Edition' segment on TN. There was much discussion about these programs; how we can gain more public awareness regarding TN/facial pain and what each one of us, on an individual basis, can do in these areas.

As always, we were donated juice, milk and ice – courtesy of *El Dorado Liquors, Steve Groce!* And, we had an additional special treat: *Little Caesars Pizza, Jeff Eckerty*, donated delicious pizzas. {thank you, *Patty & Sarah Leary, SG Members*, for picking up the pizzas}.

Also, in attendance at our meeting, on their own, volunteered time, were two employees from *Best Buy, Stockton Store, Jackie C. and Stephanie R.* These ladies assisted with the handing out of information, setting up our TV/VHS/DVD's for viewing; remained attentive and participated in our group discussions.

Thank you, El Dorado Liquors, Little Caesars Pizza and Best Buy!



HELLO/WELCOME! And GET WELL, to Support Group Members, Donors & Friends...

TN/facial pain has 'crippled' support group members: **Sharon Brewer, Joann Freeman, Zelda Giannecchini, Gwen Hintzen, Rita Huckins, Elda Linderman, Carlin Lagrutta, Patty Leary, Carol Roberts.** *WE WISH THEIR PAIN TO END, FOREVER.*

Steve Groce, donor/El Dorado Liquors, Stockton, has just been able to return to work, but only for a couple of hours, one day a week. Steve continues to recover from a severe gunshot wound received during an at-point gun hold-up in his store in September 2005, while he was defending his employee, Lenny, whom was beaten by the perpetrators during this incident. Lenny has recovered and continues to work at El Dorado Liquors. Our SG has sent Steve cards; and SG Member, Heather Maddalon, of Modesto, telephoned Steve to say, 'hi, get well, prayers are with you, thanks for your continued support to our group'.

Alice Paxton, member from Sonora and Support Group Librarian underwent a lumpectomy {breast cancer} procedure @ Stanford, May 19, 2006. Our SG sent Alice a card of 'speedy recovery/best wishes'. She now receives radiation therapy. We all wish you the best, Alice! Alice expects to be with us at our next SG meeting, November 4, 2006. WOW!

Jeff Petite, SG donor/Marie Callender's Restaurant & Bakery, has been out on a personal illness. Our SG has sent Jeff a card 'wishing a speedy recovery and thanks for supporting Stockton TNA'.

Henry McNinch, SG member. Mr. McNinch's wife has not been well due to a personal illness. Our SG sent Mr. & Mrs. McNinch a card of 'get well and concern'



ENTRIES Support Group Members: **YOU are the ones that can keep us informed!** We certainly hope you are communicating amongst one another, either by email, phone, US mail and, also by using our "Local Support" list. **Please keep us informed of mentionable notices by contacting: RITA HUCKINS, Support Group Reporter, 3014 Carousel Circle, Stockton, CA 95219; (209) 951-9825; email: ritagefes@aol.com.**

TNA's 6th NATIONAL CONFERENCE, PORTLAND, OREGON
SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2006

As most of you are aware, I will be attending this conference!! However, I am disabled due to the horrendous TN/facial pain and medications I have to live with day-to-day; and, financially very limited. Please, if you can find a couple of dollars to send towards my airfare/hotel expenses, you would not only be doing me a great service, but your fellow-TN sufferers. The conference is full of seminars and presentations. This is an incredible educational opportunity for the group.

If you would like the '06 Conference brochure, please contact me, (209) 464-7171. Shelly Wilson, TNA's Conference Coordinator, has [as always!] put tremendous effort into this brochure and making sure that there is a well-rounded forum of speakers. You may also visit TNA's National website @ www.endthepain.org.

Your donations are tax-deductible, when checks are payable to: **TNA National/Stockton SG**. Please forward to: C. Lagrutta, 150 E. Fargo Street, Stockton, CA 95204.

Thank you for your consideration and attention.

CARLIN LAGRUTTA

SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

WHEN: **NOVEMBER 4, 2006, {Saturday}**
TIME: **11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
WHERE: **St. Joseph's Medical Center, 1800 N. California Street, Stockton, CA 95204; Basement, Classroom #1**
TOPIC: **Discussion: Carlin, SGL/conference attendee will address the group regarding information received, speakers/presenters and materials from TNA Sixth National Conference {September 2006, Portland, Oregon}**



TNA's newest book, written by our very own Dr. Zak is available!! "INSIGHTS, Facts and Stories behind Trigeminal Neuralgia, Understanding And Treating What Is Often Called The World's Worst Pain", by *Joanna M. Zakrzewska, M.D.* Because many support groups don't meet during the summer months, TNA extended the price reduction **thru 9/27/06. You may purchase this tremendous source of information by sending check, payable to TNA/Stockton SG in the amount of \$27.00, c/o C. Lagrutta, 150 E. Fargo Street, Stockton, CA 95204.** *{your check must be received by 9/27/06, please!!}*

