

Michael Bray, whose mother has MS. After reading an article about Yorlano’s plans in the Atlantic City Press, Bray donated the proceeds from a wine dinner fundraiser to her campaign for the Great 8 ride.

Wolford had no direct experience with MS before beginning the ride, but she said the connections she made and the stories she heard have changed her outlook on Bike MS, the Society and people living with this disease.

“Biking in an MS event is no longer just about the thrill of riding and keeping track of the mileage, the time, etc.,” she said. “It’s now about raising awareness of the cause we are all trying to fight. Those with MS are no longer on the periphery of my world.”

# Community fundraising all-stars

Many thanks to all of our volunteer fundraisers who are helping create a world free of MS.



**Participants in the 20th annual Bertie’s Belt Sander Race**

**The 20th annual Bertie’s Belt Sander Race** raised \$6,136.65 while also raising awareness with a news story on WFMZ. The spirited event at Bertie’s Inn in Exeter Township attracted hundreds of racers as team members sat on belt sanders and raced

the length of a 50-foot track. Over the past two decades, this event has raised more than \$250,000 to create a world free of MS!

**The Pleasant Valley School District** raised \$1,454 through a “Staff Denim Day” in March. The fundraiser, facilitated by the Pleasant

Valley Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America and advisor Teresa Galicki, asked each staff member who wanted to wear denim to school on that day to donate \$3 to the National MS Society.

**Leslie Cardiello** raised \$273 through her book signing/reception/MS benefit to launch her new book, “Your Hair And You with Leslie Lou.” In addition to donating 20% of book sales for the day, Cardiello raffled off various prizes in her event at Kids Cuts in West Reading, Pa.

