

## Chinese Auction Fundraiser Benefits SFDV

This past September Jason and Jessica Jones hosted their first Chinese Auction to benefit the Scleroderma Foundation Delaware Valley Chapter. The auction was hosted by a group they formed earlier in the year called “Bonnie’s Cruisers”. The group was named in memory of Jason’s mother, Bonnie Trout Jones, who passed away in November 2012 due to complications from scleroderma.

Rewind to the fall of 2011 and none of Bonnie’s family had ever heard of scleroderma. Bonnie was just diagnosed after a couple of years of being misdiagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. She had patches of her skin hardening, her hair was thinning, she was losing tons of weight, and she was constantly cold. None of us understood what was going on. And to us around her it just looked



After The Jones’ annual pumpkin carving party in 2012 they mailed donations to the chapter in honor of Bonnie. Shortly after, they started receiving donations in memory of Bonnie. Even some at the chapter were surprised to hear about Bonnie’s short fight with scleroderma. It just didn’t seem fair. The family hadn’t even begun to understand scleroderma, and Bonnie was already gone.

As soon as Jason and Jessica heard of the Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma Shore Walk they formed Bonnie’s Cruisers. The Shore Walk which took place June 8, 2013 in Farmingdale, NJ was an amazing event! There were 37 people representing Bonnie’s Cruisers and as a team they raised \$9,397. Who thought they could do even more? Then the date for the Philadelphia walk was announced. Bonnie’s Cruisers had to come up with some way to raise funds for the chapter. But they couldn’t go back to those who just donated a couple of months ago. That’s how they came up with the Chinese Auction.

On September 14, 2013 they hosted their 1st Annual Chinese Auction at the America Emergency Squad in Mount Holly, NJ. With a core group of 10 volunteers they were able to host over 150 guests and give away over 80 prizes. In attendance was Susan Pierce, current board secretary and former board president of the Delaware Valley Chapter for the Scleroderma Foundation. She spoke to the attendees about the disease which affects about 300,000 people in

the United States. Susan herself lives with scleroderma. She helped bring a face to the disease which so many of the guests that night had never heard of. But as Susan said, no two people diagnosed with the disease are the same, look the same or have the same symptoms.



The night was a huge success! Bonnie’s Cruisers exceeded their goal of \$3,000 raising a total of \$6,305 for the Delaware Valley Chapter. Those funds were added to

Cruisers Philadelphia walk bringing the total raised to \$7,529.

In just a few short months Bonnie’s Cruisers were able to raise almost \$17,000 for the Delaware Valley Chapter and in the process bring awareness about scleroderma to so many people who otherwise would have never heard of it. They will continue to be scleroderma advocates, keeping Bonnie’s memory alive.

For more information about Bonnie’s Cruisers visit them at [facebook.com/BonniesCruisers](http://facebook.com/BonniesCruisers).



like all cosmetic issues. No one knew what the disease was doing to her internally. We would try to research information, and it just left us in a whirlwind. Did she have localized scleroderma? There’s a thing called systemic scleroderma? We thought with a diagnosis that she could now be cured. After reaching out to the Delaware Valley Chapter for information, we learned there is no cure. But how could we know she’d have only another year with us? She rapidly declined in health with what seemed like very few answers as to what the disease was doing to her. She then spent the last three months of her life in a hospital bed, passing away on November 12, 2012 at the age of 49.

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## A Patient's Perspective

**Submitted by: Whitney Adams**

Having just moved to Philadelphia in January, and having been sick for five years with no answer and definitely no validation or support, finding the Scleroderma Foundation Delaware Valley Chapter was exactly what I needed.

The educational forums held at Cabrini College were very comfortable, very informative, and best of all, very welcoming! It's always hard to be the new kid on the block, let alone the new sick kid on the block! Not only was my partner warmly welcomed along with me, but my in-laws were welcomed as well. It was incredibly helpful to have the family get some firsthand education from a group of experts.

Although I learned a lot from each speaker, what most struck me was the importance of doing what is necessary to take care of one self. Not only is it vital to surviving and thriving with this disease, but I am worth it!

The specific point that really spoke to me came from Dr. Romansky. I could never figure out why, no matter what shoes I wore, my feet hurt! He explained that it's extremely important not only to change your shoes frequently (multiple times a day even), but also to find a brand of shoe that works for you!

Every shoe company has a foot mold from which they model all of their shoes. If a brand of shoe just does not agree with your foot, it is because the mold the company uses varies too greatly with your foot. That brand will likely never be a good fit for you. Leave it and keep looking! This was news to me and it makes perfect sense!

I look forward to more and more educational forums in the future. I hope to bring everyone significant in my life to at least one forum. Doing so is important to me not only because it will help spread the word about scleroderma, but also because knowledge is power. Living with a disease where our power so often rests in the hands of our caregivers, learning together is the absolute best way for all of us to become the strongest we can be for ourselves and each other in this special and loving community.

## African American Conference Held in Philadelphia

The African American Education Conference was held by the Scleroderma Foundation-National Office at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in Philadelphia on March 22, 2014.

The organizers were Kerri Connolly, Director of Programs

and Services and Ryan Burrill, Programs and Services Coordinator. Also present were Robert Riggs, Chief Executive Officer of the National Scleroderma Foundation along with Delaware Valley Chapter Board members, Chris Gaydos and Joyce Roby-Washington. SFDV Board President, Joan Forrer and many others from the Delaware Valley Chapter were instrumental in making this event the success it was. Over a hundred people were in attendance and were fed a fabulous breakfast and lunch.

The participants, gathered from far off lands like Georgia and Ohio as well as New York, Massachusetts and Maryland, were all treated to an all-star cast of physicians.

The presenters also hailed from as far as Boston and Maryland. The cast included Dr.'s Nora Sandorfi, Chris Derk, Fabian Mendoza, Virginia Steen, Theodore Gialanella, Laura Hummers and Pearl Simpson.

SFDV could not be more pleased for having been named the host city, and we look forward to future events, with the spotlight on our precious patients and clients.



## Spread Awareness

Scleroderma – misunderstood, misdiagnosed, underfunded – is a chronic connective tissue disease, classified as one of the autoimmune rheumatic diseases. The disease affects 300,000 people, 80% of which are women. The disease is complex and painful, and it has the potential to affect every organ in a person's body. The disease can be localized or systemic. If it is localized it affects mainly the skin by hardening the skin. If it is systemic it can affect organs by hardening the organs. The cause is unknown, and there is no cure. The SFDV chapter supports patients in 3 states, Eastern Pennsylvania, portions of New Jersey and Delaware, partnering with 3 centers, the Scleroderma Centers at University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Jefferson Health System and Robert Wood Johnson Hospital, and promoting 3 missions, educating the community, advocating for research and patients, and fighting for a cure. The funds that SFDV raises go to these missions. We rely on the support and generosity of donors to support our community as well as the mission of the national Scleroderma Foundation which is also 3 fold - support, education and research. The National Foundation and its chapters are the leading source of scleroderma related research and allocates \$1 million annually through the Foundation's research program.

## A Choice of Gratitude and Joy

*"In moments of beauty, in times of sorrow, in moments of celebration, in times of loss - We can measure devastation, and call it the only truth; or embrace gratitude and hope as sustenance for the breaths and days ahead. Which will it be? Joy or yearning which cannot be quenched? New possibilities or loss that knows no relief? What will I choose? Who will I become in my own life story?"*

Sharon Durham, March, 2014

I, like many of you, have endured profound loss in this life - tears, heartache, overwhelming heartbreak, physical disability, psychological pain, sorrow, great sorrow.

The curious have wondered and still wonder (when considering my story of struggle and loss) how/why I can easily laugh, play, sing, engage each day with an optimistic spirit? How have I found a way to "push myself through" the unpredictable currents of life (with seemingly easy acceptance) while carrying a multitude of "troubles" in my haversack.

Well, I'm here to tell you that it isn't easy! This "way of being in the world" for Sharon, requires constant acceptance of reality, belief in the perpetual presence of options, and a deep understanding that I - alone, am the creator and caretaker of my own hope, peace, joy, declaration of contentment.

How did I come to this understanding? Many years of observation, reflection, and introspection taught me to appreciate how well life offers us constant support, guidance, and encouragement within the experience of humanity. Resilience, observed in the lives/choices of others (I find), can fortify our character; our perspective...nudge us into a place of acceptance and a determination to develop our own version of survival strategies or responses to the "struggles of the living," which can foster the resilience needed to "dig yourself out...claw your way back or forward. Get us out of the bed or chair, so that we might try again.

I've learned to "survive and thrive," by applying all the tools and resources noted above. Here's what life for Sharon looks like in operation.

Whenever I'm knocked to my knees, short of breath, overwhelmed by grief, I find refuge in my mantra "every painful moment holds within it a precious pearl." I also sing the song "Look for the Silver Lining," as if it were on an endless loop. In this way I shift my mind away from misery toward discovery, optimism, and gratitude for my "still here, still alive - life!"

When my chronic diseases take me to the edge of mortality, when my body/mind is changed in debilitating ways

as a result of health crises, I accept reality and strive to identify and embrace all "pearls" available still accessible within my "new home address."

When I am lonely, full of yearning for inclusion in the flow of life (before scleroderma), I once participated and contributed. When the impact of scleroderma, gives birth to a stare or unkind comments about my skin, joints, mouth. When I am forgotten by those souls who held me dear in the days of good health and vitality. When those I love are empty of energy, compassion (or courage) for another symptom, another complaint, another trip to the doctor's office, I seek solace in my acceptance of reality; embrace gratitude for past moments of mobility, inclusion. Then, I celebrate the hope, physical strength, relationships, support, love, and opportunities for impact that still remain.

When I am plagued by fear and anxiety. When I am stripped bare by life; torn apart. I grieve fully with tears, tissues, angry words, covers over my head. All the while, setting my gaze upon the next breath, repeating healing, loving, mantras, seeking a glimpse of "pearls" and "silver linings," and waiting to be discovered in my next "new normal home."

I've lost much in this life and suspect there will be more loss to come, for this is the way of all life. Nevertheless, I remain grateful, hopeful, playful, curious, optimistic, committed to courage and self-advocacy. Joyous? Yes indeed!

Do I still grieve? Yearn? Certainly! But only for a brief time. While I do - my "practiced mind" seeks to name every moment of this sweet, hard, messy, journey of mine - (and yours) Beauty! How about you?

*"Contained within your next breath - is the gift of possibility. What will you do with this miracle-filled moment when it arrives?"*

Sharon Durham, December 2005

## 4th Annual Central PA Soup Cook-Off

On Saturday, March 1, 2014, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., the 4th Annual Central PA Soup Cook-off was held at the Park Inn Harrisburg West in Mechanicsburg. Guests attending the event received judging ballots upon entry and had a chance to visit all of the soup vendors to taste test each of the chefs' delicacies. There were over 40 local amateur and professional chefs at the event with their specially prepared soups. With their ballots, guests were able to vote for three chefs in each division. Once the event ended at 2 p.m., the ballots were tallied and the awards for the top chefs were presented.

All of the proceeds from the 4th Annual Central PA Soup Cook-Off benefited the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Scleroderma Foundation. The Scleroderma Foundation is grateful for the \$1,650 contributed by the event.

Tickets were \$10 in advance, \$12 at the doors, and children 5 and under were admitted free. The Fourth Annual Soup Cook-off was sponsored by Filson Water, LLC, Karns Foods, and Park Inn Harrisburg West.

Visit the 4th Annual Central PA Soup Cook-off Facebook page or contact Gwen Forlizzi at 484-354-9703 or gwenforlizzi@yahoo.com for additional information about next year's event.



## SFDV Receives Gilead Grant to Support Education

This past winter, SFDV had the opportunity to host a number of events, thanks mostly to the funds earmarked for education by Gilead Sciences. Along with a yoga session, we capped off the finale of the funds with two amazing educational sessions.

The first session, on February 22nd, featured Dr. Nora Sandorfi speaking on the topic of Nutrition and Pain Management in Systemic Sclerosis, Dr. Nicholas Romansky from Healthmark Foot and Ankle Institute speaking on shoe, foot, and ankle issues, and Dr. Akaya Smith speaking on the topic of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension and Scleroderma.

The second session, on March 1st, included Dr. Lee Osterman and Terri Skirven, both from the Hand Centers of Philadelphia and South Jersey, speaking on the topic of hand issues and therapies of the hand.

Both days had the room filled to capacity, and the participant feedback was outstanding on all fronts. The venue, Cabrini College, which was suggested by a summer intern, was superb in noise quality, cleanliness, and technology. The college staff was extremely accommodating. You can find videos of both sessions at: [http://www.scleroderma.org/dv\\_community\\_video](http://www.scleroderma.org/dv_community_video). SFDV is on a real high note as we prepare to launch our active fundraising season with a car show, walks, a golf tournament, runs, and so much more. Check us out at: [http://www.scleroderma.org/dv\\_happen\\_events](http://www.scleroderma.org/dv_happen_events).



## The Tradition of Giving at Loxley's Restaurant



Loxley's Restaurant, in Lancaster, PA, is home to a very fine tradition of giving to non-profits on a monthly basis. The tradition is called Legends of Giving, and it is steeped in history.

*Legend has it that in the 13th Century, in the area of Yorkshire England, Robin of Loxley, better known as Robin Hood, made a name for himself by lightening the purses of the wealthy to benefit the needy.*

*Today, the legend continues. Loxley provides a legendary meal before they lighten their customers' purse and invite them to participate in selecting a worthy organization. Loxley's donates 5% of all food bills to the featured organization chosen by the customer.*

*During the month of March, the Scleroderma Foundation Delaware Valley Chapter was one of the featured organizations, along with Fore Change and the Wounded Warrior Project.*

As a result of the hard work of Meg and Ryan Hayman, the organizers of the Race4Linda ([www.race4linda.com](http://www.race4linda.com)), as well as the persistence of Jodi Graham, the Scleroderma Foundation of the Delaware Valley was one of the benefactors of Loxley's charitable giving program this past March.

As your executive director, I had the pleasure of seeing the tradition in action. Needless to say, the food was fabulous, the staff extremely attentive, and the atmosphere friendly and jovial. The best part of the evening was the moment I chose the Scleroderma Foundation as my organization of choice to receive funding.

For more information on Loxley's (500 Centerville Road, Lancaster, PA 17601, 717-898-2431), visit <http://www.heritagelancaster.com/loxleys-restaurant>

## Walking the Planks, Again!

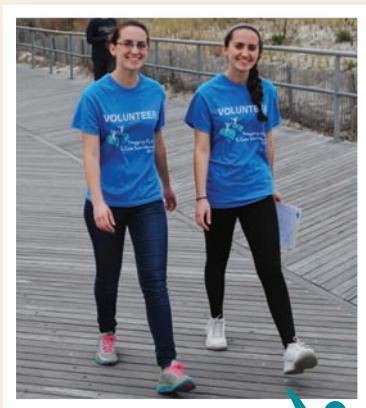
The 1st Annual “Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma” Ventnor, NJ Walk was held on May 10th, 2014 on the boardwalk in Ventnor, NJ. The Jersey shore was transformed into a sea of blue and white t-shirts on a day that started with a mild rain and ended up with the sun shining on walkers and participants. The over 70 walkers, of which 15 were volunteers, participated and created awareness. They raised over \$10,000 of money supporting the SFDV and its mission of education, support, and research.

Our volunteers arrived at 7:30 AM and worked like a well-oiled machine. They picked up supplies, put up signs, a tent, banners, and set up the registration, refreshment, information, promotion, and t-shirt tables. We thank everyone for helping make the day enjoyable for all and for making the walk a success.

Many thanks to our sponsors and supporters including Actelion Pharmaceuticals and Pitcairn Properties. Special thanks go out to Kathy Jaffari and Soodabeh Jaffari-Pasierb, co-committee chairs for the Ventnor Walk. We also want to say thank you to our many donors for the live auction items and services that raised over \$400 in proceeds.

The Ventnor Walk was featured in an article published by the Atlantic City Press on May 11, 2014. Written by Martin DeAngelis, he stated traditions around Mother’s Day weekend events and how SFDV is a particularly woman centric disease affecting woman in their child-bearing ages.

We are grateful to all of our teams, participants and supporters and are looking forward to recognizing the most walkers and fund raisers in the 2nd Annual Ventnor Walk!



Stepping Out  
To Cure Scleroderma

## Bearing the Storm

Our winter started early this year. I recall snow before Thanksgiving and the bitter chill of air, for a straight week, before winter. Wondering how this winter will sort itself out with temperatures in the single digits and then into the fifties within a day or so. Seemed a bit much to deal with at times. One thing I am sure of is that if you suffer from Scleroderma, there is that same degree of inconstancy with the disease, though the fighters are always consistent and persistent. Like the cold air that creeps its way through every seam in our structures on bitter days, the pain and effects of this debilitating disease also haunt the body it invades.

In our home and our abodes we have the luxury of being able to pay a contractor, sew a sand bag, run weather stripping, or, if we're handy, run down to a hardware store to get the necessary materials to plug up the seams and fill in the holes. With Scleroderma, the seams are apparent, but the materials to cure it are not. That's why we hold events to raise funds and awareness of this painful disease.

I'm always hoping for and wishing for a day of sunshine, warm temperatures, and mild breezes to accompany all that we do outdoors to raise awareness for Scleroderma. Some days I win and some days I lose. In all of the efforts, I am always grateful to see your beaming faces and your enthusiastic spirits. I request that you take a look at the schedule of events listed on page 8. Take on one or more yourself and then pass the whole list on to at least ten people in your community.

You can participate by going to our website at [www.scleroderma.org/dv\\_happen\\_events](http://www.scleroderma.org/dv_happen_events).

Thank you, and I look forward to meeting you this Spring or Summer, under the glorious sun!

Kind regards,

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Executive Director

Scleroderma Foundation Delaware Valley Chapter

## Tap Into A Cure

On September 26th, 2013, Emma Straub, a senior at Drexel University, reached out to us here at the Scleroderma Foundation of the Delaware Valley (SFDV). Emma was diagnosed with scleroderma in 2012 and, after discovering our foundation, was interested in holding an education and awareness event with a focus on 20 to 30 year-olds. The event would also serve as her final project in her marketing and communications course.

Emma chose to hold her event at the accommodating City Tap House, strategically located at 3925 Walnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19104 in Philadelphia's heavily student-populated University City neighborhood. The event, which took place February 7, 2014, was complete with raffle prizes and literature to educate attendees. Emma worked hard to pull it all together. Having carefully selected the venue and a date, she set out to fill in the details and spread the word – all while managing her studies and illness. Emma first reached out to a host of breweries to request donations for the raffle and libations, the most costly of expenses. Victory brewery of Downingtown, PA responded to her call and graciously provided her with a very generous donation of beer. Next, Emma reached out to several media outlets, ultimately being featured in the January 29, 2014 issue of Metro Philly. Emma even managed to use an online tool available through [www.scleroderma.org](http://www.scleroderma.org) called Hope Raiser, creating a website through which she raised over \$7,450 in donations from members of her national community. SFDV helped spread the word further still, thanks to an unrestricted educational grant from Gilead Pharmaceuticals, mailing out announcements to our



Philly mailing list.

Emma's efforts paid off. The event was a huge success, with over 70 people attending, including classmates, friends, and her significant other, Scott. Together they managed to raise another \$1,000 towards her contribution.

We can't thank Emma enough not only for her contribution, but for raising such awareness with her commitment and tenacity.

We congratulate her on her graduation from Drexel University and wish her all the best with her new career! We look forward to seeing her at the Philly Walk in the Fall!

## Support Group Meeting Locations

### DELAWARE

#### Wilmington, Delaware (North Delaware)

Angie Crowl, 302-425-5054,  
anglcrowl@aol.com  
Every other month on Wednesdays  
at 6:00 pm  
Woodlawn Library  
2020 West 9th Street  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
302-571-7425

### NEW JERSEY

#### Brick, New Jersey

##### (Monmouth-Ocean County)

Marlene Stoeber, 908-278-8623,  
mrslatte@comcast.net Sharon Albanese,  
908-328-8130, spcasey5@comcast.net Once  
a month on Saturday at 10:00 am -  
12:00 pm - next meeting May 31 Brick Town  
Hall 1st floor meeting room - doors A & B  
401 Chambers Bridge Road  
Brick, NJ 08723  
732-262-1000

#### Cherry Hill, New Jersey (Burl-Cam)

John Keegan, 856-767-4783,  
johnkeegan@comcast.net  
2nd Thursday of every other month at 1:30  
pm – next meeting May 8  
385 Kings Highway North, Cherry  
Professional Building  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034  
856-779-7225

### PENNSYLVANIA

#### NEW Ardmore, Pennsylvania

Donna O'Sullivan, 610-513-8882,  
ardmoresclerodermagroup@gmail.com  
3rd Thursday of each month at 7-8 pm – 1st  
meeting on April 17  
Allstate Insurance Company  
19 Cricket Ave  
Ardmore, Pa. 19003  
610-658-3250

#### Doylestown, Pennsylvania

Desiree Bleam, 215-249-1132,  
doylestownscclerodermasg@gmail.com  
Last Monday of the month, quarterly at 6:30  
pm – June 30, Sept. 29, Nov. 24  
Doylestown Hospital  
Conference Room G (main entrance zelevators  
to ground floor, go right off elevator)  
595 West State Street  
Doylestown, PA 18901  
215-345-2200

#### Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Joyce Roby-Washington, 215-474-0259 or  
267-516-6987, joycerw757@msn.com  
2nd Wednesday of every other month at 1:30  
pm – next meeting May 14  
Presbyterian Medical Center, University of  
Pennsylvania Health System  
39th and Market Streets, Wright Saunders  
Building  
Gardner Conference Room 128-C  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
215-662-8000

#### NEW Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania

Joan Evans, 215-699-2345,  
sfplymouthmtg@gmail.com  
3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm – 1st  
meeting on May 19  
Mercy Health Center  
Plymouth Meeting Mall  
500 West Germantown Pike  
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

#### Reading, Pennsylvania

Dawn Batzel, 610-310-2566,  
happy81070@verizon.net  
2nd Saturday of every other month at 10:00  
am – May 3 (1st Saturday in May), July 12,  
Sept. 13, Nov 8  
Reading Pediatrics office  
40 Berkshire Court, Wyomissing, PA 19610  
610-374-7400

#### Williamsport, Pennsylvania

Jayne Young, 570-323-4228,  
weyclu@sunlink.net  
Gayle Bullock, 570-398-0551 (co-leader)  
1st Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm  
(except January, February, July & August) –  
Dr. Anthony Ippolito, Rheumatology,  
to speak at May meeting  
Life Center in the Lycoming Mall  
300 Lycoming Mall Cir #3021,  
Muncy, PA 17756  
570-546-6879  
June and December meetings held at 1:00 pm  
at Grace Buffet, 811 N. Loyalsock Ave.,  
Montoursville, PA 368-8666



## E-mail Support Group

We have started an e-mail support group for those patients and families that are not close to one of our existing support groups or those who would like to participate in addition to attending a support group. There is a weekly topic of discussion by email and everyone is free to comment or ask a question at any time. You can participate as little or as much as you like. If you are interested in being part of an email support group, please contact the office at 856-779-7225 or via e-mail at cferara@scleroderma.org.

## Support Group Leaders Needed

We are always looking to expand our support groups into new areas. Please contact our office if you are interested in becoming a Support Group Leader.

### Delaware

Central DE Area  
Southern DE Area

### New Jersey

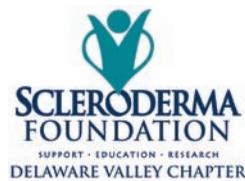
Cape May Area  
Central NJ Area  
Southern Shore Area

### Pennsylvania

Carlisle/Harrisburg Area  
York/Lancaster Area

*Disclaimer: The Scleroderma Foundation in no way endorses any drugs or treatments reported in this newsletter or at SFDV sponsored meetings. Information is provided as a resource to be used with discretion. Because the manifestations and severity of scleroderma vary among individuals, personalized medical management is essential. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that all drugs and treatments be discussed with one's physician to assure proper evaluation and treatment.*

The Pursuit



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7 – Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma Walk, Allaire State Park in Farmingdale, NJ

June 9 – MacCutcheon/McTaaggart Golf Outing, Rossmoor Golf Club, Monroe, NJ

August 9 – Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma Susquehanna Valley Walk, York, PA

September 5 – Teri's Run & Twilight Walk, Downingtown, PA

October 5 – Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma Walk, Philadelphia, PA

October 25 – Educational Seminar at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

*Check our website at [www.SFDV.org](http://www.SFDV.org) for news and information.  
Check out our Facebook page for frequent postings at [www.facebook.com/SFDeIVal](http://www.facebook.com/SFDeIVal)*

### MISSION STATEMENT

-  To help patients and their families cope with Scleroderma through mutual support programs, peer counseling, physician referrals and educational information.
-  To promote public awareness and education through patient and health professional seminars, literature and publicity campaigns.
-  To stimulate and support research to improve treatment and ultimately find the cause and cure of Scleroderma and related diseases.

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