



Sarcoma Awareness Month

A resolution has been introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives to designate July as **Sarcoma Awareness Month**. It won't pass this month, but we need to keep working to get cosponsors, in hopes that it will be approved before the next July



Rep. Kathy Castor (D-FL) introduced House Resolution 722. Rep. Joe Baca (D-CA) cosponsored it in honor of Claire Frick, who died this spring of alveolar

rhabdomyosarcoma. Rep. Patrick Meehan (R-PA) also became a cosponsor, in memory of Dan Schultz, who died of undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma a week before the resolution was introduced. In the photo, Dan is surrounded by his wife, Susan; daughter Madelyn, 9; and their 6-year-old triplets, from the left, Avery, Quinn and Sadie.

Emailing, writing and calling are the most effective ways to get your representative to cosponsor our resolution. Get help at sarcomaalliance.org/news/sarcoma-awareness-month/. We also have started a petition: www.thepetitionsite.com/788/428/730/name-july-as-sarcoma-awareness-month/. If you fill in your information, an email will be sent to your representative. Only your name, state and comment will show up on the petition site.

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Outstanding Care Awards



Jonathan Trent

We have chosen three physicians to win Outstanding Care Awards: Gina D'Amato, a medical oncologist in private practice in Atlanta; Jonathan Trent, a medical oncologist at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center in Miami; and Peter Anderson, a pediatric oncologist at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.



Peter Anderson

Alliance board member Suzie Siegel secretly nominated Dr. D'Amato, a new board member and her former doctor. Karen Lee of Little Rock nominated Anderson, who treated her son Keaton for osteosarcoma. Kenneth S. Saladin of Milledgeville, Ga., a survivor of gastrointestinal stromal tumor, nominated Trent, his doctor. The

doctors were praised for their expertise, caring and friendliness; answering questions without impatience; finding common ground; and giving information without condescension. The awards will be presented this fall.

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YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Sarcoma Stories



Bob Chambliss

Bob Chambliss was dying. But he couldn't resist the Pacific. He walked into the water to give his 10-year-old niece one last surfing lesson.

An all-around athlete who lived in Marina del Rey, Calif., Bob is the only sarcoma survivor who has ever paddled for our [Ocean of Hope](#) fundraiser.

He was diagnosed with liposarcoma in 2003. "I found out that I had cancer on a Friday from my surgeon (who had no answers). That night I went to my girlfriend's and started calling. My family's collective response was 'You've got WHAT?'"

[Read the complete story](#)

Ocean of Hope

Our oldest and largest fundraising campaign consists of a series of ocean races. O2H members will compete Sunday in the Molokai 2 Oahu Paddleboard World Championships in Hawaii and then face the Catalina Classic in Southern California on Aug. 26.

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