



MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER

Sharon Parker Fine was recently appointed to the Scleroderma Foundation Greater Washington, DC Chapter's board of directors.

After Sharon was diagnosed with limited scleroderma in 2010, she joined the local Chapter hoping to learn how she might help support our local scleroderma community.

"I am interested in board service because I want to make a difference in the lives of those affected by scleroderma," says Sharon. "I would like to put my strategic planning, project management and communications experience to work helping the Foundation manage and develop successful initiatives."



Sharon is a communications researcher with 30 years of professional experience, holding leadership positions at several organizations. A year ago she retired from The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), where she was Vice President of Research and Communication. Her responsibilities at NAB included research focused on advancing the interests and goals of the broadcast industry before the FCC, Congress, the larger media industry, various constituency groups and the public.

Sharon also worked at The Washington Post for 16 years. She began her Post newspaper career in the newsroom, conducting and interpreting The Washington Post/ABC News Poll and working with the Investigative unit. After six years in news, she moved to the business side of The Post to direct research for Advertising Sales, Marketing, News, Circulation and washingtonpost.com (in its infancy).

Sharon currently teaches part-time as an adjunct faculty for the Johns Hopkins Communication Department, Advanced Academic Programs. She teaches an online course, "Polling for Strategic Communication," to graduate students. Sharon has a PhD in Communication from the University of Texas at Austin, and she also attended California State University Sacramento and Evergreen State College.

Sharon is married and lives in Alexandria, Virginia.

SAVE THE DATE
~ 2016 STEPPING OUT FOR A CURE WALK ~

Mark your calendars!

**6th Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma
Greater Baltimore Walk/Run
May 21, 2016**

**Atholton High School Track
6520 Freetwon Road
Columbia, MD 21044**



Hosted by the Scleroderma Foundation
Greater Washington, DC Chapter and Sponsored by the Atholton Athletic Boosters and
SGA.

Look for registration information soon on our website and in our next newsletter!

RARE DISEASE DAY - FEBRUARY 29

Did you know that Feb. 29th is **Rare Disease Day**?
And scleroderma is one of the rare rheumatological
diseases?

As we work to increase awareness of scleroderma,
the Scleroderma Foundation (SF) is encouraging folks
to wear their SF swag or teal colors on Feb. 29th and
to share your story. **Please email Carole at**
cbernard@scleroderma.org if you want to share your
story in our next e-newsletter or a photo of you
wearing the scleroderma colors!



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