

June 19, 2009

- **130 New Hampshire men will die of prostate cancer this year** and another 910 will be diagnosed. Prostate cancer is the greatest cancer killer of men over 50.
- **However, this is an improvement** over last year when 140 men died and 1,200 were diagnosed.
- **Common Man restaurants fight prostate cancer and spread awareness** for Fathers Day. Their 15+ restaurants will display table tents about the dangers of prostate cancer the week of June 15-21. And if you donate \$10 to prostate cancer, they will reward you with a \$5 discount coupon for a later visit. Promotion was initiated by Directors Bob Dedrick and Harvey Keye.
- **Fathers Day Letter to the Editor** by Coalition Treasurer Sal Magnano published in New Hampshire dailies and weeklies. Sal, who is still receiving treatments 20 years after his diagnosis, stressed the need for early detection.
- **NH Business Review newspaper** interviewed President John Sias and Sal Magnano, former CFO of Sanders Associates of Nashua.
- **You can now donate on line** to help the Coalition fight prostate cancer. Simply go to our web site [NHprostatecancer.org](http://NHprostatecancer.org)
- **We're closing in on the \$5,000 Challenge Grant.** Still need \$1,000.
- **FAQ is in the works.** It's 90+ questions and answers on the subject "**Should I be screened for prostate cancer?**" It is intended to help both the man and his doctor arrive at an informed decision. Dr. John Heaney, a urologist from Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and a Coalition director, is active in this project.
- Directors Jim McCormick and Steve Ladew met with **Southern NH Medical Center leaders** Judy Bennett and Marcy Brackett to establish a closer working relationship between the hospital and the Coalition.
- **VP Jim McCormick spoke to the Meredith Rotary Club** on June 17. Carter Barger, club officer said, "You certainly held the attention of the members. The number of questions at the end is testimony to the interest the club had in your presentation."

- **Coalition will participate in a Sept.1 Wellness Fair for state employees.** More than 1,000 (mostly men) could attend. Director Bill Mullen will direct the Coalition's efforts in spreading awareness of prostate cancer.
- We continually add to our mailing list. Newest are **leaders of the NH House of Representatives** and members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services.
- **Web site additions. Director Steve Ladew is establishing a calendar page.** It will list all the activities of the Coalition, such as speaking engagements, support group meetings and their topics. The number of people visiting our web site climbs each month.
- Public Relations professional **Pat Ladew** has volunteered to **write a series of prostate cancer survivor stories.**
- **Our PowerPoint presentation** was shown to the directors at Thursday's board meeting. Speakers will use it in their talks around the state.
- **Cancer Plan financing is in jeopardy.** Originally NH Senate voted \$1 million and the House \$2 million. Latest guess is that all funding will be eliminated from the state budget. VP Dick Drisko, a five term representative, keeps us up to date.
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