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Calling All Trivia Buffs!

Trivia Night Fundraiser

for Conquer MG

The Holiday Club

4000 N. Sheridan Rd. Chicago

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Game starts @ 8p.m.

Game emceed by Geeks Who Drink

(They know trivia AND how to make merry)

[Click for details](#)

The Holiday Club is in the Uptown neighborhood, four blocks North of Wrigley Field and a half block north of the Sheridan Red "L" line stop.

Because street parking is tight, consider taking the [Red "L" Line](#) from downtown Chicago or any other stop. The Red Line has a CTA Park & Ride lot for daily parking at its north end, the Howard Street Station, 7474 N. Rogers Ave.

Fall Patient Seminar "Myasthenia Gravis and Medications"



Mitra Habibi, PharmD,

College of Pharmacy, University of Illinois at Chicago, will explain how common medications interact with MG treatments, "black box warnings," and steps you can take to improve the safety and effectiveness of your medical care.

Saturday, October 29, 2016

Advocate Christ Hospital

4440 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn, IL

11:30 am to 3:00 pm



Seminar is in Hospital Conference Center - Entrance F,
NW corner of hospital campus at Kilbourn & 93rd Street

Click for [Schedule - Parking - Hospital Campus Map](#)

This event is free to all and includes lunch. A donation of \$25 per person (or amount of your choice) would be appreciated to offset the cost of meal, facility and video recording expenses.

St. Louis Support Group Meeting "The Eyes Have It"



Droopy eyelids? Double vision?
These symptoms are often the first indication that a person has myasthenia gravis. Join us as we watch video segments from a presentation on ocular MG by Rush University Medical Center neuro-ophthalmologist Thomas Mizen, then share coping strategies.

Glendale City Hall
424 N. Sapington Rd.
Glendale, MO 63122

Event is free, with refreshments provided by ARJ Infusion Services.

RSVP to this email or call 800-888-6208.

The St. Louis support group meetings are sponsored by two local independent MG patient advocacy groups, MGA - Missouri and Kansas, and Conquer Myasthenia Gravis. On October 9, your host will be Joan Wincentsen from Conquer MG.



Remaining Conquer MG

2016 Support Group Meetings

Learn about myasthenia gravis and connect with others who understand your health issues. [Details and directions](#)

**Chicago - Central
Rush Univ Med Center**

Thursdays, **October 6**, November 3, 1:30 p.m. Register with Eve Escalante at 312-942-8175

**Chicago - North Suburban
Glenview**

Saturday, November 12, 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 13, 9:30 a.m.

**Chicago - South Suburban
Blue Island**

Sunday, November 6, 1:30 p.m.

**Chicago - West Suburban
Winfield**

Sunday, November 20, 1:00 p.m.

Rockford, IL

Saturday, **October 8**, 1:00 p.m.

Springfield, IL

Sunday, **October 16**, and November 20, 3:00 p.m.

Schererville, IN
(meets at the St. John, IN public library for this time only)

Saturday, **October 1**, 10 a.m.

Patient Assistance Program Improvements!



The Conquer MG Patient Assistance Program helps MG patients living in Illinois, Indiana, and now Wisconsin who struggle with the high cost of medical care. The program covers the cost of medical treatment and medication up to \$1,000 per year per person. Funding is still available for 2016.

Recent improvements:

- Eligibility has been expanded to Wisconsin residents, as well as MG patients who live in Illinois or Indiana.
- Covered expenses now include durable medical equipment.

Click here for a [description of the program](#).

Click here for a [copy of the application](#).

Keep in mind expenses do not need to be related to myasthenia gravis; they may be for any medical treatment or prescription drug cost.

Your Help is Needed!

Want to help Conquer MG help others who struggle with myasthenia gravis? Call 800-888-6208 about:

- Strides Against MG Walk Committee - help plan the event, find volunteers, and secure raffle prizes and donations! Meets in Elmhurst, IL 5-6 times from January to June.
- Conquer MG board service - help guide the organization! Meets 5-6 Sundays a year, mostly at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital.

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