Taking on myeloma is as easy as a walk in the park… OR... A SWIM!

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Dear Friends,

As always, it’s an honor to share with you this year’s issue of Making Miracles, the IMF’s magazine that spotlights and celebrates you, one of the many people who lend their enthusiasm, passion, time, and energy to help us empower and support our entire myeloma community.

While we are well into 2016, it is worth noting that 2015 was a banner year for member fundraisers, not just because of the amount of funding they raised, but also because of the unique ways people chose to raise them. Some events gathered hundreds of people on the golf course. Others gathered a small group of friends around a dinner table. Both versions – and every version in between – are invaluable to our cause. They not only bring us support, but can also express who you are. You will see in this issue that something you already do in your life can be made even more special, while helping to spread community awareness about myeloma.

As one of our organizers said – “It didn’t start as an IMF fundraiser. It simply started as something I was doing for myself, my own health, and my own peace of mind.”

So if the thought of organizing a fundraiser feels overwhelming, think of this: Do you ever host a dinner party? Or take a walk in a park? Or celebrate a milestone? Or meet up with friends for an activity you love? If so, you’re already well on your way to creating a public awareness and fundraising event. And the IMF is here to help every step of the way. Call or email me and we’ll help you make it happen.

Thank you for supporting our myeloma community in ways that are uniquely you.

With warmest regards and deep appreciation,

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In October 2015, Aleta George undertook a personal challenge on behalf of the myeloma community: She committed to swimming 30 Miles in 30 Days. Five months later, she reflected on that motivating month with Making Miracles.

**Making Miracles:** Congratulations on your 30 Miles in 30 Days! That’s quite an accomplishment. Let’s start at the beginning, as it were – before you got in the pool. When and how did myeloma enter your life?

**Aleta George:** My husband, Dave George, who is a strong, capable, and active man, was losing weight and his back hurt all the time. His doctor ran a series of tests to find out why it wasn’t getting better. We were lucky to have a doctor who thought to run a multiple myeloma test and to suggest a bone marrow biopsy. When it was discovered that he had myeloma in January 2014, he received chemotherapy for eight months but had only a partial remission. He quit the chemo in September 2014 and had the bone marrow transplant in November that year.

**How did your thoughts about organizing a fundraiser get started?**

Dave was a trooper throughout and a great patient, but 2014 was a hard year, first with the chemotherapy and then the bone marrow transplant. After it was over, I was looking for something positive to do that would help me get out of my head. It was a challenging time on many levels. At the same time that Dave was getting treatment I was finishing a book, my first. After we got through that time, I felt stuck and wanted to do something different from anything I had ever done. Dave was doing well, but I knew that there was no cure for myeloma, and that the treatments only bought time. I also knew from a Patient & Family Seminar that the IMF was getting close to finding a cure. It felt like raising money and awareness for our cause and its cure was the right way to acknowledge the year we had just had while also getting out of my rut.

**Were you a regular swimmer before this?**

I love the water and I’ve been a swimmer all my life, but I never swam competitively in school. I was in synchronized swimming in 4th grade, but as an adult I hardly ever swam for exercise, and when I did I only swam a 1/4 of a mile – barely.

**So how did the specific idea of swimming – and the 30 miles in 30 days challenge – come to you?**

My friend Bradley Ralph Robinson – who I now call my swimming muse – was swimming 365 miles in 365 days. He was part of a small international group, many of whom he had never met, who cheered each other on via a Facebook group called “WeSwimBecauseWeCan.” Each of the 15 members

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by Lori Klein

Raising socially aware and active children has always been an essential part of parenting to me. My daughters, Ava and Cece, have always understood the importance of helping, donating, and volunteering. They are now 15 and 13, which means that some months and years have been more successful than others in terms of having time, but they have participated in community service events ever since preschool.

“What are the essential parts of you that myeloma cannot change?”

When Ava was six, she made key chains and art to sell so that she could donate her own money to the IMF, and together the girls have held countless lemonade stands to raise money. When they were young they didn’t understand the impact of a diagnosis of myeloma, but they wanted to contribute to the IMF. It was as if they instinctively knew the strong connection our family had to this organization.

The girls have always known their grandfather (a.k.a. “Papa” to his five grandchildren and “Trooper Benson” in some myeloma circles) has multiple myeloma, but they didn’t have the full story for quite some time, mostly because his hardest battles occurred before they were born. From their vantage point, their Papa worked hard, traveled the world, played with them, took them to sporting events and on vacations, attended games and parties, and socialized with his many friends. They didn’t really see or feel the gravity of myeloma.

Their view of myeloma changed in September 2012, when our close family friend, Andy Mencher, received the same diagnosis. Both Ava and Cece quickly realized that myeloma was more serious and scarier than they had ever imagined. They saw Andy and his family endure the challenges, the unknowns, and the physical and emotional impact that a diagnosis of myeloma can cause.

In 2014, it came time for Ava and Cece to agree upon on their bat mitzvah project (“mitzvah” means “good deed”), and there was no contest. They wanted to raise money and awareness to honor their Papa and Andy. For my part, I had always wanted to organize a race in our community to benefit the IMF, so the girls’ bat mitzvah project gave us the perfect avenue to finally do it.

We organized the Race to Beat Myeloma with the Mencher Family. We searched through available parks and trails, and chose the beautiful and fun Wheaton Regional Park. While we adults handled the application with the park and the insurance for the event, the kids went to work getting sponsors and donated food for race day. They wrote letters and emails to grocery stores and small businesses where they...
knew the owners. We found that both local and national grocery stores were more than happy to help through donations of water and snacks.

As the life of teenagers would have it, the timing of this mitzvah project coincided with a school assignment of Ava's to write a persuasive speech for English class. Ava researched myeloma and furthered her understanding of the disease, creating a speech that also became a perfect tool to market the event to her classmates and the community. In fact, Ava and Cece shared information about myeloma, the IMF, and the race to everyone they could.

The IMF made it very easy to keep track of those who donated and those who registered for race day. The IMF’s Suzanne Battaglia was quick to answer questions, deliver information, and offer helpful suggestions. Ava, Cece, and Andy’s two daughters (Julia and Eliza) made signs for the race, with directions for the paths and motivating slogans, ultimately

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“People could not believe their eyes – how beautiful the place looked. They did not believe we were raising money for the IMF!” So reports Bridgette McKenzie, who together with her two children hosted a 75th birthday celebration for her mother, Doris Morgan.

Bridgette’s planning started with convincing her mother to have a party. She was used to her mother’s standard decline in other years, always with an explanation of “not needing gifts.” So this time Bridgette was armed with the idea of the fundraiser – donations to the IMF in lieu of gifts – honoring the organization that has helped Ms. Morgan and her family ever since her myeloma diagnosis. Ms. Morgan said “Yes.”

On October 28, 2015, more than 125 celebrants gathered at the Ben Hill Recreation Center in Atlanta, GA. The evening included dinner, dancing, toasts to Ms. Morgan, and information about myeloma, all in that room so beautifully decorated with flowers, banners, and IMF-colored table clothes and chair covers.

Leading up to the celebration, those decorations being “just right” was the most important part for Ms. Morgan. But once her guests arrived, it was all about the people. “She was so happy to see everyone that she could not sit still,” her daughter reports.

“It was a beautiful event and my mother looked so pretty, and was so happy,” Bridgette says. “Celebrating her 75th birthday with a fundraiser to find a cure for this disease was well worth it.”

For Theresa Tucker, it was straightforward: “I know how important and expensive research is, and I want to be part of the cause by supporting it financially.”

The “cause” is the myeloma community, which Theresa has been part of since her own diagnosis in 2010. The “support” was her November 1, 2015 event Walk in the Park for Myeloma, which she organized with the help of her good friend, Sheila Burton.

“And during the walk itself I felt great, and hopeful.”

Theresa and Sheila decided on the walk because they wanted to plan something they like to do for themselves – take walks in the park. They hosted the event in one of those very parks they enjoy, Flushing Meadows Corona Park in Queens, NY.

Through social media and word of mouth, they reached out to friends to join them. Ultimately, 50 people walked with Theresa and Sheila. More family and friends donated to the cause online, through their dedicated fundraising page on the IMF’s website.

“I felt honored by the outpour of support,” Theresa says. “And during the walk itself I felt great, and hopeful,” Theresa says. She’s already planning her next fundraiser – this special version of those walks in the park she takes so often – for this fall.
IMF member events create funds for critical myeloma research.

Funded by Miracles for Myeloma 5K
Sheree & Ron Pask and Gina Klemm
Yang Yang, MD, PhD
University of Alabama at Birmingham
“Runx2 regulation of EMT and a bone resident of cell-like phenotype in myeloma cells.”

Funded by ChekFest Golf Outing
Sharon & Scott Kowalczyk
Pádraig D’Arcy, PhD
Karolinska Institute – Solna, Sweden
“Proteasome Deubiquitinase Inhibitors as a new treatment for Multiple Myeloma.”

Funded by ChekFest Golf Outing
Sharon & Scott Kowalczyk
Giada Bianchi, MD
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute – Boston, MA
“Investigating the Role of Robo1 in Migration and Homing in Multiple Myeloma.”

Funded by the J.C. Golf Tournament
Friends of JC
Geoffrey M. Matthews, PhD
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute – Boston, MA
“Treating myeloma through inducing degradation of BET bromodomain proteins.”
Celebrating Our Member Fundraisers

Member fundraisers for 2016 are well underway, and we urge you to join in their revelries. Better yet, create one of your own! But before you do, let’s take a deep breath and celebrate the many wonderful, energizing, meaningful, and community-building member created events of 2015 – a group of fundraisers that supported myeloma research, patients, and families around the country.

A deep breath to start our long list of 2015 successes naturally starts with Vicki Johnson’s Yoga for Myeloma. Now that we’ve centered ourselves, we build up mass with and get our blood pumping with Sandi Hunsuckle’s Zumba for Myeloma an our anonymous IMF member who started the online movement of Mambo for Myeloma.

Runners and walkers represent the IMF in strong numbers – and stamina! Ellen Grammel and Teresa Meier ran their 4th Annual Cincinnati Flying Pig Half Marathon, Sheree and Ron Pask joined forces with Gina Klemm for the 3rd Annual Miracles for Myeloma 5K, and the Philadelphia Multiple Myeloma Networking Group oversaw its 7th Annual Miles for Myeloma 5K Run/Walk. Sheila Burton and Theresa Tucker organized Walk in the Park for Myeloma, and Niall Brady created the Team Brady Mudders Day Fun Run.

Fun can also be had on two wheels. Rachel Smith’s Ride Against Myeloma took to the road, Tara Ginsberg’s Cycle for a Cure took us to SoulCycle class, and Andy Sninsky continued his Bicycle Mojave and Beyond adventures.

As our many golfers certainly know, a day on the links can also be quite an adventure. In 2015, Dwight Royall’s new Kubik Multiple Myeloma Golf Benefit joined this esteemed list of golf fundraisers: Sharon and Scott Kowalczyk’s 2nd Annual Chek Fest, Robert Cole’s 2nd Annual Margaret Cole Memorial Golf Tournament, Gail and Andrew Bertram’s 6th Annual Wayne Hamby Memorial Golf Tournament, the Czerkies Family’s 8th Annual Carolyn Czerkies Memorial Golf Outing, Rob Bradford’s Coach Rob’s 10th Annual Benefit Bash & Golf Tournament, and Bob Zins’ 16th Annual JC Golf Tournament.

Golfers try to avoid water hazards, but our swimmers look at water a bit differently! Doug Farrell organized his 3rd Annual Captain Turner Ocean Swim and Aleta George swam 30 Miles in 30 Days. (See cover story, page 3.)

Justin McWethy’s March Against Myeloma combined water (a Merced River cleanup), with a barbeque and family-friendly
games. Games for the adult-set took place with Carol Klein and Anne Girod’s 6th Annual Bridge Blasts Myeloma Ladies Game Day, as well as at Jack Aiello’s 11th Annual Texas Hold Em Benefit Bash. Janine Granit had us gaming with horses with her 3rd Annual Monmouth Park Race to Beat Multiple Myeloma.

Kathy Kupka engaged us with animals, debuting Cancer is Ruff, her coffee table book of photography featuring dogs. Brenda Riggs also shared artistic talents with us, through her Many Blooms of Life Quilt. Artistic expression also bloomed with Lu Woodward Honeybeaders Bracelets and Carol and Benson Klein’s ongoing Trooper Benson fundraiser, showcasing the comic strip artwork of Bill Rechin and Don Wilder. Frank Hartman brought us Art on the Gogh. Charlie Eddins expressed his support through song with the Heritage Singers.

It could also be argued that mustaches are a form of artistic expression. Do you agree? Jonathan Green likely does, with his Movember Mustache campaign for our cause. But that mustache might have made it more difficult for him to indulge in our many delicious food-related fundraisers, including Ruth Schimmel’s 3rd Annual A Day at Dairy Queen, Norman Rousseau’s Chili Cookoff, and Community Appreciation Day at Brent’s Deli.

How do you like your liquor? In 2015, there was Laura Schulten’s Margaritas for Myeloma, Nancy Raible’s 3rd Annual A Visit to Virginia’s Wine Country, and Gary McAdam’s Grand Tour of Scotland-Whisky Tasting for your selection.

Food, drink, and merriment were also in abundance at Juli-anne Stafford’s 2nd Annual Red House Carnival and Nicole Czipulis’ Epic Night of Awareness.

The Central Florida Multiple Myeloma Support Group established a new event, the 1st Annual Gratitude Dinner in Honor of Ben Musick. Bridgette McKenzie also held a dinner, a Birthday Celebration for Doris Morgan, her mother. Robert Scales celebrated his birthday with a fundraiser for us too, as did three lovely couples celebrating their weddings: Alana Shultz & Slava Rubin, Christopher Stafford & Tyler Hornyak, and Cabrey & Ted Lamparski. Best wishes to you all! And in a few year’s time, may you celebrate your 50th Anniversary with us, just like Rose Marie & Mike Caputo did in 2015!

Along with longevity, we celebrate the thoughtful efforts of our youngest fundraisers. In 2015, Tristen Douglass created the Catwalk for Cancer as her high school senior project. Ava Feinberg and Cece Feinberg put together the Race to Beat Myeloma as their joint bat mitzvah project (See My Story, page 4), and Zachary Barten organized a recycling fundraiser for his bar mitzvah project.

Whether you’re a teenager coming into your own voice and passions, or an adult looking for new ways to express them, the IMF is here for you. Let us help you turn your favorite everyday activities, milestone occasions, and anything in between into an easy, fun, and meaningful way to support our cause. Please contact Suzanne Battaglia at SBattaglia@myeloma.org or (800) 452-2873 to get started!
Making Miracles was raising money for cancer support groups for different reasons. Brad’s endeavors got me thinking. During Dave’s treatment I didn’t get much exercise. After he was done I vowed to get back to the gym, which has a beautiful pool. I thought, if Brad can swim a mile a day – and he was already nine months into his yearlong swim – then I can surely swim a 1/4 mile a few times a week. So it didn’t start as an IMF fundraiser. It simply started as something I was doing for myself, my own health, and my own peace of mind.

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How did it evolve?

As those who swim know, swimming laps is meditative and ideas come to you. One day, when swimming my 1/4 mile, I wondered if I could swim a mile a day for one month and raise money for IMF? First I knew I had to get myself in swimming shape in order to be able to swim one mile each day. So I did what many of us do for advice and turned to Google. I found a great article on Popsugar.com that provided a swimming fitness plan, and I gave myself three months to work up to the one mile per day. I set October as my month to reach that goal, and to do the fundraising swim then.

Where did you swim? And how did you plan your schedule for that month?

I swam at the Suisun City Kroc Center, which has a beautiful pool, and where my stepson is the aquatics director. I swam one mile a day – which is 72 lengths. I was fair and realistic with myself. I knew there would be some days I wouldn’t be able to swim, so I tried to swim a little bit extra every time in order to “bank” some yards.

How did you make it a fundraiser and then get the word out?

I asked people to sponsor me, the same as you might do for a run or walkathon. I sent an introductory email to friends and family using Constant Contact. I also posted on Facebook nearly everyday, on my own account and on the “WeSwimBecauseWeCan” Facebook group. I also sent a second email updating everyone when I was almost done.

Did getting in the pool feel different on Day 1, versus Day 15, versus Day 30?

Almost every day I felt great, but not every day felt the same. There were days when the water felt thicker, and other days when I felt like I glided through the mile. The hardest part wasn’t being in the water, it was how swimming a mile a day affects other parts of your life.

How so?

Making a commitment to swim a mile a day means that other things are given lower priority. My husband and I like to hike, and we didn’t do much of that. I felt great physically as a whole, but definitely more tired by the end of the day – and hungrier, of course!

Swimming a mile each day is a great excuse to eat! Did other people ever join you in your daily swims?

My swimming muse Brad came to my pool one day, and I swam with him one day in San Francisco at the Embarcadero YMCA. We also made a plan to swim in the San Francisco Bay one day, which is something that he had recently taken up but that I had never done. But the day before our date, a great white shark was seen feasting on a seal near Alcatraz.

Yikes!

Yes. There was a video that went viral, likely because of a kid in the video who keeps repeating, “That’s the best thing I’ve ever seen in my life!” But when Brad and I saw it, we decided not to swim in the bay while sharks were there!

Good thinking. Was there anyone else who joined you in the safety of the pool?

One day, during the last week of my swim, my husband Dave and stepson Austin swam with me. That was a special day.
It seems like the “logistics” for organizing this fundraiser were fairly low key.

That was a plus, but I didn’t really think about that ahead of time. I just got the idea, it seemed doable, and it felt right. It fit the criteria of that “something” that I was looking for. It was a win-win-win!

What advice do you have for someone thinking of planning his or her own fundraiser?

I think everyone is different. Do something you enjoy and have fun.

Are you thinking about doing another 30-Day Swim?

I hadn’t considered it! But now that you ask, it makes me think I want to do it again.

That’s great. We’re happy to help inspire and motivate!

Yes! I’m going to aim for October 2016, only this time I’ll ask others to join me in the pool to raise money for the IMF. Let’s help get that cure!
Our Cars, OURSELVES

Our cars, vans, and trucks have collected many stories from our lives. If it's time to give a beloved vehicle up, there's one last story it can tell: It can be part of supporting the myeloma community and finding a cure.

It's quick and easy to donate a vehicle to the IMF – all it takes is one phone call. Here are the stories of three cars generously donated by their owners to the IMF in 2015.

Chris Rebello
2000 Ford Ranger

“The reason I donated my vehicle on behalf of the IMF is because it belonged to my father, who lost a difficult battle with myeloma a few years ago. I wanted the donation to be in honor of his memory and hoped that it could somehow help others who would suffer from this devastating disease.

My father was a true do-it-yourself handyman, and the utility of the truck was a really good fit for his trips to Home Depot and for hauling things around. At the end of his battle with myeloma, while visiting my parents’ home with my family, my oldest son expressed interest in the truck. He was 16 and just learning how to drive at the time, and he thought it would be a nice way to remember his grandfather. We brought the truck back home with us, and over the next summer we made repairs to it and added a few bells and whistles. It was such a gratifying experience to use some of the skills my dad taught me to fix up his truck and to share it all with my own son. My son was thrilled to have his grandfather’s truck to drive, and it often brought about fond memories for all of us while we had it.

Eventually, it became time to move on to a newer vehicle that could provide reliability for trips back and forth to college. That’s when I began to research if the IMF accepted vehicle donations. I was glad to find out that it did, and that the process was extremely simple.”

Paul Dunning
1999 Chrysler Grand Voyager

“This was our family car for many years, taking my wife and I on annual trips from New York to visit longtime friends in Lexington, Kentucky, and on many summer outings with our grandchildren. When we purchased a new family car, it became my work vehicle, and carried my carpentry tools until the day it left us.

My wife had to go in the house before the tow truck came that day because she started to cry thinking about the memories attached to that car and couldn’t watch it leave! We chose to donate our car to the IMF because I was diagnosed with myeloma in 2008. Her consolation was knowing it was going to the IMF to help us and families like us.”

Rudyard R. Crichlow
2002 Ford Explorer

“My SUV was a great asset when it came to getting me to and from performances. I play steel pan (steel drum) and I get a lot of joy from performing in and around New York City. But my favorite memories were being able to jump in the SUV and drive to the park with my family. One of our favorite places to go is Wave Hill in The Bronx.

I donated to the IMF because of my mother, Verna Crichlow, a very wonderful and caring woman. She battled against myeloma and has been in remission for years. I believe that the great work the IMF has done has played a vital role in keeping her alive. I am extremely thankful to the IMF.”

Donating your wheels through the IMF’s Vehicle Donation Program is simple, and can be done either online or over the phone. Please visit our website’s Fundraising/Vehicle Donation page or call 877-999-8322 to get started.
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Upcoming Member Events in 2016

June 4, 2016
9th Annual Carolyn Czerkies Memorial Golf Outing – Naperville, IL
Contact: chek5@charter.net

June 11, 2016
2nd Annual Race to Beat Myeloma – Wheaton, MD
Contact: lori.bethk@verizon.net

July 10, 2016
3rd Annual Red House Carnival – Brighton, MA
Contact: jstaff07@gmail.com

July 22, 2016
3rd Annual ChekFest Golf Tournament – Grand Rapids, MI
Contact: Chek5@charter.net

August 13, 2016
A Day At The Races – Monmouth Race Track, NJ
Contact: janinemariegranit@gmail.com

August 14, 2016
Capt. Turner’s Ocean Swim – Philadelphia, PA
Contact: dougfarrell51@gmail.com

September 24, 2016
4th Annual Miracles for Myeloma 5K – Clark, NJ
Contact: rpask@comcast.net

October 1, 2016
A Mission for Matt Dinner Dance – Mineola, NY
Contact: dibeaty@hotmail.com

October 22, 2016
Coach Rob’s Benefit Bash & Golf Tournament – Apopka, FL
Contact: birm4@aol.com

October 22, 2016
Wayne Hamby Memorial Golf Tournament – Bluffington, SC
Contact: abertram@yahoo.com
In late 2006, renowned actor Peter Boyle (Young Frankenstein, Everybody Loves Raymond) lost his battle with multiple myeloma. “After Peter lost his battle, I knew I had to keep fighting to find a cure for this incurable cancer,” said Peter’s wife, Loraine Alterman Boyle. The following year, Loraine established the Peter Boyle Research Fund to provide additional funding for research into the cause and cure for this devastating disease.

With the support of IMF President Susie Novis and Chairman Dr. Brian Durie, Loraine took up the challenge to find a new way to raise money toward a cure. “Laughter was the weapon we chose to fight this battle,” says Loraine, who Chaired the first Annual Comedy Celebration in 2007.

That first year brought many of Peter’s friends to the stage for a night of comedy and music at the historic Wilshire Ebell Theatre. Hosted by Ray Romano, the event raised over $6 million toward myeloma research, including the IMF’s groundbreaking Black Swan Research Initiative.

Now in its 10th year, the Annual Comedy Celebration is the IMF’s largest annual fundraiser. This year, Ray Romano will once again take the stage to host on November 5th, with a lineup of celebrity comedians and musicians all coming together to support the life-saving work of the IMF.

As the Chairperson for this event and a member of the IMF Board of Directors, Loraine has turned her personal loss into a beacon of hope for so many families still living with myeloma today. This year, Laurie Kuzneski, wife of Board Member and myeloma patient Andrew Kuzneski is joining as Co-Chair.

With plans to include a live auction element and dancing to the VIP post-show party, both Laurie and Loraine are aiming to make this this 10th year bigger and better and funnier than ever!
International Myeloma Foundation

Hope Society

Cultivating the future by planting the seeds to sustain the IMF

We created the Hope Society in 2009 to make it easier for our most committed supporters to spread their annual giving throughout the year. This year, members of the Hope Society will have donated over $55,000 in support of IMF’s core programs and services!

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For any questions, please email Sharon Chow at schow@myeloma.org

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