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First Annual Gong Show to Benefit DYF

Take a night off from diabetes and join us for the first annual Gong Show on Saturday, May 7, at 6 p.m. at the Greenwood Moose Lodge, 813 W. Smith Valley Road, in Greenwood, Indiana.

The evening is a celebration of the life of Norma Taulman, a mother, wife and child care provider who struggled with Type II diabetes for more than 15 years. After her death, her family wanted to remember and celebrate their mother's great love and affection for children. When the family learned about the mission of the DYF it was a perfect match. "We learned about the DYF from the website. We went out to the camp, we met the people and we knew we had found the perfect organization to support. Mom ran a childcare in her home for 53 years. When we say it's about kids, it is about kids," said Paula Barnes, co-chair of the Gong Show and the youngest daughter of Mrs. Taulman.



Norma Taulman

The evening begins with dinner from Carrabba's Italian Grill, followed by a rendition of the "Chuck Barris Gong Show," a popular "talent" show from the late 70s, known for such personalities as the Unknown Comic and Gene, Gene, the Dancing Machine. Each act is limited to four minutes and you must be 21 or older to enter. If you have talent, and especially if you don't, please consider signing up as an act. The entry fee is \$15 and includes a Gong Show t-shirt and dinner.

After the laughs comes the music of Matt Mason. Mason has opened for the Charlie Daniels Band and is a rising star in the Nashville music scene. Throughout the evening there will be oodles of door prizes, raffles and silent auction items including an autographed football from Colts running back Edgerrin James, an autographed photo from the Colts defensive end Robert Mathis, and an autographed, camouflaged, guitar from musician Ted Nugent.

Tickets are \$25, which includes Gong Show entertainment, dinner by Carrabba's, music and dancing. You must be 21 or older to attend. All proceeds from this evening benefit the Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana.

Even if you can't join us on May 7, you can still support this great event through the purchase of Memorial and Honor Lines in the evening's program book. They are \$25 each and a great way to honor and celebrate the ones we love.

For tickets, to register an act for the Gong Show, or to purchase a memorial line, please contact Paula Barnes at 317/783-3568 or 317/902-5048.

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Stem Cell Update by Dr. Sam Wentworth

It seems to be the theme of the twenty-first century: Stem Cells. They have brought much discussion and controversy -- even political speeches! Just what are stem cells? They are best described as "primitive cells" which are in the process of developing. There are two major types that are in the news: fetal and adult.

Special points of interest:

April 23—DYF Camp Clean Up, 10:00 a.m., Noblesville

May 7—Gong Show, Greenwood, 6 p.m., Greenwood

May 14/15—Family Camp Weekend, 1 p.m., Noblesville

May 20—Third Annual Celebrity Golf Classic, 10:30 a.m., The Fort, Indianapolis

June 11—4th Annual Eagles Poker Run and Hog Roast, Beech Grove

The stem cells that bring the most controversy are the fetal stem cells. They come after early divisions of the fertilized egg. This is done in a "test tube" in the form of artificial fertilization. The debate has centered on when is this a group of cells and when is it a fetus or an early baby. These cells are of great interest for they have not yet differentiated into any organ or tissue. It is hoped that they can be molded into whatever type of tissue desired with a lower immune response.

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The other stem cells, which are of research interest, are so called "adult stem cells." These are present in everyone's body with the purpose of replacing old cells. These are obtained from an adult and modified to the cell type desired. There is very little controversy about these stem cells for they do not involve the "when is there life" issue.

Two studies of major interest to Type 1 diabetics are taking place. One involves the replacement of white blood cells. It was found rather by accident that if the white cells are replaced, the blood sugars improved. The concept is that the Beta cells of the pancreas have been attacked by white blood cells (reason not completely clear) basically "killing" them off. This is how the classic Type 1 diabetic became diabetic. This Beta cell attack remains active even after the person develops diabetes. With replacement of the white blood cells, nothing is now attacking the Beta Cells. Then why did the sugars get better if the Beta Cells were already "killed?" It is felt that the ductile stem cells of the pancreas are always making new Beta Cells in everyone. In the Type 1 diabetic, these cells are destroyed as rapidly as they are made. These cells are able to make it through to function once the white blood cells are replaced. Human trials are pending. Problem: there is significant risk to a bone marrow replacement. This risk may be too high for most people with diabetes. One would probably still have to take immunosuppressive drugs.



The other study of major interest in this field comes from South America where a doctor took adult stem cells from a person with diabetes, converted them to Beta cells and gave them back to the same person. This patient is receiving no immunosuppressive drugs. This is exciting for it might mean that one could receive a Beta cell transplant without having to be on medications forever. There still is the factor of the white blood cells that really do not like Beta Cells. It is yet to be seen if the white blood cells will attack these new cells and, if they do, how long will it take to make a person diabetic again. Will it be possible to have your own personal Beta cell tissue culture at the hospital and only have to go in for a "fix" every, say, 18 months? Stay tuned!

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Make a Difference

The DYF is again offering three weeks of residential camp this summer because of the generous contributions of people just like you. The DYF is funded solely through donations. We need your support to help us continue to serve diabetic youth



throughout Indiana. Please help us continue and expand our camping program. All donations are appreciated and tax deductible. Checks can be made out to the Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana or DYF. The mailing address is 817 South Tibbs Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46241.

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Craft Items Needed

We need English Walnut shell halves and yarn scraps for crafts at camp this summer. Save the yarn scraps and the good walnut halves for us and bring them to any of the camp events.

Thanks for your help!

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Volunteers Needed

Do you like to plan special events?

Are you an Ebay junkie?

If so, then the DYF needs you. We are recruiting volunteers for various committees for our annual recognition dinner and silent auction. The dinner is held in November. We need help with silent auction items, corporate table sales, decorations and publicity. If you are interested contact Julie Shutt at 317-750-9310 or at dyfjulie@yahoo.com

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Russian Program Update

As most of you know, we have not had international campers in the last two years. However, there has continued to be a Winter Camp in Russia. It now serves about 120 Russian teens. The Russian government imposed a new rule called "Registration." This rule requires all foreigners to register in every town they stay in. It is a complicated and long process — too long for us to accomplish in the period of time we are there. It was for that reason that American involvement in the Winter Camp has been put on hold. We will continue to try to work out something to allow us to continue this exchange but no answers have come in time for this winter.

We are looking for some host families for the month of July. Requirements are minimal.

There will be some international Counselors In Training (CITs) this summer. We are looking for some host families for the month of July. Requirements are minimal: we want families with a teen at home and someone in the family with diabetes. Also time to do things — not necessarily exceptional things — with the guest.

The hosting period would begin July 2 and end about July 30. These dates depend on other potential summer activities for teens. If you are interested contact Dr. Sam Wentworth at dyfsam@earthlink.net soon!

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New Contact Information:

You can reach the new DYF Director, Julie Shutt, at 317-750-9310 or via email at dyfjulie@yahoo.com. The mailing address is 7311 Tousley Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46256.

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Upcoming DYF Events

April 23: DYF Camp Clean Up

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Boys and Girls Club Camp in Noblesville, IN.
Bring a sack lunch, cleaning supplies, yard equipment and tools and help us spruce up the Boys and Girls Club for camp this summer.

May 7: Gong Show

Greenwood, Indiana, 6 p.m.
See our cover article on this great, new fundraising opportunity for the DYF.

May 14 - 15: Family Camp Weekend

Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville. Check in begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday.
Cost is \$10 per person or \$50 per family. Please fill out the registration form and mail it back as soon as possible.
Click [here](#) to access the form online and for directions to the camp.

May 20: Third Annual Celebrity Golf Classic presented by the Double Q Foundation
10:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. at The Fort Golf Course, 6002 North Post Road, Indianapolis.

Proceeds from this event go to the DYF. For more information or to register call 317-508-2030 or go to www.doubleq.org.

June 11: Fourth Annual Eagles #4167 Poker Run and Hog Roast

712 Main Street, Beech Grove, IN.
More information on this unbelievable event is at www.dyfofindiana.org. All proceeds from this event go to the DYF.

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