National Multiple Sclerosis Society
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CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

September 10, 2010	CC:
2010 National Conference – Schedule Information	

The 2010 National Conference provides a unique opportunity for anyone and everyone who is a part of the movement to share, learn and be inspired. This year, the theme of the meeting will be 'We're Unstoppable'. Invite your leadership volunteers, team captains, fundraising champions, event committee chairs, community fundraisers and other volunteers to join us for three days of motivating general sessions and informative workshops.

The following information will provide a basic overview of the conference that will assist initial planning and travel.

When: November 10-12, 2010
Where: Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, Chicago, IL
Registration Fees:
All Attendees: $395
Children (12 years and under): $99
Guests for Wednesday Welcome Reception only: $50
Guests for Thursday Dinner and Clay Walker Concert only: $100

Preliminary Conference Schedule

Wednesday, November 10

7:30am - 8:00am - Executive Management Team Breakfast - By invitation only
8:00am - 3:00pm - Executive Management Team Meeting - By invitation only
11:30am – 1:45pm – National Board of Directors – Governance Committee Meeting – By invitation only
2:00pm – 4:00pm – National Board of Directors – Finance Committee Meeting – By invitation only
4:00pm - 5:30pm - Opening General Session for All
5:30pm - 7:30pm - Welcome Reception for All
6:30pm - 8:30pm - National Board of Directors – Chapter Relations

Committee - By invitation only
7:00pm – 9:00pm – Volunteer Hall of Fame Dinner – By Invitation Only
7:30pm – 9:30pm – Week Keep Moving Dinner – By Invitation Only

Thursday, November 11
7:00am - 8:30am - Continental Breakfast for All
7:00am - 8:30am - Region Council Meetings - By invitation only
8:30am - 9:30am - General Session for All
9:45am – 11:45am – National Board of Directors Meeting Part 1 – By invitation only
10:00am - 11:30am - Workshops
10:00am – 11:45am – Regional Meetings – By Invitation Only
12:00pm - 1:30pm - General Session - Luncheon for All
1:30pm - 3:00pm - Workshops
1:30pm – 3:45pm – New Chapter Chair Orientation – By invitation only
1:45pm – 3:45pm – National Board of Directors Meeting Part 2 – by invitation only
4:00pm - 6:00pm – 63rd Annual Meeting - Delegate Assembly of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - By invitation only (Please note meeting time may change)
6:30pm - 10:00pm - General Session for All/Celebration Dinner with Clay Walker Concert

Friday, November 12
7:00am – 8:30am – Chairs Advisory Council – By invitation only
8:00am – 9:30am – Continental Breakfast for All
8:30am - 11:30pm - New National Board of Directors Member Orientation – By invitation only
9:30am - 11:00am - Workshops
11:30am - 1:30pm - Closing General Session for All

Registration will open shortly; watch newssheets for more details. Meanwhile, questions can be directed to Ellen Penrod at ellen.penrod@nmss.org or 303 698-6100 ext 15104.

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September 10, 2010	**CC:** Development
Chapter President's Role in Golden Circle Conference Call Reminder	
Action Requested/Deadline: Register by September 13	

Conference calls are scheduled to prepare Chapter Presidents for their leadership role of growing and/or starting a Golden Circle Program in FY2011. The calls will focus on program implementation and integration, developing cross-functional teams, and engaging board members and volunteers in Golden Circle Committees.

These calls have been planned specifically for Chapter Presidents new to Golden Circle; Chapter Presidents involved in the 2010 Golden Circle Pilot Program are encouraged to participate in either one of the scheduled calls.

Plan to attend and register for your choice of the following scheduled calls:

Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 3:00 pm ET, 2:00 pm CT, 1:00 pm MT, 12:00 pm PT
to register for this meeting go to:
https://nmss.webex.com/nmss/j.php?ED=140268797&RG=1&UID=1044169317&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D

Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 12:00 pm ET, 11:00 am CT, 10:00 am MT, 9:00 am PT
to register for this meeting go to:
https://nmss.webex.com/nmss/j.php?ED=140268917&RG=1&UID=1044168967&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D

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	Programs & Services
September MSConnection Core Pages Postponed Until September, 27, 2010	

MSConnection core pages will be available on the Society Asset Management System (SAMS) on September 27. We postponed this issue (originally due 9/15) in order to include a complete report on the FDA decision regarding fingolimod, now called Gilenya, the first oral MS disease modifier. Here is the amended list of articles:

- An article for Newly Diagnosed on living **well** with MS—including links to resources on the Society's Web site.
- A personal story on how some things – like higher cholesterol levels – are not caused by MS.
- Information on applying for Society scholarships.
- * An update on oral MS drugs, including the FDA decision on Gilenya (fingolimod).
- A notice about Learn Online webinars on clinical trials.
- An interview with the head of Fast Forward about why MS research costs so much.
- A description of two current federal bills – the Part D Off-label Prescription Parity Act and the MS and Parkinson's Registry, telling why they are important to the MS community and how to take action.
- * An explanation of the Affordable Patient Care Act, pointing out what changes and what doesn't change this fall.
- A story about the advantages of gift annuities.

Two articles are starred (*). They are especially recommended for inclusion in your next **MSConnection**, unless your newsletter editor has planned local coverage on this topic. We hope this is helpful, and we apologize if the delay caused disruptions in your publication schedules. Please send any feedback about this edition to me.

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DEVELOPMENT

September 10, 2010	**CC:** Marketing
2011 Bike MS, Walk MS & Challenge Walk Vendor Marketing Materials Ordering Information	
Action Requested/Deadline: Sept through November	

The Society has partnered with several vendors to facilitate the ordering of 2011 event materials online directly from the vendor. Vendor sites are ready to take your orders. You will continue to receive discounted pricing based upon volume ordering quantities established with each vendor. The home office has provided these vendors with artwork that demonstrates the event branding, as well as consistency with the Society's core brand.

Please place your order between 9/13/2010-11/2/2010. You will receive discounted pricing if your order is placed with them ONLY during this period. Orders received by the vendors after these dates will be at the prevailing prices based upon your order quantity. Please contact the vendors directly if you have any questions about the vendor products and their return policy.

Walk MS and Bike MS medallions ordered from Marketplace must be ordered by 10/10/10 (please also see note about Resource Revival medallion orders below). They will be delivered no later than the end of January. All other items will be delivered to chapters no later than the end of December.

Materials:
Descriptions of all materials for the 2011 season are available on the vendor websites

Walk MS & Challenge Walk

- Walk MS Medallion – Marketplace **(order by 10/10/10)**
- Walk MS Alumni Lapel Pin – Marketplace
- Walk MS "I've Walked for _ Years" button – Marketplace
- Walk MS Champions Bandana– Marketplace
- Walk MS "Join me" Button– Marketplace
- Walk MS "Ask Me" Button– Marketplace
- Walk MS Team Captain Sticker– Marketplace
- Walk MS Top Fundraiser Sticker– Marketplace
- Walk MS Temporary Tattoo– Marketplace
- Walk MS Team Captain Lapel Pin– Marketplace
- Walk MS Pin Up Die Cut Sneaker – David Smith

- Walk MS Team Thermometer – David Smith
- Walk MS Cubicle Flag – David Smith
- Walk MS I Walk for Pin on – Electric City
- General Society Numbered Bib – Electric City
- Walk MS Banner-Banners on a Roll®
- Challenge Walk Banner-Banners on a Roll®

Bike MS

- Bike MS Medallion– Marketplace (order by 10/10/10)
- Bike MS Medallion-Resource Revival (2011 rides taking place before 6/30/11 will need to order by October 15th, 2010. Rides taking place after 7/1/11 will need to order by April 15th, 2011.)
- Bike MS Vinyl Wrist Bands– Marketplace
- Bike MS Temporary Tattoos– Marketplace
- Bike MS Century Sew on Patch– Marketplace
- Bike MS Team Captain Lapel Pin– Marketplace
- Bike MS Medal-Resource Revival
- Bike MS Commemorative Sew on Patch– Marketplace
- Bike MS Champions Bandana– Marketplace
- Bike MS Team Captain Sticker– Marketplace
- Bike MS Top Fundraiser Sticker– Marketplace
- Bike MS Sticker– David Smith
- Bike MS Cubicle Flag– David Smith
- Bike MS Pin-up Die Cut Bike– David Smith
- Bike MS Team Thermometer Poster– David Smith
- Bike MS Rider Numbers– Electric City
- Bike MS Frame Tags– Electric City
- Bike MS Luggage Tags– Electric City
- Bike MS "I'm Riding For" Pin on– Electric City
- Bike MS Rider Numbers– Electric City
- Bike MS Banner-Banners on a Roll®

Generic Marketing Materials (Society Logo for use with all events)

- Receipt Pad – Chapter Orders
- Contribution Forms – Chapter Orders
- 1 ½ inch Brochure Holders - Chapter Orders
- Double Brochure Holders – Chapter Orders
- Trading Card Holder (Society Logo) – Chapter Orders
- Orange, Yellow, Blue, Green Route Markers- Chapter Orders
- Society Orange Balloons - Chapter Orders
- Society Banners (18 x 18 or 24 x 24)-Banners on a Roll®
- "Join the Movement" Banner-Banners on a Roll®

Ordering & Vendor Information:

David A. Smith Printing (orders for 2011 should be placed in October-November 2010)
To purchase items from David A Smith Printing go to their website at: www.nationalmsstationery.com. On the home page of this site, click on your chapter name in the pull down memo then, click on the appropriate section to order materials. If you have any questions about these items, please contact Yvette Pickel of David A. Smith Printing at 800-564-3117.

Proforma Marketplace
To purchase items from Proforma Marketplace, go to their website at: www.marketplacems.com. On the home page of this site select the appropriate section to order materials. If you have any questions about these items, please contact Tony Rubino of Proforma Marketplace at 800-446-2215.

Electric City Printing
To purchase items from Electric City Printing go to their website at: www.nationalms.com. The username is your local zip code and the password is:ecprint7. On the home page of this site select the appropriate section to order materials. If you have any questions about these items, please contact Sandy Fetta of Electric City Printing at (800) 277-1920 Ext 148.

Resource Revival
To purchase items from Resource Revival, Eco-friendly Corporate Green Gifts and Event Awards made from Recycled bikes and receive special pricing for Bike MS medals and awards visit their website. Note: 2011 rides taking place before 6/30/11 will need to order by October 15th, 2010. Rides taking place after 7/1/11 will need to order by April 15th, 2011.

Banners on a Roll®
To purchase banners, go to http://bannersonaroll.com and click on "client login". Enter nmss and you will go to Society branded banners. You can also call 1-800-786-7411.

Chapter Orders
Generic Marketing Materials will continue to be ordered from NMSS Chapter Supplies Please check the Materials Catalog located on SharePoint (Office and Facilities Management—Chapter Supplies section) for order numbers, present pricing and minimum quantities. Email your order for generic items to Chapterorders@nmss.org or FAX your order to Chapter Supplies at 212-986-3911. Contact chpaterorders@nmss.org with questions about generic items. Generic items can be ordered throughout the year without any deadline. Orders for generic materials will ship approximately three days after receipt of your order. Orders for generic items can be placed year round without any order deadline.

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<u>Boundless Fundraising 2.0 – update on changes to Facebook</u>	

You may have seen this message on your or other's Facebook profiles: *Soon Facebook will no longer support profile boxes from applications.* Facebook's discontinuation of application profile badges means that Charity Dynamics has made significant changes to their Boundless Fundraising (BF) application: a version 2.0, which will be available for all BF users within the coming weeks.

Though Facebook has not announced an exact date for the deprecation of profile badges, I noticed that my Challenge Walk profile badge disappeared yesterday. Our organization's shift to BF 2.0 will occur on September 15, 2010. This upgrade will require no action from you or from participants who already have the application installed; BF will continue functioning properly for donations – pushing daily stream updates (on days when donations are made through BF). For new participants, adding the application will be exactly the same as it was when it was a badge, except there may be additional permissions required to be granted, and the application canvas page will have additional options (outlined below).

The benefits of this shift to 2.0 are significant – BF is no longer just a badge but an interactive tool which enables participants to express themselves and fundraise more effectively. BF has found that stream story links are the most effective means to drive traffic to participants' donation forms (and therefore to raise money); the majority of donation activity comes through stream stories, not by clicking on the profile badge (often the badge was not displayed above the fold). Stream stories feed to participants' Walls and to their Friends' News Feeds (their Friends' Home landing pages). The new features in 2.0 will increase the number of stream stories created by a participant, and all stream stories include a link to the participant's donation page.

Boundless Fundraising 2.0 features (available after September 15):

New Application Canvas Page: Available after the participant installs the BF 2.0 application (or for current BF users, after September 15) and accessible at any time by the participant. Displays three of the four new features implemented in version 2.0:

- **Donate Your Profile Picture:** updates the user's Facebook profile picture with the logo designed for your event which:
  1. Creates a stream story that participants' Friends see in their News Feed and on the participant's Wall.
  2. Increases the visibility of our event logos – participant activity within Facebook will show our logo instead of the participant's previous profile picture.
- **Get the Word Out:** Makes it easy for participants to post new stream stories to their Wall and to Friends' News Feeds. BF provides a few messages that participants can choose to use untouched, edit, or create their own message and post. In every case, a new stream story with a link to the donation page gets created.
- **Share Your Badge:** Establishes the application tab. With Facebook's change to remove all badges from the profile page, all applications now use a tab. The tab (titled with the event name) allows the user to view additional information provided by the application, such as the badge.*

Share Your Story: The fourth feature (displayed on an additional tab of the application canvas) – increases stream story postings and helps create a strong community amongst participants who describe why they choose to support the event and what it means to them.

*At this point the BF 2.0 tab will only display the badge that was previously displayed on participants' profiles. BF is conducting research on just how much traffic reaches the tab and is planning to surface additional content on the tab before the end of the year. They're considering such content as Share Your Story and multimedia.

Important:
In order for current BF users to access the new application canvas page (after September 15), they must log in to Facebook go to Account → Application Settings and click on the event application name. It is recommended that they bookmark this page in Facebook for easy access. Please feel free to use this language to communicate the recent Facebook changes and BF 2.0's features to your participants:

Subject:
Important announcement: Changes in your Boundless Fundraising application for Facebook

Hi [FIRST NAME]!

We want to let you know about some important changes that you will soon notice in your National MS Society Boundless Fundraising application for Facebook.

Facebook recently discontinued the ability for users to add new applications, such as Boundless Fundraising, to their Profile Wall. All new Boundless Fundraising installations began being added to a [EVENT NAME] profile tab. If you recently added the application, you most likely already see this tab on your Facebook page.
Facebook is currently moving all applications that live on users' Profile Walls to a tab – this means that your National MS Society event Boundless Fundraising badge will soon be moving to a [EVENT NAME] tab on your Facebook page.

If you haven't already done so, please take the following quick steps today:

1. Login to Facebook
2. Select Accounts/Application Settings
3. Scroll down and Select [EVENT NAME]
4. Select the "Add Profile Tab" option

Doing so will ensure that your badge continues to be available when Facebook rolls out this change.
We want to make sure that you get the most out of your fundraising efforts on Facebook and are excited to announce that you will soon see a new and improved version of the Boundless Fundraising application on your Facebook page that will include the ability to:

- Donate your profile picture to the logo of this year's [EVENT NAME].
- Send a stream story using the application that will include a link for your friends on Facebook to support you with a donation.
- Share your fundraising badge for the [EVENT NAME] on Facebook.
- Share your story with other participants of the [EVENT NAME].

In order to access these features, log in to Facebook, go to Account → Application Settings and click on [EVENT NAME] to view and use the new application canvas page.

We can't thank you enough for your support of the National MS Society, and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[EVENT NAME] Team

If your events are not yet utilizing Boundless Fundraising and would like to, or you have questions on your participants' current adoption rate or fundraising results, please contact Sarah Klein at sarah.klein@nmss.org. If you have technical questions about the upgrade to BF 2.0, please contact Beth Clark at beth.clark@nmss.org or 303-698-6100 x15126.

MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT

September 10, 2010	**CC:** All
September 2010: E-communications Update	

September National MS eNEWS
Send date: 9/16/10
Audience: Full List

The September National MS eNEWS will be sent on Thursday, September 16. Content includes a feature about the FDA's upcoming final decision on fingolimod (planned for Tuesday, September 21), as well as information about a recent study on MS progression that was funded by the National MS Society, the MS Society of Canada and others.

Research-themed E-fundraising Campaign
Send dates: 9/21, 9/23, 9/27, 9/28 and 9/29
Audience: ~800,000

This will be our final e-fundraising campaign for the 2010 fiscal year. Last year, this campaign raised more than $94,000, and this year's campaign goal is the same. Please note that to optimize results we have slightly altered the send dates, foregoing the 9/13 send and adding the 9/29 send. The 9/29 send will only be executed if we are significantly under goal.

As usual for our e-fundraising campaigns, a variety of promotions will be implemented on the national website, and outreach will be made via our national social media pages.

Notes
Individuals with a 'no email' classification on their Altair accounts will be suppressed, along with standard Direct Marketing Program excludes/suppressions. If you would like to review the updated Direct Marketing Program excludes, please visit the new Intranet: Development → FY09_Direct_Marketing_Overview_CD_Master_Exclude_Document.

The current Constituent Communications Calendar is also on the new Intranet: Marketing → Constituent_Communications_Calendar_FY10.

Contact Information

For editorial questions or suggestions regarding our National MS eNEWS, please contact Gary at gary.sullivan@nmss.org or 212-476-0538.

For questions about our online fundraising campaigns, please contact Sara at sara.dougherty@nmss.org or 303-698-6100 x15157.

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RESEARCH/CLINICAL UPDATE

	cc: Chapter President, Programs

September 10, 2010

Studies Examine How to Detect PML Brain Infection and Question Value of Tysabri "Drug Holidays"

New studies have been published on whether blood/urine testing can help to determine the risk for developing the brain infection PML (progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy) among people with MS taking Tysabri® (http://www.nationalmssociety.org/about-multiple-sclerosis/what-we-know-about-ms/treatments/medications/natalizumab/index.aspx, natalizumab, Biogen Idec and Elan Corporation) and question the effectiveness of suspending Tysabri dosing, or so-called "drug holidays." The series of papers are presented in the September 2010 issue of *Annals of Neurology*.

Background: Tysabri is approved for the treatment of relapsing forms of MS to delay the accumulation of physical disability and reduce the frequency of clinical exacerbations. Tysabri increases the risk of PML, an infection of the brain caused by the JC virus that usually leads to death or severe disability. According to information released by Biogen Idec, as of August 4, 2010 there have been 63 confirmed cases of PML among people who have used Tysabri after it became available for prescription in July 2006. Read more about PML and Tysabri (http://www.nationalmssociety.org/research/research-news/news-detail/index.aspx?nid=2308)

New Studies

Testing for JC virus DNA: Right now there is no test that can predict who is more likely at risk for developing PML while using Tysabri. Richard Rudick, MD (Cleveland Clinic Foundation) and colleagues published the results of a Biogen-sponsored study in which 12,850 blood and urine samples from 1,397 participants in Tysabri clinical trials were tested for the presence of the JC virus DNA, an indicator that the virus is active. JC virus DNA was found in four participants, and in none of the five people who eventually developed PML in this cohort. This approach is not likely to help predict PML based on these results (which were originally

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reported at European Committee for Treatment and Research in MS meeting in 2009). (2010;68:304-310, http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ana.22107/abstract)

JC virus antibodies: Leonid Gorelik, PhD, Meena Subramanyam, PhD and colleagues from Biogen Idec and Elan Corporation published results on a new blood serum test that would detect antibodies to the JC virus. (The presence of antibodies indicates that a person has at some point been infected by or exposed to the virus.) The team tested 831 serum samples from participants in Tysabri clinical trials, and found that 53.6% tested positive for JC virus antibodies. All 17 samples that were available from people who eventually developed PML tested positive. These results – which were originally reported at the American Academy of Neurology's 2010 meeting – warrant further research to determine whether this test will prove to be useful for making treatment decisions in the future. (2010;68:295-303, http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ana.22128/abstract) Read more (http://www.nationalmssociety.org/news/news-detail/index.aspx?nid=3247) about a new study of this antibody test that Biogen is conducting in 8,000 people.

JC virus after PML: Caroline Ryschkewitsch, MD, Eugene Major, PhD, and colleagues (National Institutes of Health) reported on a study of spinal fluid samples that were available from 35 people with MS treated with Tysabri who were diagnosed with PML with the help of tests conducted at their laboratories. The results show that, even after the individuals underwent blood-cleansing treatments such as plasma exchange or immunoadsorption, and after the patients experienced a condition called IRIS (immune reconstitution inflammatory syndrome), evidence of JC virus persisted in the central nervous system. In one case the virus was apparent three years after development of PML. The authors note that this finding might be critical for evaluating new neurological symptoms in people who have experienced PML, and may require periodic assessments of viral activity. (2010;68:384-391, http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ana.22137/abstract)

Tysabri holidays?: In light of the occurrence of PML and the difficulty in determining risk, many physicians wonder about, or implement, structured interruptions of Tysabri treatment – also known as "drug holidays," but there has been little research on their value. Joep Killestein, MD, PhD, Chris Polman, MD, PhD, and colleagues (VU University Medical Center, Amsterdam) followed 10 people for six months after they decided to discontinue Tysabri for a variety of reasons. At the end of six months, clinical relapse and new disease activity on MRI scans had occurred in seven. The authors note that this group had disease activity while on treatment previous to taking Tysabri, and recommend that in such patients in particular, discontinuing the drug without instating some form of disease-modifying therapy is not advisable. (2010;68:392-395, http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ana.22074/abstract)

Timothy West, MD, and Bruce Cree, MD, PhD, MCR (University of California, San Francisco) report similar findings from a retrospective review of medical records. Among 84 individuals who had received at least 12 infusions of Tysabri, 68 underwent an interruption in Tysabri

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dosing for various reasons. Of those, 27.9% (19 people) experienced clinical relapses within six months, seven of which were severe, with a large amount of new disease activity evident on MRI scans. None of those who remained on Tysabri without interruption experienced relapses. Of four people who received a disease-modifying therapy during the Tysabri interruption, none experienced increases in disease activity during the six months after stopping Tysabri. (2010;68:395-399, http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ana.22163/abstract)

In a letter to the editor, Joseph Berger, MD (University of Kentucky College of Medicine) and collaborators describe the recommendations of two expert panels that were convened – one by Teva Pharamceuticals and Sanofi-Aventis, and another by Bayer Healthcare – to address the consequences of discontinuing Tysabri and pursuant therapy options. The majority of both panels recommended initiating another disease-modifying therapy if Tysabri were to be stopped for more than two months, especially in people who had experienced high levels of disease activity before starting on the therapy, and in those people who had only a few infusions. The choice of next therapy should depend upon what was taken before Tysabri; there is no reason to think that a therapy that did not work before would have benefit post-Tysabri. They also agreed on the importance of a drug-free interval of 3 to 6 months in people switching from Tysabri to immunosuppressive agents, because there could be continued risk for PML. (2010;68:409-411, http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ana.22083/abstract)

Comment: This collection of studies adds to our growing knowledge about how Tysabri is best used as a disease-modifying treatment for MS. Additional research, which is now ongoing, may ultimately help minimize the risks associated with this therapy.

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