

# MG COMMUNICATOR

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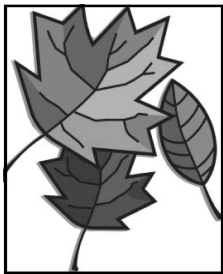
## Hoon Open 2009

The 16 teams who joined us August 8th for the 19th Annual *Hoon Open* Golf Outing were not afraid of a little (or a lot) of rain. For the first time in 19 years, we had to call the event early due to weather, but not before we were able to raise a profit of over \$6,000 for Myasthenia Gravis!

A huge round of applause goes to the Hoonhorst family of volunteers who helped make this event successful in spite of the inclement weather. With enthusiastic volunteers like these, we are already looking forward to a sun-filled, successful event in 2010!

**THANK YOU** to our 2009 *Hoon Open* Sponsors for contributing a combined total of \$4,540, especially to our Luncheon Sponsor: Eenhoorn, LLC.

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Before the downpour!

We would like to give special thanks to Fred and Gloria Hoonhorst for 19 years of dedication to organizing the *Hoon Open* and Mary Beth Cole-Nyenhuis for her continued work planning this fundraiser.



Al Green's team outlasted the rain.

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- double vision
- drooping eyelids
- slurred speech
- difficulty chewing and swallowing
- weakness in arms and/or legs

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**FROM THE DIRECTOR**

Greetings,

The holiday season is upon us. A time for gathering with family, friends and loved ones to share in celebration and gratitude for the blessings in our lives. We invite you to join us in Grand Rapids on December 14th for our holiday party as well, so please contact the MG Office to participate in this festive occasion!

We at the Great Lakes Chapter are grateful for the members, friends and volunteers who remain dedicated in supporting the activities of the Foundation. From office volunteers to fundraiser and support group attendees to those who send in Spartan UPC labels, we are thankful for every person who takes a moment to help us maintain our services in Michigan.

One important way you can contribute is to participate in our Annual Fund Drive. No donation is too small! Every dollar helps ensure that we can continue answering new patient calls, providing educational materials, organizing support groups, promoting MG awareness and ultimately realizing our vision of *A World Without Myasthenia Gravis!*

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season,

Jaime Sheppard  
 Executive Director

**Celebrate Christmas with the GLC!**

The Great Lakes Chapter Christmas Party is Monday, December 14th at 6:00pm in Grand Rapids, MI.

Join us for food, entertainment and sharing the holiday spirit. The catered meal is \$11 per adult and \$7 per child (children under 4 eat free).

Contact the MG Office for more information or to RSVP!

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# Michigan Teamsters donate over \$4,000 to the Great Lakes Chapter

For the second year, The Michigan Teamsters Joint Council #43 has organized a Charity Golf Outing. This year, at the suggestion of MG patient and Teamster member Bill Bernard, they chose to donate the proceeds to the Great Lakes Chapter.



L-R: Bill Black, Bill and Beverly Bernard

Bill Black, Legislative Director of the Teamsters Joint Council #43, invited us to join them on August 1st at Boyne Highlands to recognize our Chapter as the Charity Golf Outing proceeds recipient. What a warm welcome we received! We were touched by the enthusiasm and support they showed for our cause.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Michigan Teamsters Joint Council #43 for their generosity. On December 4th, they will be presenting the Great Lakes Chapter with a check for over \$4,000 raised in honor of Bill Bernard to help us continue offering services to the MG patients in Michigan.

## THANK YOU to the 2009 Hoon Open Golf Outing Sponsors!

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