

Lyme Disease Association President to Speak in Williamsport PA
Lyme Disease is a Growing Threat Nationwide

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.

Her presentation, "An Overview of Lyme Disease," will include topics such as how the disease is acquired, its symptoms, problems with testing, prevention, and national issues affecting Lyme patients. In addition, individuals from the greater Williamsport area who are suffering with Lyme disease will relate personal experiences. Time will be provided for a question and answer session, and there will be free informational materials available. This program is free and open to the public.

Pat Smith has been an active advocate for Lyme and education issues for many years, and has testified, lobbied and educated at all government levels, including presentations at three educational forums held by congressmen. She was the editor of the 2004 resource *Lyme Disease Update: Science, Policy & Law* and has appeared on a number of television programs including Fox TV's *Good Day, New York*.

For more information on this presentation, contact Larry Reese (570)538-5600, Central PA Lyme Disease Support Group, which is sponsor of the event. For more information on Lyme disease, go to the Lyme Disease Association website www.LymeDiseaseAssociation.org or call the Info Line (888)366-6611.