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**Subject:** July/Aug AzMNewsletter & Upcoming Activities



Welcome to our July/August edition of our [AzMNewsletter!](#) We have had a very busy and productive summer 2009 and are looking forward to a busy September, October, and November.

July 17-18, we held the [2nd Annual AzMN/Ft. Defiance Cancer Awareness & Advocacy Conference](#). Once again, more than 200 patients, family members, friends, caregivers, and medical personnel were present. The information about the conference, along with pictures, is on our web site at [www.azmyelomanetwork.org](http://www.azmyelomanetwork.org). You can also watch any of the seminars on our YouTube site at [www.youtube.com/user/ArizonaMyeloma](http://www.youtube.com/user/ArizonaMyeloma). At this conference, we introduced our Dine Breast Cancer Awareness Program/Training Program which is being sponsored through grants from the Komen for the Cure! Foundation and the Arizona Cancer Control Program. Also present at the conference was Laura Granberry of the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving. See the [agenda](#) for a list of the outstanding speakers.

It's [Spaghetti Supper time again at the Black Bear Diners](#) in the metropolitan Phoenix area! Black Bear Diner is a local corporate sponsor for many of AzMN's activities. This time, the dinner will be on Wednesday, September 16, from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. The price for a great dinner is \$9.99 and 75% of the proceeds will benefit AzMN. Bring your friends and support our sponsor!

Then on September 26, we will be putting on a [Tissue Donor Awareness Program \(TDAP™\)](#) at Glendale Community College in the Student Union Building. A panel of researchers, physicians, nurses, and others working with cancer patients will explain what you need to know so that you can help researchers find a cure. This program is free to the public and will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and meet these specialists. Please [register](#) as soon as possible as seating is limited.

Are you good at organizing teams to participate in a [5K Race/Walk for Hope!](#) AzMN will be holding a race on October 18th, a Sunday morning, starting at 7:00 a.m. at the Westgate Shopping Center. It will be inside so you won't be able to say it's too hot. There will also be a biker show sponsored by Thunder Roads Arizona Magazine. More information will be on our [web site](#) as it is available.

Our [5th Annual Charity Golf Tournament](#) will be held Saturday morning, November 7th, at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club, 7505 E. McCormick Parkway, in Scottsdale. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. At 12:30 we will have a barbecue lunch with a silent auction, a regular auction, and many raffle items. There will be prizes and lots of fun for all. This year, the sponsor of the Golf Tournament is the United Association of Pipefitters and Plumbers. There are still program ads, hole signs, and other sponsorships available. We are looking to fill

the course with golfers! A brochure with all the information is online at [www.azmyelomanetwork.org/files/2009AZMNGolfBrochure.pdf](http://www.azmyelomanetwork.org/files/2009AZMNGolfBrochure.pdf).

The golf tournament is our major fundraiser which allows us to provide all of our programs to the public at no charge. We bring in outstanding speakers who are dedicated to helping patients, their families and friends. learn more about myeloma and cancer in general so that they may have a better quality of life. The latest information on treatment options and research are presented at the conference by some of the top specialists in their fields.

We are also going "high tech" and joining social networking. We can be found on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home#/pages/Arizona-Myeloma-Network/118481599388?ref=nf>. We will be posting more information soon.

If it's not possible to attend one of our events, we are always happy to have [donations of raffle items, silent auction items, or regular items as well as monetary donations](#). We want to be able to continue our programs that we have been providing for nearly five years and expanding to other parts of Arizona.

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you or talking to you soon!

Sincerely,



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