

I hope this finds you all doing well. Our KIT group met in Port St. Lucie on April 26th and had a wonderful presentation by Dana and Laurie of Team Tommy. I have attached the presentation from the meeting as well as some pictures.

Our next meeting will be in July and I would like to find out from each of you what town/area you would like to meet. If you are interested in attending a KIT meeting, please let me know. I realize that the area our KIT

encompasses is very large and that not everyone is able to travel far. Please respond back to let me know what your interests are for the KIT group so we can work on getting guest speakers to attend as well.

On another note, I would like to encourage any of you to attend The Myositis Association's yearly conference, which will be held in Reno Nevada Sept 4-7. At the conference you will meet others who share a common

illness as well as attend panels of professionals that will let you know what is happening with myositis.

Now I would like to talk to you about Team Tommy. This is an organization devoted to raising awareness and funds for myositis diseases. It has been created by Dana and Laurie as a testimony to Dana's husband and Laurie's brother, Tommy, who passed away in 2012 after being diagnosed with DM. They have partnered with another organization, Maya Matters, which deals with pediatric cancer, to create

a calendar called Guns and Hoses, which showcases St. Lucie County police, firefighters and sheriff's deputies (Tommy was a St. Lucie County Deputy and Laurie's husband is a firefighter). You can see more from this

organization by going to their website [www.teamtommy.org](http://www.teamtommy.org). They had a fundraiser a short time ago in St. Lucie West that was emceed by Suzanne Boyd of CBS 12 news in West Palm Beach. This was a great opportunity

to get the word out about myositis diseases!

Presales for the calendar begin in June with the kickoff on August 9th at the St. Lucie Draft House on US 1 in Port St. Lucie. Please consider supporting this great cause and coming out to the Draft House in August!

I look forward to hearing from you all!

Blessings,  
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