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- **Web site has new front page.** This is only the first step in the expansion of the site. Coming: improved readability, improved navigation and more room for new content. See the links to last week's New York Times and American Cancer Society stories. Plus the 4-minute NPR audio of Otis Brawley, head of ACS.
- **VP Jim McCormick is new chair of Speakers Bureau.** He replaces Don Davidson, former mayor of Nashua. Don will continue speaking when in the area.
- **We've spoken to 20 Rotary clubs.** Harvey Key spoke to two Rotary clubs last week. Merrimack Lions Club wants to hear the "Prostate Cancer story."
- **New volunteers.** Our appeal for help last week has brought in three new speakers and two health fair staffers. More to come.
- **WOMEN FOR PROSTATE HEALTH.** Goal of this new program is to persuade the women in NH to get the men in their life to visit their doctor to discuss prostate cancer screening. We have some funding. We are identifying leaders.
- **Support group training.** The Maine Prostate Cancer Coalition has invited Bill and Leigh Mullen to attend its Nov. 8-9 training session in Orono. Some 20 current and prospective support group leaders will gather for 24 hours to make plans to create and strengthen support groups. This is Maine's second support groups leaders retreat. Bill is the NH Coalition's support group specialist.
- **FAQ update.** Dr. John Heaney has made plans to increase the members of his Medical Advisory Group. First task will be to examine and critique the new FAQ. The FAQ is 90 questions and answers about "Should I get screened for prostate cancer?" The FAQ is on the web site.
- **Ski Fundraiser moves ahead.** Chair Jeff Kantor, a survivor, had his third meeting this week. Involved are radio station WGIR, Elliot Hospital and McIntyre Ski Area. Set for Jan. 31 at McIntyre Ski Area in Manchester.
- **Coalition President John Sias** spoke to the annual meeting of the National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions in Chicago this month. His subject was, "Strengthening Your State Coalition."

- **Sue Dearborn of Henniker** has donated to the Coalition part of an endowment she established in memory of her deceased husband, Roger P. Burt, who died after fighting prostate cancer for six years. Three years ago Cheryl Mullen of Pembroke donated the endowment she had set up in memory of her husband who died of prostate cancer.
- **Matthew Stanizzi**, Nashua urologist, spoke on prostate cancer at Southern NH Medical Center on Oct. 26.
- **Bob Dedrick** organized the Coalition's booth at two health fairs this month. Nashua City employees on Oct. 15 and Nashua Telegraph health fair on Oct. 25. Assisting were Harry Purkhiser, Steve Ladew, Harvey Keye, Sal Magnano and Dick Drisko.
- **We monitor our Strategic Plan every month...**Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber has been diagnosed....Owen Houghton has written two columns in the Keene Sentinel about the dangers of prostate cancer....Early prostate cancer is silent, generally without symptoms making early detection so important...
- **Two resignations.** Director Don Davidson, former Speakers Bureau chair, is now working in Washington for FEMA. Paul Mertzic of Catholic Medical Center has taken on new and expanded duties. Both contributed much in their years on the board.
- **Our directors are dedicated.** Urologist John Heaney of Hanover is a survivor, chair of the Medical Advisory Group and travels three hours each month to attend directors meetings.