

FootSteps...TOWARDS PROGRESS

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"Bustin' Through The Pain"

by Nancy Mabry

There's been some "hot" talk on the yahoogroups about a product with an odd name... PAIN BUST'R II... and 13 people have found some relief from their EM, including one remission, from using it. While this product was introduced to the subscribers of yahoogroups some time ago, not everyone had such good luck with it. Most recently, Joan Veldhuizen tried the cream and was amazed at the relief she got! It was instant! After using it a couple of times, she no longer has the terrible burning in her feet! This small miracle; prompted Joan to mention it to the yahoogroup subscribers again, and several others tried the product... including myself. And, although not everyone who used the product found the complete relief Joan did, it did help 12 others, including me!

Joan writes: "My EM is still much improved, after using Pain Bust'r in March. I did use it once again last week, since my "discomfort" level seemed to be inching up into the "pain" territory. But I have almost gotten used to the wonder of being able to walk barefoot onto a hot sunny cement patio, and feel nothing but a relaxation that reminds me of my carefree barefoot childhood summers. And without pain to distract me, I find myself noticing and enjoying the seasonal sounds, sights and smells of summer. Ah-h-h-h-h. I bless Christa and Pain Bust'r for restoring some of life's pleasures that I thought were gone forever. I hadn't realized that I missed them (it's been 17 years of EM), but now that they're back, I realize just how much sensation had been screened from my consciousness by the pain and anxiety of EM."

For about \$8.00 per tube, it may be worth a try . PAIN BUST'R II is an external analgesic containing Methyl Salicylate NF 17% and Menthol USP 12%. It is made in the USA by Continental Quest Corp. and can be purchased at Walgreens, or ordered online at <http://www.brucemedical.com/bms657.html> or call 1-800-451-5773.

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New Members



"Make new friends, but keep the old, One is Silver and the other Gold"

The following list is of the members that have newly joined since March 2001. This brings our membership to over 100 members. And, on this occasion, we would like to extend a great big hug of a welcome to them all!

Gay Cavanaugh, Joy Taylor, Wayne Carlson, Mrs. E.P. Naylor, Katherine Governale, Martha Stipp, Naomi Himmelwright, James May, Joanne Smith, Judy Higa, Susan Herrick, Anna Abbey, Jan Bower, Jackie Fox, Don Betherum, Jeanne Golden, Ann Nestor, Maxine Canier, Pat Kool, Robert Hawkins, Harold Dondis, Debra Frenzel, Jane Schwartz, Eva (Eve) Richardson, Helen Elam, Joyce Perkins, Peter Jepson, Christa Cleveland, Joann Stokowski, Renate Heinrich, Jayne Nicholl, Sarah Recordon, Emily Ferris, Jean Jeffery, Sam Manolito, Jan Clark

Welcome! We're glad you've joined us!!

T.E.A. for Two



This feature is the "get to know you" corner. Since we already know they have an association to EM, we try to avoid that topic and focus on meeting the special person instead. So, pour yourself a nice tall glass of decaffeinated iced tea, and enjoy meeting Wendy Baker and Nancy Mabry, two of TEA's Directors!

Meet Wendy Baker



"Here I am doing one of my favorite activities... feeding the ducks and geese. I go visit them at least once a week. We also have lots of pelicans and bald eagles. This is a wonderful place to live."

FootSteps: Tell us something about yourself that is special to your life. What is your favorite way to spend time?

Wendy: I relocated to Klamath Falls only 3 years ago from a large city (Portland, OR) and have enjoyed the life change so very much... It's very much like taking a city girl and dropping her in the country. My favorite activity is going for rides in the country area where I live. I love to look at nature, especially the spring time when there is so much new life with the baby animals all around. There are lots of deer in this area, and we like to drive through the park in town

where the deer just mingle with the people, it's incredible. I started this activity when I needed a distraction from my feet pain, and it has now become a great hobby. We also have many, many ducks and geese in Klamath Falls, and I feed them A LOT. In fact, I think they now recognize my car when I drive to the park! We enjoy the sunsets here that are awesome as the colors in the sky are such an intense purple and orange. I also love to read Biblical history, and have just started a series of books by Ellen Gunderson Traylor that recount biblical events through the eyes of different bible characters. Her writing takes you back and engulfs you with the culture and history of this time. I also enjoy my pets... I have 5 parrots and 3 cats.

FootSteps: Introduce us to your family, their names, ages, hobbies, sports, activities, etc.

Wendy: I am 47 years young and am married to a wonderful man that I met on the internet. We have been together for 4 years, married for 3 years. We had only been married for 3 months when neuropathy and EM reared it's ugly head. He has been such a pillar of support. And when I get afraid that I may have become too much of a burden he always has to remind me that he did not marry just my feet! I live in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Prior to my move to Klamath Falls, I lived in a very large city, Portland, Oregon, where I worked for a large regional bank for 21 years. My last position was Vice President of the Corporate Compliance Division, where my staff and I were responsible for government reporting of housing loans. The bank I worked for was bought and my job was eliminated unless I was willing to move to Minnesota...NO THANKS. I was offered a generous 2 year severance package and took some time off. From a previous marriage, I have a 20 year old son. My son is learning about the "real world", working, paying bills, and also finding time for his social life. He is a wonderful kid.

FootSteps: Tell us a little about your past, special skills, sports, hobbies, trips you've taken, or anything that you are glad that you did earlier in your life.

Wendy: I grew up in San Francisco and I guess you could say I was a "hippie". As I look back, it was great fun until the drugs became popular. But, I did love the culture change of the '60's, and had some wonderful times. I was a HUGE Beatle fan and saw them a couple of times, and I still have quite a collection of Beatle paraphernalia. My greatest trip was one that a friend and I took to Israel, as their history and culture are fascinating to me. We were able to see so many landmarks. We even got to take a small boat across the Sea of Galilee with a couple of young men... In fact, one of the men offered either one of us \$500.00 to marry him so he could come to the US! It was a fantastic trip.

FootSteps: Share a dream for the future.

Wendy: Certainly, my biggest dream would be that cures will be found for so many of these disabling and painful conditions such as EM and Peripheral Neuropathy. I believe that with the advent of gene therapy, we will see many advances in these areas. On a more personal level, my husband and I "dream" about selling everything and buying a motor home and just traveling around the country.

Meet Nancy Mabry

Nancy collects memorabilia and is pictured here in her "50's diner"... right in her home! Her husband Tim and two boys Josh and Jared are also pictured here .



FootSteps: Tell us something about yourself that is special to your life. What is your favorite way to spend time?

Nancy: The most important thing in my life is my relationship with God. If it weren't for Him, I don't know how I could handle EM! I am thankful that I'm still able to use my hands enough to draw. I love to do pencil drawings. My favorite subjects to draw are horses and lighthouses.

FootSteps: Introduce us to your family, their names, ages, hobbies, sports, activities, etc.

Nancy: I have been married to Tim for 17 1/2 years. He's the best! He's been so patient and understanding about my pain. It's frustrating for him sometimes because his job is to fix things. (He works on heaters and air conditioners.) He can fix anything . . . except my burning feet! We have two sons, Jared is 16 and plays the drums at our church. He loves to go, go, go! He's working on getting his drivers license and finding a pickup. Josh is 13, and prefers to stay home. He's really into the scouting program at our church and has earned a LOT of badges. He is also a great fisherman like Tim! I have one brother, Rick, who also is showing symptoms of EM. My parents live 2 hours away and my Mom is my very best friend!! I also have a Border Collie named Sheba and a Siamese cat named Tao.

FootSteps: Tell us a little about your past, special skills, sports, hobbies, trips you've taken, or anything that you are glad that you did earlier in your life.

Nancy: After I graduated from High School I worked for the elite law enforcement agency the Texas Rangers. (I'm not allowed to watch "Walker, Texas Ranger" with Tim because I'm always saying, "They can't do that!" "Rangers don't dress like that!" etc.) I used to have horses, and I loved riding them! That's probably the one love I've had ALL my life. I spent many birthday candle wishes on getting a horse before that dream finally came true. However, I no longer have horses, and I miss them. I'm also an Elvis fan and I love "I Love Lucy". I have a room in my house fixed up like a 1950's diner.

FootSteps: Share a dream for the future.

Nancy: My dream for the future is to be free of pain and then I think it would be cool to go on one of those wagon train trips down the Oregon Trail!! Although I'd settle for a horseback ride along the beach in Corpus Christi, TX where we travel to every Thanksgiving with my parents! I'd also like to get enough drawings done to exhibit them and sell some. I should be able to do that now that I am officially "unemployed" (The Christian school I've been working at is closing so I'll be home schooling my sons next year.)



Virtual Board Meetings?

Every month, the 9 TEA directors hold a traditional type of meeting in a very non-traditional way... by "virtual meetings." While Robert's Rules of Order are observed, the meeting takes place over 5 days, beginning in the 2nd full week of each month. The meeting is "called to order" on a Monday, an agenda followed, discussions heard, new business proposed, votes taken, and by Friday, the meeting is concluded and minutes summarized for acceptance. Whew! By the time everyone sends or receives emails back and forth, it's a tight schedule to finish on time by Friday. We have only held two of these types of meetings thus far in 2001, and the system seems to be working rather well.

For those members who would like to become more involved in the board's proceedings, the summaries from the first two meetings of 2001 are provided for you at the end of this newsletter.

Donors are True Blessings

The EM Research Fund is blessed with several "angels." These generous folks have given freely to the fund over the last few years, bringing the total up to over \$32,000. We'd like to thank those who have donated to the Fund, and tell you how very much you are appreciated. A solution to erythromelalgia is in sight thanks to your generosity, and we are all grateful to you.

The family of Betty Bowen, has created a memorial fund in Betty's name. To date, the fund has collected \$715 to be dedicated to the TEA Research Fund. What a loving and thoughtful way to remember Betty. TEA thanks those who have given to Betty's fund, and especially to Betty's daughter, Sue, and husband Robert Wheeler, for creating the fund.

The following people and organizations have donated to our research fund:

1999

Amy Costanza
Ben Goble
Bridget Tietz
Faith Payne
Heidi Grein
Helen Nelson
James Read
Jane Rainier
Joan Veldhuizen
Marianne Schwartz
Marsha Turney
Mary Baalrud
Mary El-Khadem
Masa Okabe
Milton LeCouteur
Patricia Rusch
Peter Clark
Raymond Salza
Shirley Thatcher
Vivian Kammerer

2000

Barbara Schmidt
D. Gonsalves
Dale Brower
Della Noonkester
Dianne Hunt-Mason
Doris Cunningham
Edith Kylo
George Brabb
Herbert Mansmann
James Read
Joan Veldhuizen
John Hicks, MD
Kiersten Kress
Lex Trelford
Lois Mavsar
Margaret Hennessy
Margaret Wells
Marianne Schwartz
Marsha Turney
Pat LeVasseur
Peter Clark
Robert Mann

2001 Through May Only

Amy Costanza
Barbara Ellerbeck
Barbara Ellerbeck
Barbara Schmidt
Betty Bowen Memorial Fund
Carol Baker
Christa Cleveland
Deborah Mosarski
Don Betherum
Donnis Sakran
Doris Cunningham
Frances Sturtz
Furman Mayberry
Harold Dondis
James Simons
Jim Lubitz
Joan Veldhuizen
John Hicks, MD
Kirk Hull
Lawrence Batlan, MD
Margaret Edelson
Marianne Schwartz
Marilyn Darnell
Marilyn Wade
Mary El-Khadem
Nancy Mabry
Pat Kool
Pat LeVasseur
Paul Isacoff
Peter Clark
Phyllis Vanderbossche
Phyllis Wilson
R.D. Hawkins
Raymond Salza
Roberta Libby
Shirley Thatcher
Simon Salinas
Terence McManus
Theresa Miller
Tom Roe
Viola Tumiel
Wendy Baker
Willene Domenichelli


Many of our members give of themselves in many ways... some with financial donations to our research fund, and some of their time and efforts. We would be very amiss if we were to overlook thanking those who have given in ways incalculable in monetary terms, yet invaluable in much needed supportive terms. The special people in this category include those who are volunteers on the TEA Board, moderators of the EMyahogroups, and many others who freely offer their help to all of us. Uncountable hours have been generously given by these "troopers" who freely donate their time to making sure the cause of bettering our life with EM has a better chance to be a reality.



TEA wishes to thank all of those who have given so kindly, and to express our sincere appreciation in the ongoing support towards a better understanding and life with this condition.

*It's a vision we can truly see...
research for erythromelalgia.*

Hot Flashes!



..."hot tips" and news items just for us "EM'ers!"

A Bond That Never Ends

Under any other circumstance
Our paths may not have crossed
It's fate I found you when i did
Before you, I was lost

Since our keyboards joined us
And EM made us friends
We've shared a very special bond
A bond that never ends

Sure, friends and family love me
But they don't have a clue
When I need REAL understanding
I 'bear' my soul to you

My burning pain you don't question
To them it makes no sense
Only you know what it is to grieve
The things in life I miss

When EM separates me
From those in my own home
I reach for you across the miles
You share my "all alone"

My heart aches when you're
hurting
When I need you, you are there
You possess my heart like kinfolk
Though blood nor name we share

If I don't chance to meet you
Before this life is through
Just look for me in Heaven
I'll be looking there for you

With our new pain free bodies
We'll FOREVER live as friends
For we shared a special bond on
Earth

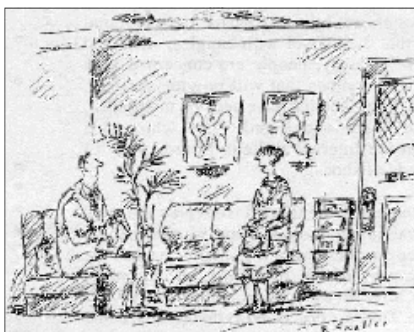
A bond that never ends
by Janice De Vore-Robinson

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE

DUE: A lot of our TEA members renew their yearly membership dues at this time of the year, so if you're one of our Summer-Time Friends... It's Summer! so,...send 'em in! The fee is still \$15 per year and can be paid by check, money order, or by using our new

LIGHTEN UP!

Send in your poems, jokes, stories, anything that can lighten up our day.



It's a real rare disease, it doesn't have a cure. It doesn't even have a spokesperson."

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NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP....

(MY PRAYER:)

Now I lay me down to sleep
I pray, Thee, Lord, my soul to keep
PLEASE let me DIE before I wake
This chronic pain I can not take

(HIS ANSWER:)

I'll call you home to be with Me
And, in My house you'll be PAIN FREE
But, to suffer not, you'll have to wait
I KNOW the pain that you can take

Child, dry your eyes, your soul I'll keep
But, I'll not take you in your sleep
Although it's hard to understand
Your PAIN'S a part of My Great Plan
by Janice DeVore-Robinson

CHANGING OF THE GUARD...

The EMyahogroups has a new moderator! Doris Cunningham has stepped into Jim Read's position of owner-moderator of the EMyahogroups and is the person to see if you need help with anything for the message service. Second in command, and in charge of helping people get connected to the service is Karl Granat. We welcome both to their new positions and wish them a hearty *thanks!* for taking on this large, and time consuming task. And, a big *Thanks!* goes to Jim Read for his time and effort in starting the EMyahogroups, and moderating it all for these past many years.

Jim's co-moderator, Amy The is also stepping aside and we all have appreciated her moderation of the EM-CHAT service. You all are just "the bees knees" to us for your dedication and support to all of us suffering from EM... the EMyahogroups is an amazing and very important resource to all of us.

..so, until next time,
Take one "FootStep" at a time, and you're sure to make progress!

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APRIL BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 2:24 pm MST, on April 9, 2001. In attendance were: Wendy Baker, Karl Granat, Milt LeCouteur, Nancy Mabry, Lennia Machen, James Read, Ray Salza, and Amy The. The agenda began with one item, the Communications Proposal, up for discussion and vote, and several reports to be filed. Following is the result of our meeting:

1. The Communications Proposal. Lively discussions revealed a few minor adjustments needing to be made in the proposal in order to accept the entire document into the TEA Bylaws. The discussion included the following in no particular order: Milt suggested that for clarification we define TEA members as "members" and yahoo group participants as "subscribers." This idea was heartily acceptable to all, and will become a suggested clarification definition. It was noted that the function that Karl provides to the new contacts by helping them become subscribed to yahoo groups, is very important and should be continued. Discussions also revealed concerns over the information contained in the packet of information given out to all new contacts or requestors (item 5). Another sub-topic visited was the need for more benefits being needed to offer TEA Members over that of a new contact or subscriber to yahoo groups in order that TEA Membership continues growing. Milt and Karl will be looking into this project and have plans to make some changes (more on this will be forthcoming). Ray expressed his desire to research and find a better business model that would be a suitable fit to TEA's needs, to better support our directions and goals and thus implementing them for our future as an important organization (He plans to look into this once the huge task of the NORD Membership process is completed). Jim has indicated that in trying to answer the questions of TEA's liability in the event of bad information given from subscribers of yahoo groups, would the TEA Board be liable if we continue to hold moderator's positions, he has asked an attorney to look into this concern (he is planning on reporting back to us when he hears any news on this). Some of the items in the proposal are already in place, such as item 2, the mailing list, and not using the yahoo groups as an official TEA forum, so there was really no discussion on this item. The information in item 3, the disclaimer for the website, is already contained in the home page of the website. Therefore, a rearrangement of the wording, and forming it into the desired disclaimer should be considered immediately (Lennia will report back on the progress of this action item when accomplished.) Plans are also underway to explore the betterment of search engine listings for the TEA website (more will be forthcoming on this also.) Item 4 outlines the need for an identifying disclaimer to be included into TEA Directors' messages when writing to the subscribers of yahoo groups. This item has not been fully developed as yet and needs to be, before our next meeting, thus leaving this an open action item. (... any takers? Jim?) While the discussion focused on some of the finite details of the wording and definitions, the overall proposal was generally accepted. At the end of the meeting, two motions were made and seconded in dealing with the processing of the proposal: (1.) to postpone said item for vote after revisiting some of the points and issues that were revealed from the discussions, and, (2.) to vote acceptance on items 1, 2, 3, and 5, as-is. The voting came out to defeat both motions, due to a lack of the majority number of 5 votes needed to pass. Conclusion: the item will remain on the agenda as an open item, for the next meeting.

2. Reports. Reports were requested and filed by the following Directors:

The Secretary/Treasurer's Report from Milt is as follows::

OPERATIONS INCOME & EXPENSES from January 1, 2001, through April 11, 2001

Jan. 1	Beginning Operations Budget Balance	\$1,446.95
April 11	Income from Jan. 1 through April 11	1,061.00
April 11	Expenses from Jan. 1 through April 11	(-)306.34
April 11	Operations Budget Balance	\$2,201.61

RESEARCH FUND INCOME & EXPENSES (Jan. 1 through April 12, 2001)

Jan. 1	Beginning Research Fund Balance	\$15,356.14
April 11	Income from Jan. 1, through April 11	4,120.15
April 11	Expenses from Jan. 1 through April 11 (Purchase of deposit slips)	(-) 19.50
April 11	Research Fund Balance	\$19,456.79*

*In addition, as of April 1, 2001, NORD has in escrow for EM \$7,850.00. Therefore, the total Research Fund balance is \$27,306.79.

MEMBERSHIP & RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF APRIL 11, 2001

Memberships from 2000 still valid. (April 11-Dec. 31)	51
Memberships since Jan. 1, 2001	66
Total	117

Research Contributions in 2000 (Jan-Dec.)	29
Research Contributions in 2001 (through April 11)	35

NUMBER OF CONTACTS COMPARED TO MEMBERSHIPS, AND EMAIL VS. NON-EMAIL

As of April 11, 2001

Total contacts	393	Memberships	117	Membership %	=30%
Number of contacts with email	299	Memberships with email	70	Membership %	=23%
Contacts without email	94	Memberships without email	41	Membership %	=44%

3. **EMyahoogroups:** Karl reports there are 172 subscribers at this time and increasing steadily. Jim reports that he has asked Doris Cunningham to take over the moderator's job and she has agreed.

4. **NORD MEMBERSHIP:** Ray filed a detailed report on his progress of applying for membership with NORD. Their Spring Meeting is coming up soon and he expects to be busy making sure TEA will be well represented with our application. (continued next page)

(April Meeting Notes, Cont.)

Some notable business items that were not discussed, yet currently new to TEA recently, are:

1. The credit card acceptance project has been concluded by the arrangements with "helping.org," and TEA can expect to be receiving payments that way any time. Ray is our official Account Administrator, and Milt the public contact. (Thanks, Ray and Milt! What a wonderful addition to our benefits in TEA.)
2. The newsletter is more full than ever, of informative and fun items thanks to Wendy and Nancy's help in finding topics and writing articles, Thanks to you both.
3. Ray, Milt and Jim were co-authors of the Communications Proposal that was presented at this month's meeting... Great Job!, the many hours you all put in on this project is truly appreciated by everyone. What is remarkable about this is that this was one of the first full proposals that has been presented to be amended into the TEA Bylaws. This is an important step forward into defining, and refining, the way TEA will be operating. Hopefully our Directors will continue to take on the challenge of fine tuning our methods of doing business... this hard work in our beginning years will undoubtedly be greatly rewarded in our future operations as TEA grows.
4. Dr. Jay has received a letter from Dr. Kushnir of Israel asking for our help in spreading the word on a cooling garment he sells... the significance of this is that he is another doctor who has come to us - rather than the other way around. TEA is becoming the world's leader in dealing with EM.

The meeting was called to a close, at 11:21 am MST, April, 14, 2001.

MAY BOARD MEETING

The second virtual meeting of the TEA Board of Directors was called to order on Monday, May 14, 2001, at 9 am, MST. Present at the meeting were: Lennia Machen, Wendy Baker, Milt LeCouteur, Jim Read, Amy The, Nancy Mabry, Ray Salza, and Karl Granat. The agenda began with two items up for consideration, and reports to be filed. Following is the result of our meeting:

1. **The Communications Proposal.** This item was held over from the previous meeting in April, and is still remaining on the agenda for June. Many items contained in the proposal have been addressed between the April and May Meeting but one item remains to be completed, the personal disclaimer.
2. **A Vacant Board Seat.** This item brings so many mixed feelings! It's very hard for the president of this group to bid farewell to one of the founding fathers of TEA. Karl Granat, as you all know, will be leaving his board position as of June 1st. As we all bid him a very fond farewell from his post, we encourage him in the taking on of the position of "new contacts person" for the yahoogroups, and, still for TEA. Karl will be remaining in the position of Moderator for yahoogroups, and still helping TEA direct and help new contacts. Bless your heart, Karl, you may never know how many lives you are not only touching, but truly making a life-changing difference in! Business-wise, on this issue... a motion was proposed to decide on filling the vacancy within the next 3-4 months or to leave it vacant until the next general election. The vote was unanimous, of those in attendance, to fill the post within the next 3-4 months. See the message at the top of this letter for the actions assigned and needed.
3. **Reports Filed, Items Discussed**
 1. Ray reports that the NORD application is filed and awaiting their Spring Meeting on May 21st. We will hear more later on this. Thank you Ray, this was a huge task, and we all surely appreciate your efforts in filling out all 38 pages!
 2. Milt has reported that: "In addition to the 2001 memberships of 81; there are about 35 from the year 2000 whose anniversary date falls after May 13, 2001. Therefore a total of 116 members at this time. Balance in our account is: \$2,396.17. TOTAL Research Fund to date: \$20,310.91 plus NORD \$7,850.00. Total \$28,160.91." Thanks, Milt. The growth of TEA is a great encouragement to us all.
 3. Jim has reported that the "keys" to the yahoogroups have officially been handed to Doris Cunningham. Amy and Milt have given up their spots too. Wendy has been very busy with family needs and I haven't heard from her on this issue as yet (unless she has told me, and I have forgotten! Which is entirely possible.)

Notable items not discussed at the meeting:

1. Milt is in contact with Dr. Kvernebo about the possibility of meeting with him about EM issues. More information to follow soon.
2. Milt received our TEA information from our website via Blue Cross, through a new contact. This means TEA is becoming a contact point for other interests than just the EMer's seeking help. Cool, huh?
3. Jay is still working very hard on his latest projects and was not able to attend this month's meeting, yet, he will have the article on Magnesium and EM soon. Thanks for all your heard work Jay! You're a gem to keep us in your schedule.
4. Web site: I have recently gotten us listed in more search engines, and am hoping that the results will begin to show. Ray has done a preliminary bench-mark test on our placement in the listings and will let us know how it progresses. Anyone with some time on their hands, please feel free to "exercise" our web listing... the more the search engines have to find "The Erythromelalgia Association," the more "hits" we get to our name, and that puts us higher on the list. Also, the new disclaimer needs to still be added to the site soon. (Anyone having ideas on the content of the site, please let me know!! The help is greatly appreciated.) The library on the Member's Page is always in need of input, so if you have articles, send the links or articles in to me and we'll get them in the library. The password to the Member's Page will be changing soon, watch for it in an announcement.
5. Newsletter. Another issue will be coming out soon. Anyone with information, please submit it to Wendy, Nancy, Amy, or Lennia.
6. Misc/new business: I have asked Ray and Milt to clarify the language of our liability coverage for us so that we can have a clear understanding of our positions here. This clarification will be added into our TEA records for future reference. More on this later.



Correction!!! Last issue, the Footsteps Editor, ...Me made a big mistake in the article about losing some of our dear friends, Ben Goble and Audrey Schwartz. The mistake was that I had written that Marianne Schwartz was Audrey's daughter. While they share the same last name, there is no relation. Please accept my apologies for my error, I hope to have not caused any confusion or problems. While we are indeed saddened that Audrey is no longer with us, we are overjoyed that Marianne is still an active and valued member of TEA.