The Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (MRESC) invited the LDA president, who is a former board of education president, to present an in-service to non-public school nurses in Piscataway: Overview of Lyme Disease and How It Affects School Children, December 2005. Strategies for dealing with children with Lyme disease in the classroom were included, as were diagnosing and treating difficulties, ticks that carry and transmit tick-borne diseases, and prevention. Pictured are LDA President Pat Smith (L), Mark Finklestein,
Superintendent of the MRESC and a commission nurse.

**ILADS DVD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

The International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society Rye, NY
DVD, Proceedings of the 2004 Annual Scientific Session is
available—an educational and teaching tool with current
knowledge of doctor practices. To order, go to www.ILADS.org,
click guidelines and order form. (Can NOT be ordered from
LDA).

**Lyme Disease Association/Columbia’s 6th Annual Conference**
Jointly sponsored by Columbia University College of Physicians
& Surgeons and 8.75 Category 1 CMEs awarded

**Lyme and other Tick-Borne Diseases: Emerging Tick-Borne Diseases**
Friday, October 28, 2005, Crowne Plaza, Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania
For full information, click on the conference brochure links
below.

Conference Brochure (Outside)
Conference Brochure (Inside)

Speakers include Sven Bergstrom, PhD, Sweden, *Infection
biology of relapsing fever Borrelia: Mechanisms of evasion and
persistence*; **Steven Norris, PhD**, University of Texas-Houston
Medical School on Virulence determinants of Borrelia as
identified genetically; **Greg Storch, MD**, Washington University
in St. Louis, on Ehrlichiosis; **Ed Masters, MD**, Missouri, on
STARI(Southern Tick-Associated Rash Illness); **Richard Brown,
MD**, Columbia University, Complementary medicine strategies for
the relief of Lyme-related symptoms; **Daniel Cameron, MD**, New
York, Results from Lyme disease treatment clinical trial;
**Martin Fried, MD**, Jersey Shore Medical Center, *Unique
dermatologic Manifestations of tick-borne diseases*; **Brian Fallon,
MD**, Columbia University, *Final results of Columbia/NIH trial, and Klaus-Peter Hunfeld, PD Dr. med.*, MPH, Institute of
Medical Microbiology, University Hospital of Frankfurt, Germany: *Antimicrobial susceptibility studies against Borrelia
burgdorferi: Clinical implications*. See the conference
details for a complete list of speakers.

Register today for 2nd annual Gear Up For Lyme
August 6, 2005, Mt Equinox, Vermont uphill bike climb
sponsored by the Manchester Rotary. Proceeds to go to the
Rotary and the LDA for research including the Columbia
University Lyme Disease research center. See site for details.

**Lyme Disease Association Delaware Chapter (LDADEC)**

LDADEC announces its second annual Lyme Time fundraiser, being held this year at the lauded Big Fish Grill in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, September 22, 7-10PM. While enjoying appetizers and entertainment, guests will be able to bid in a silent auction with a vacation package giveaway. Call (302) 227 8640 for information and reservations.

**Lyme Disease Association Delaware Chapter**

**2nd Annual Beach Walk**

Sunday October 23, 2005

**Writer’s Block of the Worst Kind: An Open Book on Lyme**

Internationally Acclaimed Authors Share Stage with Acclaimed Medical Authorities

**APRIL 2ND GALA – TIME FOR LYME® ROCKS MIAMI’S SOUTH BEACH**

Time for Lyme® Rocks Miami’s South Beach, a fundraising gala, will take place on Saturday evening, April 2nd at the Hyatt Regency in Greenwich, Connecticut. This is the fourth major fundraiser of its kind hosted by Time For Lyme, a nonprofit Lyme disease prevention, education, research and advocacy network. Time for Lyme® Rocks Miami’s South Beach will benefit the Columbia University Lyme Disease Research Center, as well as Lyme disease education and awareness programs.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE LEGISLATIVE NEWS**

On January 6, 2005, the New Hampshire Senate introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution 4 (SCR4) which is now in the Senate Human Services Committee.

**LYME DISEASE: PREVALENCE AND BEST PRACTICES FOR DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT**

Richard Horowitz, MD and Pat Smith, President, Lyme Disease Association, to speak at Corning, Inc.-sponsored event.

**Corning, New York March 10, 2005.**

**LDA President to Speak in Williamsport PA**

Pat Smith, President of the national Lyme Disease Association (LDA), will speak at the YWCA gymnasium, 815 W. Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA, on Saturday, January 15, 2005 from 1-3 pm.
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Lyme Disease Association Archives: 2004

**Much TO DO: About Lyme**

A benefit with proceeds going to the Lyme Disease Association
A Night of Knowledge & Entertainment for a Cure
Speakers: Brian Fallon, MD Columbia University; Pat Smith, President, Lyme Disease Association; Harold Smith, MD, ILADS; Joseph Kemp, Lyme teen; Irene McGee, MTV Real World Cast.

*West Reading Pennsylvania December 10, 2004*

**Emerging Infectious Diseases in the Central States 4th annual conference**
Sponsored by the Cape Girardeau County Area Medical Society & The Lyme Association of Greater Kansas City (an affiliate of the Lyme Disease Association) November 19, 2004, Kansas City, MO. 6.25 CME’s will be awarded. Click here for registration & details.

**Lyme Disease Association/Columbia Announce Joint Lyme Conference, 8.5CMEs Awarded Genomic Studies & Columbia-NIH Study Results Presented**

Lyme Disease Association and the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons announce the agenda of their joint conference Friday, October 22 at the Rye Town Hilton, Rye Brook, NY. Registration/breakfast is at 7:30am. Conference opens at 8 with morning facilitator, Dr. Brian Fallon, Columbia University, introducing the Keynote speaker, Dr. Claire Fraser, President, The Institute of Genomic Research (TIGR), discussing genomics.

*Conference 2004 information.*

The following piece was read on behalf of LDA by CALDA’s Executive Director, Lorraine Johnson, Esq. at the services for Ted Hoggard on August 24, 2004 in Chico, CA

**Lyme Disease: The Diagnostic Dilemma. Get your DVD or VHS today!**

This video is an effective tool to help recognize Lyme and other tick-borne diseases that are prevalent in your
community. Learn from a nationally recognized group of experts about the difficulty in diagnosing Lyme disease. Introductory remarks by Amy Tan author of the Joy Luck Club and CT Attorney General Richard Blumenthal.

**Wednesday, September 15, 2004**

Patricia (Pat) Smith, President of the national Lyme Disease Association will discuss state and national issues concerning Lyme patients and their doctors. Discussion starts at 8:00 PM. The regular support group meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Regular meetings are held at the Kennett Friends Meetinghouse on North Union Street (Route 82) in Kennett Square, PA at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of every month.

For more information including directions to the meeting, check out our website: LDA of Southeastern PA Home Page http://www.lymepa.org/index.html

**Lyme Disease Partners Grow**

Partners in Lyme LDA continues to partner with a number of organizations in projects to further the Lyme Disease’s Association’s goals of prevention, education, research funding & patient support. See some examples at:
http://turnthecorner.org/grants/makingadiff2.php
http://rynoskin.html
http://columbia-lyme.org
http://www.lymetimes.org
http://www.ilads.org

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2004**  — Pennsylvanian Kevin Magda wants to make a difference in Lyme disease education, in how Lyme disease victims are viewed, and about how the disease is diagnosed and treated. To that end, he has organized a charity golf outing at the Walnut Lane Golf Club in Philadelphia, October 2, 2004. Proceeds of the outing will benefit the Lyme Disease Association, a national non-profit funding research that is looking for a cure. Said Kevin “Lyme disease is a devastating illness that can steal your life away unless it is diagnosed and treated early and appropriately. 10-15% of cases develop into chronic Lyme, affecting many major systems in the body,
especially the nervous system, including the brain.” Click here for details

THE DELAWARE CHAPTER, Lyme Disease Association invites you to 1st Annual Beach Walk for Lyme in Rehoboth Beach Delaware, Sunday, October 24, 2004. For details on the walk and how to register click any of the following links:

- Registration and Walk Information (PDF)
- Pledge Form and Brochure (PDF)

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http://www.lymepa.org/index.html

TURN THE CORNER FOUNDATION At the Net tennis event and tournament is planned for Saturday, September 18th at the National Tennis Center (rain date Sunday, September 19th). To benefit Lyme disease. click here for details http://www.turnthecorner.org/

JOIN US in our 75th birthday celebration for Dr. Charles Ray Jones. Invitations / Gifts


THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT of Public Health and the Connecticut Attorney General’s Office will hold a hearing regarding Lyme
disease.

**FORMER LYME DISEASE SUFFERER** will [climb to the 22,840-foot summit of Aconcagua](#) in Argentina on January 15 to raise funds.

**LYMEAID4KIDS FUND** with Support of NY Times Bestselling Author Amy Tan.

**LYME DISEASE ASSOCIATION**/ Columbia University Lyme Disease Conference, Friday, November 14, Philadelphia. Physicians and the Public may attend. [Speaker List](#).

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### 2003-2002

Lyme Disease Association Archives: 2002-2003

- **2003 Philadelphia Medical Conference DVD now available!** [simplecaddy code=DVD110](#)
  
  For list of speakers and topics contained on the medical conference DVD set, click here ([link to the attachment](#))
- **ILADS Lyme disease conference**, November 15 & 16, Philadelphia.
- **Blue Cross Press Release**: Rhode Island is to be congratulated on the passage of its bill protecting doctors who treat Lyme disease long-term.
- **Bill Mandating Insurance Coverage for Lyme Treatment Unanimously Passes Senate**, Governor Signs.
- **TIME FOR LYME** At the Lymelight will be attended by Dr. Brian Fallon, Governor John G. Rowland as Honorary Chair of the event and Senator Christopher J. Dodd on April 26, 2003.
- News: The Lyme Disease Association, Inc. announces that it has awarded 2002 end-of-the-year [grants totaling](#)
Oscar nominated actress Mary McDonnell will serve as honorary chairperson of next month’s Time for Lyme Gala on October 18, 2002.

SPECIAL REPORT: LDA MEETS WITH FDA ON LYMERIX

Lyme Disease Association Tiny TickTales

Blue Cross Press Release:
Rhode Island is to be congratulated on the passage of its bill protecting doctors who treat Lyme disease long-term, as well as the adoption of the provision by Blue Cross of Rhode Island, which enables patients who have chronic Lyme disease receive treatment. The Governor’s Commission on Lyme Disease and Other Tick-borne Diseases is to be commended for holding two separate hearings with over 12 hours of significant and often moving testimony from physicians, advocates and patients. The Lyme Community Coalition of Rhode Island and the South Coast Lyme Action Group did a phenomenal job helping to organize the individuals who presented testimony, obtaining media coverage and lobbying legislators.

Blue Cross Resolution: Revised 8/22/02
Presently, Blue Cross covers up to four weeks per year of intravenous antibiotic therapy deemed medically necessary by a treating physician for certain illnesses including Lyme disease. Blue Cross agrees with and will adopt the following statement of its policy in its physician’s manual regarding testing and treatment of Lyme disease to become effective by July 1, 2002.

New England Governors’ Conference, Inc. Resolution:
The LDA is very excited that the New England Governor’s Conference passed Resolution 166, A Resolution of the New England Governor’s Conference, Inc. Concerning Lyme Disease & Other Tick-borne Illnesses. Introduced by Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Almond’s office, it was adoption certified on August 26th, 2002, and signed by Chairman Almond. Other Governors who make up the Conference are Jane Swift, MA; John G. Rowland, CT; Angus S. King, Jr., ME; Jeanne Shaheen, NH; and Howard Dean, MD, VT.
2007

Lyme Disease Association Archives: 2007

(L to R) Pat Parke, Public Health Educator, Rockland County Department of Health; Pat Smith, LDA President; an LDA volunteer at Rockland County Vector-Borne Disease Advisory Committee meeting in Rockland County, NY in September 2007. Ms. Smith presented an update on the spread and impact of Lyme disease across the country to the Advisory Committee.

Federal Lyme Bill HR 741: Congressman Smith helped us by introducing the Lyme bill. Let’s help him to get this bill passed!

Lyme & Tick-Borne Disease Prevention, Education & Research Act of 2007

This bill was introduced into the US House of Representatives on January 31, 2007 by Congressman Christopher H. Smith (NJ). The bill is identical to last year’s House bill (HR 3427) except for updated dates in the bill. We need your help now. Click on the link to get information on the Smith/Stupak bill, (history, co-sponsors, who to contact). Lyme disease desperately needs the $100 million over 5 years that this bill provides for research, physician education, prevention, and task force formation.

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Federal Employees: LDA CFC Eligible  GOOD NEWS!

The LDA has been found eligible for inclusion on the National
Part of the 2007 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Charity list. Each year, federal employees can contribute to charities that meet the requirements of the CFC. The LDA’s CFC 2007 identification for donors is #11424 and Lyme Disease Association, Inc. will appear in the listing of National/International Independent Organizations which is published in each local campaign charity list. See your federal employer for details. Check the CFC website at: http://www.opm.gov/cfc/. [LDA also made the 2006 CFC campaign (2006 # was 9351) and thanks all those who are contributing.]

**New LDA Partner: On the ice, his focus is stopping hockey pucks; off the ice, his focus is stopping Lyme disease**

Nolan Schaefer, a goal tender recently acquired by the Minnesota Wild hockey franchise is partnering with the Lyme Disease Association and also the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation to raise awareness about Lyme and funds for Lyme disease research.

**National Association Announces Eastern Connecticut Lyme Chapter**

Eastern counties high in disease, low in awareness, says new LDA chapter chair

**NORWICH, CONNECTICUT**, November 26, 2007—The national Lyme Disease Association (LDA) announces the formation of the Lyme Disease Association, Eastern Connecticut Chapter (LDAECC), bringing the current total of LDA-associated organizations nationwide to 31.

**Minnesota Lyme Action Support Hosts National Lyme President**

The Minnesota Lyme Action Support Group will host nationally recognized speaker Pat Smith, President of the national Lyme Disease Association, Inc. (LDA). In three separate forums, Ms. Smith will present an overview of Lyme disease issues to elected officials from the Twin Cities and Forest Lake at a by-invitation only Mayor’s Forum on Tuesday morning, November 13. A free community forum will be presented on Tuesday evening, November 13, and a forum for chiropractors will be Wednesday, November 14.

**Children of Lyme Town Hall Meeting, Sat., Oct. 20, 2007, 11:00**
Children are invited to tell their own Lyme stories. Time for Lyme Co-President Diane Blanchard will speak on behalf of the national Lyme Disease Association on the problems affecting children with Lyme. Manorville Firehouse, 16 Silas Carter Rd., Manorville, NY 11949 (Suffolk County). For more information about this event hosted by community leader Keith Romaine, please contact Empire State LDA President Eva Haughie at Eva@EmpireStateLDA.org or phone 631-878-6657.

San Diego Lyme Support Group Information Item – California Lyme Patients And Community WALK to Improve Diagnosis and Treatment

People suffering from Lyme disease, along with family and friends, will hold a walk and candle lighting ceremony near the San Diego Convention Center on Saturday, October 6. In addition to calling attention to the suffering caused by the tick-borne illness, they’ll be raising funds for much needed research to improve the diagnosis and treatment of Lyme Disease. Brooke Landau, lyme disease survivor and traffic anchor for ABC channel 10 news San Diego, will be the celebrity hostess for this event. They are also trying to call attention to being excluded from what’s going on inside the convention center—the annual conference of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA).

Empire State Lyme Disease Association Partners With US Senator Chuck Schumer

Manorville, NY, October 16 – The Empire State Lyme Disease Association, affiliate of the national Lyme Disease Association, is very pleased to announce the addition to our Board of a staunch advocate and supporter of Lyme patients both here in New York and across the US. We extend a heartfelt welcome to US Senator Chuck Schumer (NY) who has consented to become an honorary board member of Empire State Lyme Disease Association, Inc. (ESLDA)
Texas Lyme Disease Association, affiliate of the Lyme Disease Association, holds LymeRyde

Register NOW! LDA’s 8th annual Lyme & Tick-Borne Diseases Conference

Jointly sponsored by Columbia University & Lyme Disease Association: Bridging the Medical Chasm

October 26, 2007, Boston, Massachusetts, 8.75 category 1 CME credits (see flyer)

Presenters include CDC’s Dr. J. Livingood, whose 2006 paper concludes that the “invasion of neural cells by B. burgdorferi provides a putative mechanism for the organism to avoid the host’s immune response;” Finland’s Dr. Hetta Yrjanainen whose study shows viable Bb after Ceftriaxone therapy in mice, and Dr. Katherine Feldman and her work with Tularemia. The day will conclude with a 70 minute presentation with rebuttals on the two standards of care for Lyme disease: ILADS and IDSA, from Dr. Ray Stricker, President, ILADS, and Dr. Paul Auwaerter from Johns Hopkins University.

CALDA offers grants for doctors to attend LDA & ILADS conferences.

Lyme Disease Town Hall Meeting, Riverhead NY

August 30th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at 310 Center Drive, Riverhead in the Suffolk County Legislative Auditorium at the County Center. With the assistance of the Empire State Lyme Disease Association, Legislator Romaine (631-852-3200) has assembled a panel of experts on Lyme disease treatment and prevention to discuss this debilitating disease. Members of the public are invited to share their own experiences as well.

The Guest Speakers include Pat Smith, President of the national organization, Lyme Disease Association; Dr. Joseph J. Burrascacono, MD, Author of Diagnostic Hints & Treatment Guidelines for Lyme & Other Tick Borne Illnesses; Sandy Berebaum, LCSW, BCD, a Lyme-literate psychotherapist; Dr. Ruggiero, D.O., a practicing Lyme physician in Suffolk County; Cheryl Viserto, a founding member of the Lyme Induced Autism
Foundation; Humayun J. Chaudhry, Suffolk County Commissioner of Health Services; Staci Grodin, Founder of Turn the Corner Foundation, an organization that funds Lyme disease research; and Karen Hassan, “How a family is affected by Lyme disease.”

**Lyme Disease Awareness Walk**
**To Be Held in Maine 9-22 to Benefit LDA**
A group of Maine residents spearheaded by Lyme patient, Jessica Plantanitis, will host a Lyme Awareness Walk in Wells, Maine, on Saturday, September 22, 2007. Registration begins at 9am and the walk at 10am. See [http://lymediseaseawareness.com](http://lymediseaseawareness.com) for details and contact info for the walk. All proceeds will be donated to the Lyme Disease Association.

**CSTE Meeting**
Dr. Daniel Cameron and LDA President Pat Smith in windy Atlantic City for the CSTE meeting in June. They attended and spoke at the meeting against the adoption of the then proposed CSTE surveillance guidelines which would limit the use of the EM rash for diagnostic criteria in non-endemic areas by also requiring a positive test. The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists passed the new guidelines after discussion and despite input by Cameron and Smith discussing the damage this new criteria would have on numbers and patients. The LDA, ILADS, and numerous Lyme groups nationwide have signed onto a letter opposing the adoption of these guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.

**West Milford Township**
West Milford Health Nursing Supervisor Bobbie Del Sol (L) and professor Doris Aaronson (R) New York University, with LDA president Pat Smith, who spoke to a standing room only crowd in the West Milford, NJ, Municipal Building about Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases. The presentation was arranged by Professor Aaronson and sponsored by West Milford Township Public Health Nursing Division, Passaic County.

**LDA to speak in Vermont**
For the fourth year, the Lyme Disease Association will be speaking at Burr and Burton Academy in Manchester, Vermont on Friday August 3, 2007. The LDA president will speak about the
spread of Lyme and what is being done. Dr. Brian Fallon, Columbia University, will speak about the newly opened Lyme & Tick-Borne Diseases Research Center opened this year at Columbia University by the LDA and Time for Lyme. Dr. Dan Cameron, Mt. Kisco, will talk about Lyme disease diagnosis and treatment. It is free and open to the public. For additional information on the Symposium, call Dr. Stephanie Woolwich-Holzman, 802-375-9360 or Rev. Claire Longtin North, 802-375-6064

Ms. Smith will also speak to the riders of Gear Up for Lyme, a bike race up Mt. Equinox hosted by the Manchester Rotary on Saturday, August 4, 2007. The Rotary splits the proceeds of the race between the LDA and their own charities. Visit www.gearupforlyme.com or contact Andy Holzman at 802-362-0273 for race details.

New Year’s News

Rebecca Wells Joins Other Notables on LDA Honorary Board
The LDA welcomes Ya-Yas author Rebecca Wells to the LDA’s Honorary Board and its Literati with Lyme Effort.

All Lyme disease groups:
The LDA has adopted the following resolution on revocation of the IDSA guidelines and we ask that you adopt it at your next meeting. Change only using your group name and date in the Resolved clause. Support groups can adopt this, too. The group president, chairperson, director, or leader should put his/her name under a clean copy of the resolution you adopt and send the LDA the adopted copy by email to Lymeliter@aol.com. We will publicly use these resolutions in the national campaign to get these guidelines revoked.

LDA Partners with IDEXX Laboratories to Stop the Spread of Lyme and Other Tick-Borne Diseases in People and Pets
Pat Smith, President, LDA, with Dr. Matt Eberts, DVM, Lakeland Veterinary Hospital, Baxter Minnesota. Ms. Smith attended Dr. Eberts’s presentation on Tick-Borne Infections: The Basics at NAVC (North American Veterinary Conference) in Orlando, Florida, January 15, 2007. Dr. Eberts spoke about Lyme disease and the unexpected rise in cases of anaplasmosis in dogs in his Minnesota-based practice. Anaplasmosis is a Lyme disease co-infection carried by the same ticks that carry Lyme and can infect both people and pets, including dogs, cats and horses. Dogs are sentinels for Lyme disease and are 50 to 100 times more likely to be diagnosed with Lyme disease than their owners. When canine Lyme disease incidence is on the rise, human case numbers generally follow since people share the same space and activities as their pets.

LDA List of Events, Spring 2007

Sanjukta Gayen and LDA president Pat Smith at AT&T headquarters in NJ. Dr. Gayen arranged for Ms. Smith to present a lunch and learn for employees at the headquarters at one of LDA’s spring Lyme disease presentations.

Professor Eva Sapi, University of New Haven, and Pat Smith, LDA President, with Connecticut TV host Ray Hardman of Front & Center. Dr. Sapi and Ms. Smith appeared on the show to discuss the need for the then upcoming University of New Haven Lyme Disease Seminar, organized by Dr. Sapi. Ms. Smith was one of the speakers.

LDA President Pat Smith and Connecticut State Representative Jason Bartlett (Bethel, Danbury, and Redding) at the recent University of New Haven Lyme disease conference. Both spoke at the conference about issues on tick-borne diseases. Mr. Bartlett had introduced a bill into the Connecticut legislature to restore mandatory lab reporting in Connecticut after CT cases decreased by 70% when mandatory lab reporting was dropped by the CT DPH. LDA, which favors restoration, submitted testimony favorable to the bill, which had a hearing with all favorable testimony but was not
brought up for a Health Committee vote.

**LDA Across the USA**

Former Lyme Association of Greater Kansas City (LAGKC) President Ed Olson and his wife Lois, met in NJ in May with LDA President Pat Smith (C). They discussed issues of Lyme disease in the Midwest and efforts to raise awareness in that area. LAGKC is an affiliate of the LDA.

**June 11th Lyme Disease Forum**

7:30 PM, Open to Public, free, Sponsored by town of West Milford Town Hall Meeting Room, 1480 Union Valley Rd., West Milford, NJ

Pat Smith, President, LDA Lyme Disease: Up-to-Date Overview of Lyme & Tick-Borne Diseases & Children’s Issues

HR 741 has another co sponsor!

L to R: Christiane Berkel (Sewill.org support member) and PJ Langhoff (Sewill.org founder) meeting with Rep. Tom Petri, (R) 6th Congressional District (Wisconsin) to apprise him of Lyme disease issues. The Representative agreed to co-sponsor HR 741.

**May 19th Current Trends in Lyme Disease Research**

Open to Public, registration req. ([flyer](#)) Link to sign up: [www.unh-lyme.org](http://www.unh-lyme.org)

Sponsored by University of New Haven, Connecticut

Pat Smith, President, LDA Lyme Disease: An Overview of the Impact & What is Being Done About It

**May 9th Community Education, Health Promotion & TBD Prevention**

Open to Public, free ([flyer](#))

Sponsored by Mrs. Nancy Braithwaite School Nurse & Lyme Support Group Leader nbraithwaite@wtschools.org

Our Lady of the Church Schooley’s Mountain Rd. Long Valley, New Jersey

Pat Smith, President, LDA Lyme Disease: An Overview of the Impact & What is Being Done About It

**Michigan Presentation**

Patricia Compton, a volunteer for the LDA, met with the Chronic Illness Coalition (CIC) in Southfield, Michigan on May 2nd, 2007. The CIC is a group of people who represent both for profit and not for profit organizations that support people with chronic illness in Michigan. Of the 30 people in attendance, 11 knew of someone in the Michigan area who had experienced Lyme disease. They commented that little was known about Lyme disease and it was difficult to find physicians to treat the illness appropriately. The presentation was a part
of the group’s bi-monthly meeting held at the Multiple Sclerosis Society in Southfield.

**Lyme Disease Association’s & Time For Lyme’s Joint Venture**

**Proposed Endowed Chronic Lyme Disease Research Center At Columbia University**

**LDA President Presents Lyme Disease to Middle Schoolers and to Staff**

LDA President Pat Smith (C) at the Clear Run Intermediate School in Tobyhanna, PA. Ms. Smith presented a staff inservice on Lyme and other tick-borne diseases followed by 2 assemblies to the student body on Lyme disease, ticks, and protection. About 1200 6th and 7th graders heard the presentation. Monroe County, where the school is located, is on the high risk list for Lyme disease for counties in Pennsylvania. Joanne Bohrman (L) is the teacher who organized the presentation and along with Marlena Middleton (r) developed a pre and post test for the students.

**Corning New York PTA Presentation**

The Lyme Disease Association will provide an in-service to the Severn Elementary School PTA, Corning, NY, on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 6:30 pm. Lis Heininger, ReD, will be the presenter of this training session which will provide an overview of Lyme disease followed by a question and answer period. For info, contact PTA President, niffer@stny.rr.com.

**Thanks to All!**

LDA, Maryland groups, and patients thank you for your efforts in defeating the Maryland Lyme disease bill, HB 836. It died in the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee without the committee taking action, so it never went to the full senate for consideration, as was the plan. Pat Smith, LDA President, and Ron Hamlen, a member of the LDASEPA board and a Maryland resident, testified against the bill at the hearing, and many others submitted written testimony. Hundreds of patients and groups nationwide reacted with emails and phone calls against the bill after the sponsor testified before the committee, citing that only one group was in opposition and “fear” as the reason the patients opposed the bill. It was an awesome grassroots effort that culminated in success for patients. Special thanks to Jean F. Galbreath,
President of the Harford County Lyme Disease Support Groups, Inc., an LDA affiliate, and the Lyme Disease Education and Support Groups of Maryland for leading the effort.

Do you live or work in Maryland? STOP HB 836 now before it STOPS your Lyme treatment! You need to take action now. The Maryland Delegates voted for a bill that mandates the Maryland Department of Health to disseminate “latest consensus guidelines” (read IDSA) to physicians in Maryland. HB 836 is now moving to the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee for a hearing/vote on April 4. If it passes here, these guidelines may prevent Lyme patients from getting further treatment and those just bitten from getting a diagnosis. Stop it now while you can. Contact the Senate Committee members TODAY; don’t wait!!

LDA’s Maryland Senate Testimony Against Bill – April 4, 2007

Maryland Delegate Montgomery Introduces Awareness Bill HB 836 in March 2007

LDA & most Maryland Lyme Disease Groups only support it if amendments are added. See LDA testimony for details.

2006

Lyme Disease Association Archives: 2006
LDA & Texas LDA Reaffirm Affiliation in Philadelphia

LDA President Pat Smith (L) with newly inducted Texas Lyme Disease Association President Donna Reagan (R) at the 7th Annual Lyme & Other Tick-Borne Diseases Conference in Philadelphia, October 20, 2006. Texas LDA was reaffirming its affiliation agreement with the national LDA. The newly reorganized TLDA is “Working to Give Lyme the Boot.”

Federal Employees: LDA CFC Eligible
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Patients to Protest Lyme Disease Guidelines at Westchester Medical Center
Hundreds of patients from throughout the country will rally outside Westchester Medical Center/NY Medical College in Valhalla, NY, from 12pm to 3pm today, to protest the latest Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) guidelines for Lyme disease. Read Pat Smith’s speech. View Rally pictures.

Cameron article presented at LDA 2006 Philadelphia conference now published
Daniel Cameron, MD, MPH, New York, ILADS Board of Directors’ member, presented his peer review article “Generalizability in two clinical trials of Lyme disease,” (then in press) at the Lyme Disease Association’s 8th annual medical conference, Lyme & Other Tick-Borne Diseases: Seeking Answers through Science, on October 20, 2006 in Philadelphia. Now published in Epidemiologic Perspectives and Innovations, it is available for all to read.”

Andy Holzman, Manchester (VT) Rotary Board Member, presents
check of proceeds from Gear Up for Lyme Uphill Bike Climb up Mt. Equinox to Lyme Disease Association President Pat Smith (L) at the 7th annual Lyme & Other Tick-Borne Diseases conference in Philadelphia, October 20, 2006. On stage also are Time for Lyme (TFL) President Diane Blanchard and Dr. Brian Fallon Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons. LDA and TFL are working to open an endowed research center at Columbia for chronic Lyme disease, and LDA announced at this time that there is only $100,000 left to reach the $3 million goal. The Rotary has hosted the bike climb for three years now splitting proceeds between LDA and charities of the Rotary.

Lyme Disease Association President Pat Smith presents a plaque to retiring Dr. Joseph Burrascano, Jr. on behalf of LDA, all its chapters, affiliates, supporters.

Lyme Rights Protest
Let your voice be heard on the IDSA Guidelines issue!
Westchester Medical Center/New York Medical College
November 30, 2006 12-3PM
Go to www.LymeNews.org for details

LDA & Columbia University Present Lyme & Other Tick-Borne
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Lyme Disease Association / Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons Lyme Conference
For physicians & health care providers. The public is invited to attend.

Friday, October 20, 2006 7:30-am-6:40pm

Jointly sponsored by The Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons & The Lyme Disease Association, CME’s awarded

International Lyme & Associated Diseases Society Lyme Scientific Session
Open to ILADS members & to all medical doctors.
October 21 & 22, 2006, Crowne Plaza
Follows the LDA conference (requires separate registration)
www.ILADS.org

Lyme Disease Association, Inc. Announcement September 18, 2006
The national Lyme Disease Association (LDA) is pleased to announce that WPLJ (95.5 FM), Manhattan, will be doing an interview on Lyme disease with Pat Smith, LDA President, on Tuesday, September 19, from 5-5:30pm. The interview with host Rocky Allen will be followed by an on air auction from 5:30-6:30PM. Proceeds of the auction will go to the Lyme Disease Association to be used toward the establishment of the Endowed Chronic Lyme Disease Research Center at Columbia University—a joint project of the Lyme Disease Association and Time for Lyme, its Connecticut affiliate.

Additionally, Thursday, September 21, WPLJ’s Rocky Allen will be broadcasting his show live from 3-7PM at the Hard Rock
Café, Times Square. LDA has a limited number of tickets still available for sale for the program at $100 each, the proceeds going to LDA to be used toward the Columbia Center. Visit www.LymeDiseaseAssociation.net for details on ticket ordering and visit www.wplj.com for the all-star lineup for the Thursday show at Hard Rock Café.

LDA and WPLJ at Hard Rock Café. Thanks Rocky & PLJ!
DJ Rocky Allen from WPLJ and Lyme Disease Association President, Pat Smith, at the Hard Rock Café in Times Square, September 21. Rocky broadcast his Second Annual First Anniversary Show, and Ms. Smith and LDA Vice President for Technology, Corey Lakin, attended as guests of PLJ. LDA also had a staffed information table at the Café. Earlier that week, PLJ did a live on-air benefit auction for LDA and also donated tickets for LDA to sell for the Anniversary Show. All proceeds raised for the LDA are going to the endowed Columbia Chronic Lyme Disease Resource Center, a project of LDA and Time for Lyme, its Connecticut affiliate.

‘PLJ’S 2nd First Annual Rocky Allen Showgram Anniversary Show September 21st LIVE From the Hard Rock Café, Times Square

LDA WILL BE THERE. WILL YOU?

Host Rocky Allen from WPLJ 95.5 radio in NY is having a party and LDA is invited. You are, too. LDA has 20 tickets to the Anniversary bash on Thursday, September 21. You can purchase the tickets directly from the LDA. The show will be broadcast live from 3-7pm from the Hard Rock Café. Live music, live comedy, special guests, and some of the Showgram antics you love done LIVE, special for the show. All studio audience members will have the chance to win prizes EVERY HOUR during the show. Tickets are $100 each, with ticket sales to benefit the Lyme Disease Association. Remember, only 20 tickets are available for sale. No other tickets will be sold, but tickets may be won through WPLJ. See details of the event on http://www.wplj.com/home.asp.
Lyme Disease & You  
Friday, August 4, 2006 7:30pm.  Burr & Burton Academy  
Manchester, Vermont  
Featured speakers: Dr. Brian Fallon; Dr. Richard Horowitz; Dr. Steven Phillips; and Pat Smith, LDA President.  
For details call Rev. Claire North: (802) 375 6064  
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Gear Up for Lyme  
Saturday, August 5, 2006.  Mt. Equinox, Vermont  
The Manchester VT Rotary is sponsoring its annual Gear Up for Lyme Bike Climb up Mt. Equinox. Each year, the Manchester Rotary sponsors this event and donates half of the monies to the Lyme Disease Association to be used toward the proposed Columbia research center and half toward its own local charities. LDA President Pat Smith will briefly speak to the riders at the “After the Race” awards ceremony and barbecue.  

LDA Gutherie (PA) & Corning (NY) Grand Rounds & CME Presentation  

LDA sponsored forum in Wolfeboro, NH, April 28  

Picture  
Dr Joseph Jemsek (center) of the Jemsek Clinic, Huntersville, was a speaker at the North Carolina Lyme disease forum co-sponsored by the North Carolina Lyme Disease Association (President, Dr. Beth Jordan – L) and the national Lyme Disease Association (President, Pat Smith – R) The photo was taken at Dr. Jordan’s Duraleigh Animal Hospital in Raleigh.  

Hall & Oates Cancels NH Labor Day Concert Due to Daryl Hall’s Lyme Disease
Daryl Fights Back. Thank you, Daryl.
Daryl Hall now has Lyme disease and he is trying to help the Lyme cause by promoting Lyme disease awareness. Go to http://www.hallandoates.com/ and click on Links, then For more information of Lyme disease, then Daryl’s Ticknology page. Thanks Daryl, for joining our efforts to fight this debilitating disease. Together, we can find the answers.

Lyme Disease: An Emerging Epidemic
Lyme Disease Association Southeastern Pennsylvania and the national LDA present “Lyme Disease: An Emerging Epidemic”, Saturday, June 10 at Garnet Valley Middle School, Glen Mills, PA. Dr Ann Corson, Medical and Social Impacts of Lyme Disease; Dr Harvey Kliman, President LDASEPA, Lyme Disease in SE PA; Ed Tate, DEET Education Program, How to Properly Apply Repellent; and Pat Smith, President, LDA, National Overview. Admission is free.

Lyme Rights Rally
Patients have organized a Lyme Rights Rally Gain to gain recognition for this national health crisis, support physicians, and support Lyme literate physicians. Friday, June 2, 2006, 1-3 pm, State Capitol Building, Hartford, CT. Guest Speakers: Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal; Joseph Burrascano, MD; Brooke Landau from E! Entertainment; Sandy Berenbaum; Pat Smith, LDA President. For more information: lancaster60@aol.com.

Lyme Disease Lecture May 22, 2006
The Newtown Rotary Club (CT) invites you to attend an informational lecture on Lyme disease, Monday, May 22, 2006, 7-9 pm. Doors open at 6 pm, Speakers start at 7 pm. The Fireside Inn, 123 South Main St., Newtown, CT. Admission is FREE and open to the public. Speakers: Richard Horowitz, M.D., President-Elect for the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society, Inc.(ILADS); Pat Smith, President, Lyme Disease Association Inc.

New Hampshire
On Friday, April 28, 2006, Kingswood Regional High School,
South Main St., Wolfeboro, NH, the Lyme Disease Association presents a free Lyme Disease forum featuring Don McNeel M.D., Seacoast Lyme Center, “Lyme Disease: The Basics”; Richard Horowitz, MD, President-Elect, ILADS, “Lyme Disease and Associated Tick-Borne Disorders: Diagnosis and Treatment Options”; Leon Hecht, N.D., North Coast Family Health, “Lyme Disease—Treating the Whole Disease with Natural Medicines”; Dr. Kevin Young, Plymouth, NH—Testimonial; Ed Tate, The DEET Education Program, “How to Properly Apply Repellent” and Pat Smith, President, Lyme Disease Association, Inc., “National Overview of Lyme Disease Issues.”

Doctors speak at All Children’s Hospital
Lyme conference in St. Petersburg, Florida

LymeAde Benefit Concert For LymeAid 4 Kids

The Owl Mag, who’s who in Bay area music, is sponsoring a benefit concert for LDA’s LymeAid 4 Kids on April 8, 2006 at Studio Z in San Francisco, featuring Saoco, Bucho, Sila, and the Afro Funk Experience with the Matt Berkeley Trio. It is supported by IGenex Labs.

North Carolina
The Lyme Disease Association and the North Carolina Lyme Disease Foundation Present: Lyme Disease Seminar in Raleigh, NC at the North Raleigh Hilton, Wake Forest Road (turns into Falls of Neuse later), Saturday, March 25th, 2006, 1PM-5PM. Speakers: Joseph G. Jemsek, MD, Jemsek Clinic, Huntersville, NC; John Pittman, MD, Carolina Center for Integrative Medicine, Raleigh, NC; Pat Smith, President, Lyme Disease Association; Susan Little, Executive Director, DEET Education Program; & Judi Anderson DEET Education Program (President, Kroeger Associates, Inc.). The event is partially supported by an education grant from the DEET Education Program. Free
admission includes refreshments, information and a Question and Answer session. Open to the public. Contact vetrelief@earthlink.net for details.

**Maryland**

**Lyme Disease Symposium** – Free and open to the public March 25, 2006, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM Co-sponsored by: Mid-Shore Lyme Disease Association, Inc., Chesapeake College and University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service. Supported by an educational grant from the Lyme Disease Association, Inc. Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College, Maryland Historic Wye Mills on Routes 50 and 213, 1000 College Drive, Wye Mills, Maryland (Queenstown, MD 21658). Speakers: Dr. Joseph Burrascano, Dr. Charles Ray Jones, Dr. Ritchie C. Shoemaker, Dr. Robert Ding, Dr. John Fish, US Representative Wayne Gilchrest’s Chief of Staff – Tony Caligiuri, & Bayer Environmental Group. Registration is required. CMEs are pending. Contact Linda Reilly 410 822 3164 or scenic@dmv.com for information.

**LDA President to Speak in Edison, NJ**

LDA President Pat Smith will be speaking at the Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen Show in Edison, NJ on Sunday, January 15 at 2:30PM, Protecting Yourself and Tick Recognition. The LDA also has a booth and exhibit with literature at the event. The Sportsmen Show does charge an admission fee to the show which is open to the public. (LDA is not connected to the Sportsmen Show)

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**2008**

**Lyme Disease Association Archives: 2008**
Federal Employees: LDA CFC Eligible  GOOD  NEWS for Lyme disease!
The LDA has been found eligible for inclusion on the National Part of the 2008 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Charity list. Each year, federal employees can contribute to charities that meet the requirements of the CFC. The LDA’s CFC 2008 identification for donors is #11424 and Lyme Disease Association, Inc. will appear in the listing of National/International Independent Organizations which is published in each local campaign charity list. See your federal employer for details. Check the CFC website at: http://www.opm.gov/cfc/. [LDA also made the 2006 & 2007 CFC campaign and thanks to all those who have been contributing.]

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Featured at the Tribeca Film Festival!
Lyme Documentary tickets on sale at Tribeca Premiere April 26-May 2, NYC.

LDA Events Schedule 2008, January – August

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Lyme Disease Association President Pat Smith (C) is flanked by Massachusetts activists Rose Cruz (L) and Shelia Statlender, PhD (R). Standing are Rolf Briggs, certified tree expert, President of Tree Specialists; Jeanne Hubbuch, MD, family practitioner from Newton, MA; and Dori Smith owner, Garden of Life. Ms. Smith, Dr. Hubbuch and Mr. Briggs spoke about Lyme disease, with Ms. Smith addressing the surveillance and prevalence issues, canine Lyme and other tick-borne diseases in Massachusetts, prevention, and what is being done by government.

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LDA has been accepted as partner in the Environmental Protection Agency’s Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP)

The Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) is a voluntary program that forms partnerships to reduce the potential health and environmental risks associated with pests and pesticide use and to implement pollution prevention strategies. Although LDA does not recommend or endorse products, many individuals choose to use repellents against ticks. The informed actions of pesticide users help reduce risk to people and the environment. See http://www.epa.gov/pesp/ for program details. LDA will work with PESP to develop a strategy which will be forthcoming on this site.

(front row) LDA president Pat Smith and Dr. Robert Bransfield Lyme disease forum speakers, with Christa Vanderbilt, PhD, LDASEPA Secretary and other Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania Board Member hosts in West Chester, PA on April 19, (back row L-R: Anita Swayne, Treasurer; Ron Hamlen, PhD, Vice chairman; Doug Fearn Chairman; and Larry Linford, Communications Director).
Special Presentation by Dr. Joseph Burrascano on Saturday, September 20, 2008

Dr. Joseph Burrascano, world-renowned Lyme expert will be speaking on Lyme Disease – “What you need to know about Lyme and other tick-borne diseases” with Pamela Weintraub, Senior Editor Discover Magazine and author of the new book “Cure Unknown – Inside the Lyme Epidemic” on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at noon in the Unionville, PA High School auditorium.
Free admission – Free parking. No reservations needed.
750 Unionville Road, Route 82, Kennett Square, PA 19348
Directions and maps at www.lymepa.org

LDA’s 9th annual Lyme & Tick-Borne Diseases Conference
Friday, October 17, 2008, Cathedral Hill Hotel, San Francisco, California

Jointly sponsored by Columbia University College of Physicians Surgeons & Lyme Disease Association:
Solutions Through Cutting Edge Science 9.75 category 1 CME credits
Course Co-Directors: Brian Fallon, MD, MPH, Assoc. Professor Clinical Psychiatry, Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons; and James Miller, PhD, Professor Emeritus, UCLA
Faculty includes: Steven W. Barthold, DVM, PhD, UC Davis, A Mouse Model for Persistent Lyme Disease; Mario T. Philipp, PhD, Tulane Medical School, Pathogenesis of Neuroborreliosis in Rhesus Monkeys; Steven Schutzer, MD, UMDNJ, Pathogens in Ticks: Eastern Versus Western United States; Patricia A Conrad, DMV, PhD, UC Davis, Babesia duncani and Babesia microti: Genetic Differences and Clinical Features; Diego Cadavid, MD, Biogen Idec, Neuroborreliosis and the Role of IL-10; Fabio Tavora, MD, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Cardiovascular Pathology of Lyme Carditis Confirmed By PCR; George Chaconas, PhD, University of Calgary, 3-D Real-Time High Resolution of the Lyme Disease Spirochete.

• Complete Agenda
**Gear Up for Lyme**

Presented by the Manchester (VT) Rotary Club to benefit the Lyme Disease Association and charities of the Manchester Rotary. Saturday, August 2, 2008. The Gear Up For Lyme Mt. Equinox Uphill Bike Climb is a challenging 5.4 mile bike race up the scenic Mt. Equinox Skyline Drive finishing at the top of Mt. Equinox in beautiful Manchester, VT.

**LymeQuest Support Group Sponsoring Lyme Movie “UNDER OUR SKIN”**

August 4th – 6:45 PM East Brunswick Library Comm Rms. 2 Civic Center Dr East Brunswick NJ.

Panel discussion after film featuring Robert Bransfield, MD, President Elect, ILADS, & Ms. Pat Smith, President, Lyme Disease Association RSVP limited seating & for questions to NewBrunswickLyme@comcast.net.

**Innovative Lyme Teen Auctions Her Designer Gowns to Benefit LDA & Lyme Research**

Pennsylvania teen and Lyme patient Heather Holtry was given the opportunity to show her designed gowns at the Pure Fashion Runway Show this year in Atlanta Georgia, through Make a Wish Foundation. She wanted to raise Lyme disease awareness and monies for research, too. Her efforts have paid off, as Heather’s gowns are now being auctioned on EBay, with any monies she raises to be donated to LDA for research. Go to http://www.stylebyheatherrose.com to see the gowns, to get information on how to bid, and read Heather’s Story.

**Lyme Disease Association Announces Two Lyme Seminars**

Research & Physician Experts & Advocate to speak in Eastern Connecticut

The Eastern Connecticut Chapter of the Lyme Disease Association (ECCLDA) announces it is hosting two Lyme disease seminars on June 17, 2008. An expert in the field of genetics will discuss cutting edge research into the survival of the Lyme disease spirochete and a prominent Lyme disease treating physician will talk about the clinical aspects of the disease. Each will be joined by the national president of the Lyme Disease Association, Pat Smith, who is recognized for raising research and education funds for Lyme disease and advocating for Lyme patients. Exhibitors will also be present.
Morning Event
Eastern Connecticut State University, Student Center, 10 am-12:30 pm, doors open 9 am
Open to the public

Eva Sapi, PhD, Genetics, Associate Professor at University of New Haven, will speak about Lyme disease biofilms & a possible connection to Lyme disease resistance, and about other tick-borne diseases.

Pat Smith, President, Lyme Disease Association and member of the Columbia Lyme & Tick-Borne Diseases Research Center Advisory Committee, will give an update on Lyme disease including infection rates, spread of the disease, patient problems, and legislation.

Evening Event
Connecticut College, Blaustein Humanities Center, New London, 7-9:30 pm, doors open 6pm
Open to the public

Kenneth B. Liegner, MD, PC Diplomate, American Board of Internal Medicine, will cover diagnostic and treatment issues surrounding Lyme & other tick-borne diseases in his presentation.

Pat Smith, President, Lyme Disease Association and member of the Columbia Lyme & Tick-Borne Diseases Research Center Advisory Committee, will give an update on Lyme disease including infection rates, spread of the disease, patient problems, and legislation.

Determined Teens Organize Walk for Lyme Research
Co-sponsored by the Corning-Fingerlakes Area Chapter, Lyme Disease Association
June 7th, 2008 at the Holding Point Park
190 Wygant Road in Horseheads, New York
Victoria, who has Lyme, and her friend, Sarah, wanted to find a way to promote Lyme disease awareness and prevention. They decided on a walk open to everyone in the community; with no registration fee. Walkers have the option of donating money to the Lyme Disease Association or obtaining sponsors for the walk. T-shirts are available for purchase. Go to
Bergen Forum Media Advisory

Paramus, New Jersey May 2008 — The national Lyme Disease Association announces a forum at the Bergen County Community College, May 29. The forum will feature speakers who will delve into the Lyme disease controversy focusing on various aspects of the disease.

**UPDATED SPEAKERS & INFORMATION!** Free, open to the public, no registration required

Forum: “Lyme Disease: Insights into the Crisis, Key Players and the Future”

Hear from those who have intimate knowledge of the Lyme crises

Also: Exclusive Pre Release of Book for Sale & Signing

7PM, Thursday, May 29, 2008 (easy access from NY, CT, PA, NJ)

Bergen County Community College
400 Paramus Road
Paramus, New Jersey 07652
Technology Education Center
Tec Education Building, Room 128

Sponsored by Lyme Disease Association

All book sales by cash or check only ($25)

Attorney Elliott Pollack is current Counsel for Dr. Charles Ray Jones and former Counsel for Dr. Bernard Raxlen in defending Connecticut Department of Health actions against the Doctors related to Lyme disease treatment. Attorney Pollack will discuss the legal & political issues surrounding Lyme disease and how they impact treating doctors and patients. He is a member of Pullman & Comley, LLC.

Author Pamela Weintraub, an editor at Discover Magazine, is featured in her first public discussion about her book, *Cure Unknown: Inside the Lyme Epidemic*, to be released June 19 by St. Martin’s Press. The book, a narrative history of the Lyme experience and a deconstruction of the science and politics, discloses the research of some major players in the Lyme war and includes surprising, and to some perhaps shocking, revelations from researchers who have been behind the effort to debunk chronic Lyme disease. Patients, advocates, treating physicians, and other scientists are also interviewed and the reader will gain insight into living with Lyme as portrayed
through the examples of several “Lyme families”. At the forum, she will discuss the book, difficulties pulling the information together in a meaningful fashion, her thoughts as to how her work can impact the current Lyme disease crises, and the future direction she sees for Lyme disease. *Cure Unknown* will be available at the event for signing and purchase with profits going to LDA toward research.

Also featured will be Dr. Joseph Burrascano, Jr., one of the most notable physicians to treat Lyme disease patients. His treatment philosophies have inspired physicians worldwide to search for new methodologies to treat chronic patients. Now retired from private practice, Dr. Burrascano will share his insights from over 20 years of treating chronic Lyme disease patients, his on-going database project which is amassing clinical data never before compiled, and what he sees as the future of Lyme treatment based on current research and his data base. Dr. Burrascano will touch upon what he sees as his immediate role in Lyme disease.

LDA Presents *Spotlight on Lyme*, Sandy Hook National Park (Gateway Recreational Area), New Jersey. May 18, 2008. Rain or Shine!

Join with family and friends to ride or walk this beautiful oceanfront area peninsula across the water from Manhattan. A fun day for all. Your participation will raise awareness for Lyme disease. Proceeds will be used by LDA for Lyme and tick-borne diseases research. For information and sponsorship opportunities contact Kim Cronin at kimcronin@msn.com.

*Lyme Disease Association (LDA) Announces Lyme Walk/Ride on Sandy Hook* 

Lyme & Other Tick-Borne Diseases Continue to Rise in NJ

Wall Township, May 12, 2008–The NJ-based national Lyme Disease Association (LDA) announces it is hosting a bike ride and a walk, *Spotlight on Lyme*, on May 18 in Monmouth County New Jersey. Participants have a choice of a 3 mile walk or 15 mile bike ride taking place on Sandy Hook to raise funds for the LDA for research to fight this debilitating disease and to raise awareness. New Jersey is third in the nation in CDC
reported Lyme disease case numbers and Monmouth County ranks 2nd in case numbers in New Jersey.

**Announcement from the Lyme Rights group**

Wednesday, May 7th from 11am to 2pm, Lyme Rights will amass a patient presence in front of the office of Congressman Frank Pallone (NJ), House Health Subcommittee Chair, to let him know HR 741, the Lyme bill, needs to be put on that committee agenda now. Go to [LymeRights.org](https://LymeRights.org) for more information.

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**Letter from Open Eye Crew**

**Lyme Disease Forum, April 30, 2008, 7pm-9pm (doors open 6pm)**

Admission FREE, open to the public  
**Sponsored by:** The Brookfield, Danbury Sunrise, Danbury Noon, Ridgefield, and Newtown Rotary Clubs & Ridgefield/ Newtown Lyme Disease Task Forces  
**Speakers:** Richard I. Horowitz, M.D., *Lyme & other tick-borne diseases*, and Pat Smith, *Update on Lyme Disease including infection rates, spread of the disease and solutions.*  
**Western Connecticut State University**, University Blvd. (off Lake Ave/Mill Plain Rd) Westside Campus. For information: rldtf@comcast.net.

**LDA SEPA Presents**

Bob Bransfield, MD and Pat Smith President, LDA will speak at the Lyme forum hosted by the Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania on April 19, 200 from 1-4 PM.  
West Chester East High School auditorium  
450 Ellis Land, West Chester, PA 19380.  
**Map and directions**
Forum on Lyme Disease: Management, Treatment, and Prevention 4-12-08 1-4pm
http://www.newfs.org/learn/catalog/hor6500
Open the public – Registration will be accepted at the door.
Co-sponsors:
The Underground Landscaper Network
New England Wild Flower Society
Northeast Organic Farming Association
Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA
Pat Smith, LDA President

Lyme Disease Recital to Benefit LDA & Lyme Awareness March 30, 2008 8:00 PM
Dr. Jim Hudson will give a vocal recital with a free-will offering to benefit the Corning-Finger Lakes Chapter of the national Lyme Disease Association at Grace United Methodist Church, 191 Bridge Street, Corning where Dr. Hudson has been Director of Music for the past thirty-eight years. He is a Corning Community College Professor Emeritus of Music, an emeritus member of the National Teachers of Singing and a life member of the American Choral Directors Association. He has been guest soloist with the Corning Philharmonic, the Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes and the Cantata Singers & has made several appearances at the Crane School of Music Festival of the Arts and as soloist with the late Robert Shaw that include performances of the Bach “B-Minor Mass”, Schubert’s “Mass in G” and Haydn’s “Creation.” The recital will include art songs, operatic and oratorio selections in German, French, and Italian and will include some of Dr. Hudson’s own compositions. The accompanist will be Claire Gonta Smock. The concert is dedicated to his daughter, Dr, Elisabeth Heininger, who, with her family, is experiencing the misfortunes of Lyme disease. All donations will be given to the national Lyme Disease Association which is an all-volunteer, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization.

Lyme Disease Forum March 31, 2008 7-9:30PM
Mercy Hospital Scranton Pennsylvania
Co-Sponsored by Lyme Disease Association & Mercy Hospital
Speakers include Richard Horowitz, MD; Pat Smith, LDA President
Press contact: Heather Okun, hokun@epix.net

**Lyme Disease Goes to Carnegie Hall**

**Lyme Disease Association PA Forum**
Wednesday Evening, August 20, 2008 Hope Reformed Presbyterian Church, 123 Walnut Bottom Road, Shippensburg, PA 17257.
Event will be continuation of education begun in area by teen Heather Holtry whose Make A Wish allowed her own designed gowns to be featured in a fashion show where she sparked Lyme awareness in a new way. Details to follow. Read Heather’s story here. Click here for the forum’s program.

Next day following LDA/Columbia University conference
International Lyme & Associated Diseases Society (ILADS) Scientific Session
Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19 in San Francisco, CA
Click here for

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**LDA ANNOUNCES SPEAKERS AT 10th ANNUAL CONFERENCE – REGISTRATION CLOSED**
Lyme & Other Tick-Borne Diseases: 34 Years from Lyme, Connecticut Across the Nation
Jointly Sponsored by Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons 8.75 CMEs
For physicians and healthcare providers, but public invited to register also

Speakers include, morning: Ben Beard, CDC, Lyme Disease in the United States; Kerry Clark, University of North Florida, Southern Tick-Borne Infections; Susan E. Little, Oklahoma State University, Dogs as Sentinels of Tick-Borne Infection; X. Frank Yang, Indiana University School of Medicine, Genetic Regulation of Borrelia Genes; from the Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University, Christopher Earnhart, Lyme Disease Vaccine Development: An Update on Recent Progress & Richard Marconi, Immune Evasion Mechanisms of Pathogenic Spirochetes (Co-Course Director).

In the afternoon: Amiram Katz, MD, Yale University, IV Immunoglobulin and Autoimmune Disease in Lyme Peripheral Neuropathy; Robert Dantzer, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign From Inflammation to Sickness Behavior: The Role of Cytokines; and from Columbia University, Phyllis Faust, Tick-Borne Encephalitis – A Fatal Case, Patrick McAuliffe, Neuropsychological Deficits in Children and the School System, Brian A. Fallon, New Research Findings on Neuropsychiatric Lyme Disease (Co-Course Director).; Diane M. Gubernot, OBRR/CBER/FDA, Babesia Infection and the US Donor Blood Supply; Peter Hildenbrand, Lahey Medical Center Magnetic Resonance Imaging in Lyme Disease, John Costello, Harvard Medical School, Lyme Carditis in Children.

Under Our Skin May 18, 2009 7-9pm FREE
Sponsored by Health Awareness Center at CentraState Medical Center Star & Barry Tobias Ambulatory Conference Center, 901 W. Main St., Freehold, NJ. Call 732-308-0570 to register.

Showing of Under Our Skin, Opening Lyme disease presentation by Pat Smith, President, Lyme Disease Association, Inc.
Minnesota Lyme Action Support Group “Walk for Those Who Can’t”
3rd annual Walk/Run on May 16, 2009, to raise Lyme Awareness. “Walk for Those Who Can’t.” This helps us to show that for every person at the walk, there are many more people in the U.S. who have Lyme. If you are unable to participate due to distance, disease, etc., we’ll walk for you. Send your first name, initial of your last name, and city/state that you are from, and we’ll make “lyme-green” circles with names to represent each person who e-mails us at thamer07@frontiernet.net. MN Lyme Action Support is an affiliate of the Lyme Disease Association.

Spotlight on Lyme 5K Run or Walk in NJ. Register Now!!!
Sunday, May 17th, join LDA for its second annual “Spotlight on Lyme” 5K run or walk, this year on the boardwalk at Pier Village in Long Branch, NJ. Come enjoy a beautiful day at the beach and help raise money for research and awareness for Lyme disease. Games, face painting, prizes, food and fun for the whole family! Easy online registration here. E-mail lymewalk2009@gmail.com with questions.

LDA of Nashville Hosts Lyme Forum
The Lyme Disease Association of Nashville, TN is presenting a free educational Lyme Forum beginning at 5:30pm in Mount Juliet, TN, at the Mount Juliet Community Center located at 1075 Charlie Daniels Parkway. After the opening program from 5:30-7:15, the group will introduce Mrs. Patricia Smith, President of the national Lyme Disease Association, who will discuss the spread of the disease and what’s being done about it and answer questions. Email for more details.

Time for Lyme Announces
Time for Lyme Dream Gala! Proceeds to fund research & education. Actors, Musicians and Scientists Unite to Create a Lyme Free World Auction, Dinner & Dancing to the music of ETA, Black Tie Optional Saturday, April 18, 2009 • 7:00 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Greenwich, Grand Ballroom, 1800 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT
The Corning/Finger Lakes Area Chapter of the Lyme Disease Association, Inc. is offering a free public presentation entitled, “Lyme Disease: Impacts on Health, Education, and EVERYTHING!” on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at Corning-Painted Post West High School, 35 Victory Hwy, Painted Post, NY, 14870. This informative program will feature renowned speakers, Richard Horowitz, MD, Hyde Park, NY, and Patricia Smith, President of the national Lyme Disease Association, Inc. The presentation will begin at 6:30 pm and will conclude with a question and answer session at 8:30 pm. This public forum is sponsored by Corning, Inc. Corporate Medical Department, IGeneX, and the Lyme Disease Association, Inc. For additional information, please contact Dr. Lis Heininger at EHeininger@STNY.rr.com.

LymeQuest Support Group & Advocacy project presents “UNDER OUR SKIN”
Sunday, March 8th 1 – 4 PM, East Brunswick Library, 2 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, East Brunswick, NJ 08816. The movie will be followed by discussion with author Pamela Weintraub, “CURE UNKNOWN: Inside the Lyme Epidemic” and book-signing. Pat Smith, President of the national Lyme Disease Association, will give a talk on new national Lyme Disease Legislation and related topics. Limited seating, RSVP NewBrunswickLyme@comcast.net.

Lyme Information Network Shows UOS with LDA as Guest Speaker
The Lyme Information Network is proud to present a showing of the Lyme disease documentary, “Under Our Skin”, on March 6, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the Old Saybrook High School, Old Saybrook, CT. LDA president Pat Smith is the guest speaker at the event. This showing is the result of the hard work of two high school seniors whose lives have been affected by Lyme and who want to bring this movie to their school as their senior project and as a community service. All are welcome. Free and open to the public. There is ample seating, but please register at www.lymelink.org.
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Monday, January 19, 2009 at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 2400 Old Alabama Rd, Roswell, GA. Evening events will begin with the showing of *Under Our Skin*-Documentary from 5-6:30pm. The Lyme seminar will take place from 7-9pm with Pat Smith, President of the national Lyme disease Association as invited key speaker. This purpose of the seminar is to bring prevention and education to everyone in Georgia. Admission is free. All are welcome (recommended teen age through adult).