

Spring 2006 Newsletter

Pictou County Prostrate Cancer Support Association

Mission Statement: To meet and share our prostate cancer journey with each other and provide support and friendship as we share our personal experiences.

Our Objectives:

awareness in Pictou County and area, * To promote prostate cancer
physical and psychological well-being of men who have cancer or who are * To improve the
cancer survivors, * To
provide support to men whose prostate cancer has reoccurred,
* To support prostate cancer research.

What better way to support this goal than by talking to our friends and then extending an invitation to attend our sessions.
Remember, the key word is "To Talk".

Soillse Clinical Outcomes Endowment Fund:

March 31, 2006

~At the third annual Gala Dinner, Frank Sobey announced a \$2 million research endowment, the Soillse Clinical Outcomes Endowment Fund, to investigate the side-effects and recovery of prostate cancer patients. Dr. David Bell, Deputy Chief of Urology for the Capital District Health Authority and Associate Professor of Urology at Dalhousie University will oversee the project. Dr. Bell received his MD at Dalhousie University in 1984. He has published over 25 scientific articles and 70 scientific abstracts and participated in over \$1,000,000.00 contract and research grants.

Milestones in Our Journey:

meeting: December 2001 First organizational
under the Societies Act of Nova Scotia: January 26, 2004 Incorporated
Registered as a Charitable Organization under the Income Tax Act:
January 10, 2005
First Annual Meeting: February 8, 2006
Board of Directors created: February 2006

Our Recent Accomplishments:

membership by 19 new members; In 2005, we increased our
members. we now have 72

We presented Prostate Cancer Awareness information to 600 individuals in 2005.

In 2004, we hosted a Gala Dinner at Summer Street Industries with 300 people in attendance; the guest speaker was Dr. David Bell, Associate Professor of Urology at Dalhousie University. In 2005 another 300 guests enjoyed guest speaker, Don Harron, "Charlie Farquharson". In 2006 Dr. David Bell returned.

We had a Fathers Day Dinner on June 19, 2005 at George MacKay's Conference Centre with 100 people in attendance.

We had a Pancake Breakfast held at the Atlantic Super Store on May 28, 2005.

A Patient Evaluation Committee was appointed; they developed procedures to be followed when a Prostate Patient applies for help to assist him in his transportation, lodgings and or drug costs.

A number of our members attended conferences, meetings and functions hosted by other support groups , such as: Brain Tumour Groups , Kidney Groups and social event put on by Michelin Tire, etc.

We developed a Flower Garden and erected a sign promoting Prostate Cancer awareness located opposite the Rotary Park just off the Samson Trail on the River Bank in New Glasgow.

We supported Jack Brill, who was our Nova Scotia representative on our National Body CPCN, in a run for Prostate Cancer held in Halifax June 5, 2005.

Murray Gardner attended the Canadian Prostate Cancer National Conference held in Toronto on August 7,8,9, 2005. At that Conference Murray was elected as the Nova Scotia representative on the Board of Directors at CPCN.

Race on the River 2005 ~ We entered a team called the Reefknots and we came second in our class. Our Prostate Group members took part in many other activities at the Race on the River.

Prostate Cancer Week September 18 to 24 ~ We set up a display table containing our Prostate Cancer Brochures in the Aberdeen Hospital.

A new Palliative Care Unit was completed in the Aberdeen Hospital and we donated \$12,000 for New Furniture and Equipment for the Family Room and Entrance.

In March 2006, we presented Nancy Archibald from the Canadian Cancer Society, Halifax, with a cheque for \$1000 to support the Lodge that Gives.