

Scleroderma Membership News

The Michigan Chapter is now accepting membership dues for 2012. Have you ever wondered why your membership is so important? Your membership shows that you are part of the scleroderma family, searching for the cause and cure of this often devastating disease. Your dues also help to make the following happen:

Patient Edification Programs: throughout the state of Michigan during the year. The Michigan Chapter also hosts a yearly all day conference in October where renowned researchers and clinicians provide up to date information for scleroderma patients. In 2011 this conference was held in conjunction with six other autoimmune related nonprofits bringing information on overlapping illness to patients, caregivers and family members.

Support Groups throughout the State of Michigan: Our goal is to have a meeting available for you within a short driving distance. Many meetings include speakers on a variety of topics of interest. If you have not yet attended a meeting, I urge you to do so if possible. These are NOT your typical support groups, they are educational and informative and FUN! They are focused on updated and educational advancements regarding scleroderma and overlapping autoimmune diseases.

The STARS Program: (Sharing-Trusting-And-Rebuilding) matches members with others in similar situations and needs – *“If you have scleroderma ... you need not feel alone.”* Telephone support, computer support and friendship can help you no matter if you are newly diagnosed or you have had scleroderma for twenty years. Reach out and call the Michigan Chapter and become a STAR and start living today!

The Scleroderma Resource Library: Books and articles on scleroderma and videotapes/DVDs of the Michigan Chapter are available.

Telephone Support: Our professional staff is available to provide support, information and referral services to you five days a week.

Newsletter and Website: The Michigan Chapter publishes a newsletter, the ***The Scleroderma Michigan’s Source***. This informative publication will provide you with updated medical articles and information about what the Michigan Chapter is doing to better serve your needs. Our web site has information about our events, latest fund raising efforts and advocacy efforts. Make sure to continuously check it out at: www.scleroderma.org/chapter/michigan.

E-Blast: The Michigan Chapter produces an E-Blast filled with informative and educational articles, healthy recipes, advocacy updates and information about the current activities within the Chapter. To receive the E-Blast send an e-mail to ldyas@scleroderma-mi.org

Physician and Medical Profession Information Colloquiums: The Michigan Chapter provides medical professionals in the state of Michigan educational seminars and one on one experiences with scleroderma patients in an effort to educate them regarding the symptoms and experiences of patients.

Statewide resource and link for scleroderma patients and families: Scleroderma patients and their families have unlimited access to professional resources and referrals within the state of Michigan. Contact the Chapter at (248) 595-8526 to receive updated information.

Automatic Membership in the National Scleroderma Foundation: This provides quarterly issues of the national magazine *Scleroderma Voice*, access to educational awareness programs and literature and a discounted registration fee at the National conference. The Michigan Chapter provides at least 30% of its net income to support the national office research program and other activities.

For further information about any of the above, please call us at 1-800-716-6554. Remember that gifts of \$25 or more include your annual dues. **We are confident you want to be counted as a Michigan member so send in your check today!**

Membership Plus Club Form

(Please check your desired level of membership)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 25.00 Member of the MI Chapter | Members receive a scleroderma beverage wrench |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 50.00 Friend of the MI Chapter | Members receive scleroderma slap pop can cooler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 100.00 Supporter of the MI Chapter | Members receive scleroderma hat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 250.00 Companion of the MI Chapter | Members receive 3 scleroderma items from the store |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 500.00 Champion of the MI Chapter | Members receive 5 items from the store plus \$25 gift card |

All above benefits also include the National magazine the VOICE, MI Chapter newsletters, e-blasts, entrance to the Patient Education Days for self and all other family members that reside in the household address.

Personal Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Payment Information:

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Please bill my credit card for \$ _____

I will be forwarding a check to the Scleroderma Foundation Michigan Chapter

Thank you for the offer, but I would like to donate my Scleroderma items back to the Michigan Chapter