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September 2018



THE MYOSITIS ASSOCIATION

Our Next Meeting
SATURDAY,
November 3, 2018

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE

Myositis Support Group of North Texas

Nine North Texans in Louisville

The National Myositis Patient Conference is now history. An amazing four days brought nine of our group to Louisville as a part of the larger group of approximately five-hundred patients and caregivers. It was the last official event for outgoing TMA Executive Director, Bob Goldberg, who retired after sixteen years in that post. The new Executive Director, Mary McGowan, spoke to the group in the closing session of the conference on Sunday morning. Please note: Some scholarships are available for persons in need, who wish to go to the annual conference. Make your plans for next year's conference which is to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in early Sept.



Bob Goldberg

(left) is the outgoing Executive Director. In his honor, the board of TMA announced the formation of the Bob Goldberg Scholarship. Bob served The Myositis Association for sixteen years, and was our guest on three occasions.

Good luck, Bob!

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- Photos from the National Myositis Patients Conference in Louisville, September 6-9.
- **Outgoing Executive TMA Director and New Incoming Director.**
- Reservation info for the **BIG Nov. 3 SUMMIT at the SUMMIT!**

Have you seen the
NEW
TMA Website?
myositis.org

COME HOME
to the **MYOSITIS**
SUMMIT at THE SUMMIT

An expanded meeting
on November 3rd
9:00 — 4:00

INK IT! DON'T MISS!!

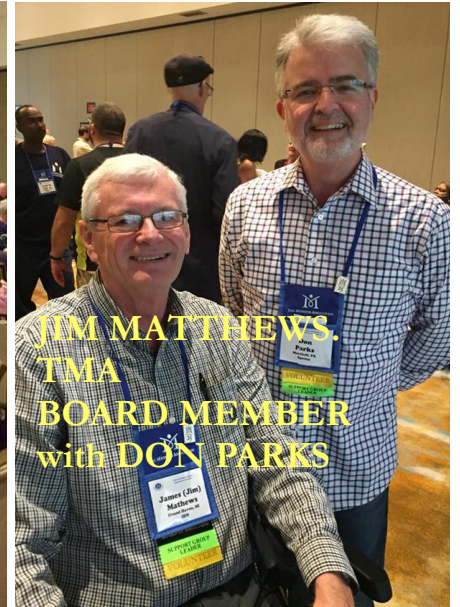
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SOME PHOTO MOMENTS FROM LOUISVILLE 2018



MEALTIMES ARE ALWAYS SPECIAL AT THE CONFERENCE



JIM MATTHEWS,
TMA BOARD MEMBER
with DON PARKS



EMILY and ALEX with TMA MEDICAL
ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER,
DR. JENS SCHMITZ



THE TMA 25th BIRTHDAY CAKE!

Which fed 500!!



TEXAS, OUR TEXAS! Our Booth!



MYOSITIS

SUMMIT at the SUMMIT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

9:00am until 4:00pm EXPANDED FEATURES

A Special HOMECOMING EVENT for ALL Myositis Patients of the Region

THE FABULOUS “SUMMIT” SENIOR CENTER
In Grand Prairie, Texas



2975 Esplanade, Grand Prairie, TX 75052

This very special meeting of our group, and others joining us, will feature Myositis Association personnel, specialists in their field.

Special guests will be providing the latest and up-to-date Myositis information, Great food, Door prizes, individual “break-out” sessions by interest.

And of course our usual support group share sessions by disease type and for our care-partners. MARK YOUR CALENDAR. This is a VERY SPECIAL EVENT planned.

COST PER PERSON OF THE MEETING: *Pay what you wish* to help defray the cost of administrative costs, postage, honoraria for our guest speakers, etc.

THIS SPECIAL DAY IS PLANNED JUST FOR YOU!

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!

In order to have enough food, provided for us by our meeting sponsors **CSI Pharmaceuticals**, please call, email, text, or write to Don and Sandi Parks and make your reservation. This very special “expanded” meeting has many aspects and will be a great opportunity for all. Parking is free and wheelchair accessible. Mark your calendar now, and make your

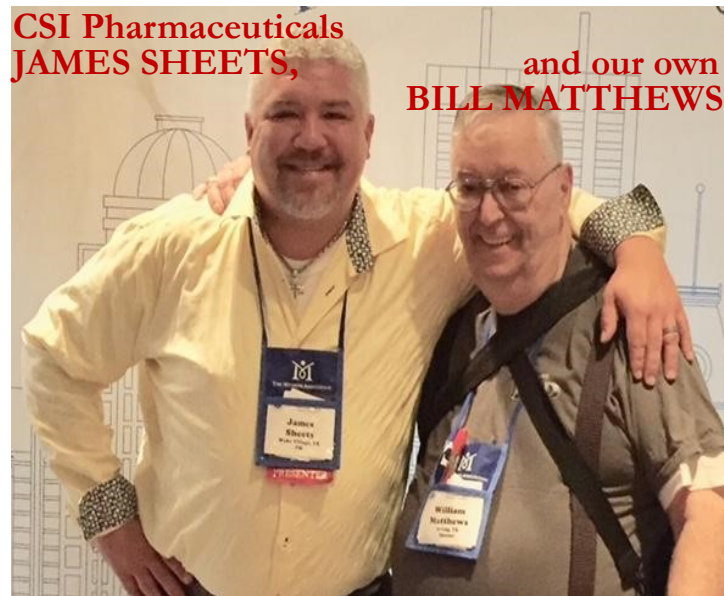
reservation today!

Don Parks singintune55@gmail.com (903) 926-4284

NEWSLETTER OF THE MYOSITIS SUPPORT GROUP OF NORTH TEXAS

Don and Sandi Parks, editors

TMA's Incoming Executive Director,
Mary McGowan



Please remember that this is YOUR group, not "that" group. YOU belong. By virtue of this common disease and daily challenges, you are the reason we travel alongside each other sharing in these ways. **We hope you will make every effort to attend the meetings** and to stay in touch via email, phone, or snailmail, keeping us up to date on yourself. We not only desire to be a major help to you, but also to those who assist you as caregivers and supporters. We know firsthand that our caregivers are our lifeline. We hope that you find the meetings helpful as well as the newsletters and other support material. We encourage you to visit www.myositis.org often, the official website of The Myositis Association, for information, tips, and links that will hopefully make dealing with the disease an easier thing to do. Please send us suggestions, information, personal helps to share, or anything that might be good to include in the newsletter. This group exists to serve you. So, come and be a part! It will help you!



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