

This is a recap of the Central New Jersey Multiple Myeloma Support Group meeting of August 2nd, 2017.

This was an Open Meeting with no guest speaker. We welcomed a new member, Matt.

Ron and Sheree Pask reported on the IMF Leaders Conference they recently attended in Dallas. This is a meeting of support group leaders from all over the country and Canada. It is used by IMF to present the latest developments in the treatment of multiple myeloma and to train support group leaders and equip them with tools to assist them in leading their groups. Representatives of various pharma companies present their latest developments. Through break-out groups on select topics, more in-depth study is possible. All-in-all, Ron and Sheree found the Conference to be informative and the interaction among leaders from diverse areas to be helpful. We'll hear more about this meeting when Ron and Sheree present videos and topics from the meeting at our future meetings.

Ron and Sheree also reported on the status of the Miracle for Myeloma Race to be held on September 23rd. They encouraged our members to register for the race and to join the Central Jersey Memorial Team. You don't need to be a runner to participate. You can register as a runner, or a walker, or just make a donation to this great cause. Or just show up and enjoy the festivities. More information can be found at <http://give.myeloma.org/miracles2017>.

Eric Asbeck chaired the meeting and advised that his other pursuits will not permit him sufficient time to continue his involvement on the Steering Committee. We thanked him for his years of service to the group and for leading the group after Paula Van Riper's passing. He has been a key member of the leadership team and we look forward to his continued participation as a member of the group even though he will not be active on the Steering Committee.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30PM.