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# Local News: EXTRA! EXTRA! LIFE is Going Electronic!

Beginning in 2008, LIFE, the newsletter of the American Liver Foundation Wisconsin Chapter, will arrive to your e-mail address. Don't miss out on receiving the latest news on liver disease, Wisconsin Chapter news and other exciting information.

To be sure you don't miss even one edition of LIFE, please send your e-mail address to [infowi@liverfoundation.org](mailto:infowi@liverfoundation.org) or call **1-888-WI-Liver (1-888-945-4837)**.

LIFE also will be available online at [www.liverfoundation.org/chapters/wisconsin](http://www.liverfoundation.org/chapters/wisconsin).

In this edition of LIFE, we have made it easy for you to know what is scheduled "at a glance" for 2008 with our tear out calendar (pg.7). We hope that you will be able to join us for the many events, programs and support groups that we have to offer.

This year promises to be an exciting year for not just the WI Chapter but for ALF as an organization. We look forward to new leadership (pg 4), new ideas and new opportunities to educate and support those in our nation-wide liver community.

The Wisconsin Chapter appreciates the continued support we receive from all over our great state. With over 500,000 people affected by liver disease in Wisconsin, your continued support is crucial to the those affected by liver disease, those who are at risk of liver disease and to the general public, who need to be educated about liver disease.

• **If you would like to learn about the volunteer opportunities at the Wisconsin Chapter, contact us at [infowi@liverfoundation.org](mailto:infowi@liverfoundation.org).**



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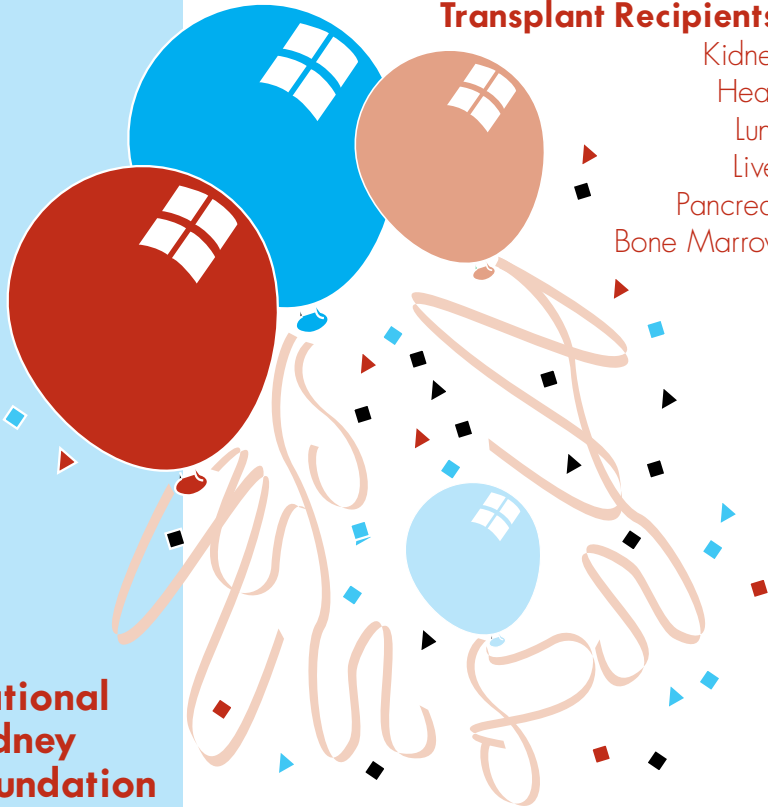
## U.S. Transplant Games

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## A Face of Liver Disease – The Tucker Schoenecker Story

In life, we all have our own obstacles to overcome. But since being diagnosed with \*Auto Immune Hepatitis five months ago, Tucker Schoenecker has not let living with liver disease get him down.

Tucker, 69, is a man that many of us may know, but for different reasons. For one, he's a successful entrepreneur with strong ties to Wisconsin, having raised a family and built a business in Milwaukee. But even if his name doesn't ring a bell for you, Tucker may not be a man unlike yourself or someone you know. He is a high-energy person who enjoys traveling and experiencing the world, from the beach all the way to the boardroom. And he's learning to do all this while living with liver disease.

Auto Immune Hepatitis has impacted Tucker in many ways, but it is a disease that he is learning to live with. "I have been very lucky to have an excellent doctor, Dr. Kia Saeian at Froedtert Hospital, who has helped me cope with my diagnosis," says Tucker.

Tucker will continue his fight against liver disease. His willingness to share his experience is one way he is "giving back" and not letting liver disease control his life.

### **\*What is autoimmune hepatitis?**

Autoimmune hepatitis is a disease in which the body's own immune system attacks the liver and causes it to become inflamed. The disease is chronic, meaning it lasts many years. If untreated, it can lead to cirrhosis and liver failure.

There are two forms of this disease. Type 1, or classic, autoimmune hepatitis is the more common form. This is the form that primarily affects young women and is often associated with other autoimmune diseases. Type 2 autoimmune hepatitis is less common and generally affects girls between the ages of 2 and 14.

For more information on autoimmune hepatitis go to [www.liverfoundation.org](http://www.liverfoundation.org).

The information contained in this newsletter is provided for information only. This information does not constitute medical advice and should not be relied upon as such. The American Liver Foundation (ALF) does not engage in the practice of medicine. ALF, under no circumstances, recommends particular treatments for specific intervals and in all cases recommends that you consult your physician before pursuing any course of treatment.

# University of Wisconsin Links High-Carb Diets to Liver Gene

Adapted from ScienceDaily (December 5, 2007)

Research being conducted at the University of Wisconsin Madison has linked waistline growth on high-carb diets to a liver gene called SCD-1. A team led by biochemistry and nutritional sciences professor James Ntambi reports mice gained weight on a diet laden with carbohydrates. The gene encodes the enzyme SCD, whose job is to synthesize fatty acids that are a major component of fat.

When the scientists fed a starch and sugar-rich diet to mice lacking SCD-1 in the liver, the extra carbohydrates were broken down rather than being converted into fat and stored - keeping the mice skinny. Meanwhile, control mice with normal gene activity grew plump on the same food.

"It looks like the SCD gene in the liver is responsible for causing weight gain in response to a high-carbohydrate diet, because when we take away the gene's activity the animals no longer gain the weight," says Ntambi. "These findings are telling us that the liver is a key tissue in mediating weight gain induced by excess carbohydrates."

The results could have implications for stemming the skyrocketing obesity problem in people, Ntambi adds. He explains that people pack on pounds in two ways, one of which is to eat extra fat, which then accumulates in adipose, or fat, tissue. But the main cause of weight gain is excess carbohydrates, because they trigger the body to produce new fat.

Blocking SCD's action in the liver could therefore offer another means to help people lose weight, Ntambi says, especially since obese people appear to have higher levels of the enzyme than do thin people.

"We think that obese individuals, in general, may have higher SCD activity in both the liver and in adipose tissue," he says. "So, they may have a higher capability of converting carbohydrate into fat."

High-carbohydrate diets have become exceedingly common not only in western nations but also in the developing world, as sugary ingredients like high-fructose corn syrup have crept into all sorts of processed

foods, including soft drinks, baked goods, condiments - even supposedly healthy items like low-fat, fruit yogurt. What Ntambi's team has now demonstrated is how those diets can act directly on a gene to boost fat synthesis and storage.

"This is a very good example of a diet-gene interaction," he says.

Ntambi thinks what's happening is that in the absence of SCD, the liver has no way to convert surplus carbohydrates into fat, causing the body to break them down instead.

The current study builds on previous work, in which Ntambi and his colleagues created mice that lacked SCD-1 everywhere in the body, including the liver, muscle, brain, pancreas and adipose tissue. No matter how much they ate, the mice didn't gain weight on either a high-fat or a high-carbohydrate diet. "But it was very difficult to tell which tissue was responsible for the effect," says Ntambi.

To tease this out, he and his colleagues subsequently bred mice that lacked SCD-1 in the liver only and placed them on either a high-fat diet or a high-carbohydrate, low-fat one. Much to their surprise, the mice on the high-fat diet gained weight just as quickly as normal, control mice.

"This suggests that in weight gain induced by a high-fat diet, other tissues beyond the liver are involved," says Ntambi.

In contrast, the mice stayed thin when they feasted on food heavy in starch and table sugar, or sucrose. They were also protected from the condition known as fatty liver. Ntambi thinks what's happening is that in the absence of SCD, the liver has no way to convert surplus carbohydrates into fat, causing the body to break them down instead.

The findings also highlight the central role of the enzyme and its main product, a fatty acid known as oleic acid, in overall carbohydrate metabolism, he adds. For example, mice lacking SCD could no longer make glucose - the sugar burned by

cells for energy - leading to abnormally low blood sugar levels, or hypoglycemia. They also weren't able to make glycogen, a short-term storage form of glucose.

"It looks to us that if you don't have enough oleic acid - which the SCD enzyme makes - then the carbohydrate does not proceed through normal glucose metabolism," says Ntambi. As further evidence of this, when the scientists supplemented the mouse diets with oleic acid, normal metabolism was restored.

In both mice and people, on the other hand, eating lots of carbohydrate appears to boost SCD activity, leading to a glut of oleic acid, increased fat storage - and, over time, obesity.

"Too much carbohydrate is not good," says Ntambi. "That's basically what we are saying."

Ntambi's study was supported by the National Institutes of Health.

## Fatty Liver Disease Facts at a Glance

- Fatty liver is the build-up of excess fat in liver cells
- If fat accounts for more than 5-10% of your liver's weight, then you have fatty liver
- People tend to develop fatty liver if they have certain other conditions, such as obesity, diabetes or high triglycerides
- About 10-20% of Americans have fatty liver
- On its own, fatty liver causes no damage. But excess fat can lead to inflammation of the liver
- If your liver is inflamed, it can become scarred and harden over time. This can lead to liver cancer or liver failure
- People can have an inflamed or fatty liver for many years without experiencing symptoms

*There are no medical or surgical treatments for a fatty liver, but improving your diet and increasing your exercise may help prevent or reverse some of the damage*

# National News: Rick Smith Assumes Leadership of the American Liver Foundation

Rick Smith who has held a series of leadership positions at the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society since 1987, became the President and Chief Executive Officer of ALF on November 1, 2007. Rick will succeed John W. Corwin, who has led the Foundation as interim CEO since December of 2006.

Rick served with the MS Society as Vice President for the Western United States for ten years, followed by two years as Arizona Chapter President. And, for the past eight years, he was President and CEO of the Maryland Chapter. Prior to joining the MS Society, Rick served as CEO of the Southern California Affiliate of the American Diabetes Association.

Jim Boyer, the Chair of ALF's Board of Directors and Director of the Liver Center at the Yale University School of Medicine,



Rick Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer of ALF

said: "The perspective that Rick Smith brings to the Foundation, having worked at the national and chapter levels of major health organizations, will enable him to be a strong and empathic CEO, capable of leading an organization that is poised for growth."

During his tenure as President of the Maryland Chapter of the MS Society, the organization was able to double its revenue and vastly increase its commitment to funding research and assisting the 6,500 Maryland residents with multiple sclerosis to manage their lives.

"We are excited to be working with a senior executive of Rick's caliber," said Dee Girard, the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Chapter. "I hope you will join us in welcoming Rick to the ALF family."

## Liver Disease Display at Rockefeller Plaza

The display features an exclusive interview with hepatitis C survivor Naomi Judd, important information on liver disease, and a hepatitis C IQ test. The window display was generously donated to ALF for the month of January by Executive Health Exams, International.

Visit Rockefeller Plaza at 48th Street in New York City - steps away from the NBC Today Show - to view the American Liver Foundation's window display.



## ALF's 2007 Research Awards

In March 2007, ALF announced the winners of its 2007 Research Awards. Sixteen scientists representing 12 medical and research institutions were awarded more than \$1.2 million to support their research in the areas of autoimmune hepatitis, biliary atresia, cirrhosis, cholestatic liver disease, chronic liver inflammation, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, liver fibrosis, liver regeneration, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and primary biliary cirrhosis.

ALF is proud to support these research efforts and hopeful that they will bring us closer to finding cures for liver disease.

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# It's Community Day!



Saturday, March 1, 2008

You can purchase Community Day Packets for \$5.00 each containing coupons to use on most merchandise purchases throughout Boston Store. This community event will help the American Liver Foundation Wisconsin Chapter to provide research, education and advocacy for those affected by hepatitis and other liver-related disease. 100% of dollars raised will go to ALF. There is no minimum of coupon packets to purchase.

Each \$5.00 packet includes **one \$10.00 coupon** good on almost any purchase and eight additional coupons, each good for 20% off almost any merchandise purchase at any Boston Store, Bon Ton, Bergners, Carson Pirie Scott, Elder-Beerman, Herbergers and Younkens. Also included are bonus buys \$30.00 off women's and men's Clark's shoes and Leisure Lake 21" upright luggage for only \$16.97!

To purchase packets, please fill out form below and mail to ALF Wisconsin Chapter office.

Deadline to purchase Community Day packets is **February 22, 2008**. If you are interested after deadline date, please contact the office for availability at 414-961-4936.

**Yes, I would like to purchase Community Day Packets to help American Liver Foundation Wisconsin Chapter**

help fight to educate the public on this devastating health crises that affects our society today and to provide research on hepatitis and liver-related disease. 100% of dollars raised will go to ALF and your gift is Tax Deductible.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Quantity of Community Day Packets** (no minimum) \$5.00 each packet \*Add \$1.00 for Shipping & Handling

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Check Payable to ALF**

### Shipping Address:

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Mail Check to: American Liver Foundation, 4927 N. Lydell Avenue, Glendale, WI 53217.**

## DRIVE AWAY Liver Disease!



Get rid of your old car or boat without the hassle of advertising, fixing or selling it.

Help fight hepatitis and other liver diseases by making a tax deductible donation of your used vehicle to the American Liver Foundation.



**1-800-GO-LIVER or  
1-800-456-5517**  
[www.liverfoundation.org](http://www.liverfoundation.org)

## Include the American Liver Foundation in Your Will


The American Liver Foundation plays a crucial role in the fight against liver disease, in raising the public's awareness of the liver's vital life supporting role and preventing new cases of liver disease for generations to come.

Likewise, the American Liver Foundation can help you plan your will so you can be sure that your family, friends, and the institutions that matter to you benefit from your generosity and remain strong in the future.


To help you plan your estate, the American Liver Foundation has prepared a workbook to assist you in gathering all the information your attorney should need. Our workbook will also make it easier for your loved ones, in the event of your disability or death, to locate important estate information.

Even if you have a will and an estate plan, it is important that they be reviewed periodically to ensure that they continue to take into account evolving circumstances and tax laws. Many changes in your life, such as the birth of children or grandchildren, marriage, divorce, or the death of a loved one, can result in your wishes not being fulfilled.

To learn more about including ALF in your estate planning, call Lauren Johnson, Director of Development, at 212-668-1000, ext. 137, or at [ljohnson@liverfoundation.org](mailto:ljohnson@liverfoundation.org).



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## Do You Give at Work?

Community Health Charities employer's makes it easy for its employees to take dollars from their regular paychecks to donate to the charity -- or charities -- of their choice. Through Community Health Charities, the American Liver Foundation, along with a family of nearly 50 of America's most respected health charities, partners to offer workplace giving in companies across the country.

The American Liver Foundation appreciates the support and generosity of the American workforce in helping us to promote liver health and disease prevention through research, education and advocacy.

If your employer conducts a workplace giving campaign and includes Community Health Charities as a partner, you can make a difference in someone's life today by designating your contribution to the American Liver Foundation. Federal employees can donate to the American Liver Foundation through the Combined Federal Campaign by using the **CFC code #509**.

**Community Health Charities of Wisconsin** partners with Wisconsin's employers and their employees to support the mission and work of over 40 Wisconsin community health charities.

**The American Liver Foundation-Wisconsin Chapter** is grateful for the funds it receives annually through its membership in CHC-Wisconsin.

If your employer does not currently offer a workplace giving campaign and you would like to find out more about how to start one, contact the American Liver Foundation Wisconsin Chapter at 888-WI-LIVER or email us at [infowisc@liverfoundation.org](mailto:infowisc@liverfoundation.org).

CHC-Wisconsin enables employers and employees to support the American Liver Foundation and other CHC-Wisconsin health charities through annual payroll deduction campaigns. Become a health philanthropist with impact.

Find out how to expand support for the American Liver Foundation at your workplace. Call CHC-Wisconsin 414.933.4216 • [www.chcwi.org](http://www.chcwi.org)

## Join the We Care Program at your nearest Pick 'n Save!

The program is simple and is a way for everyone to help in our fight against liver disease. All you need to do is go to the courtesy counter and let them know you would like to participate in the We Care Program and would like to designate your We Care dollars to go to ALF, WI Chapter. You might have to reapply for your Advantage Plus Card to be able to select us but it's worth the effort to know that every time you shop and use your card, you are helping expand our services throughout our state. Our We Care organizational number is 027600.



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# 2008 Year At a Glance

## American Liver Foundation Wisconsin Chapter

### January

9th Living Well Series- Green Bay  
10th Living Well Series- Milwaukee  
11th Madison Hepatitis Support Group  
15th St. Luke's Transplant Support Group  
17th Living Well Series- Madison  
20th University Madison Transplant Support  
21st Chapter office Closed  
22nd – 25th ALF National Meetings – Atlanta  
25th Madison Hepatitis Support Group  
29th Wisconsin Board of Directors Meeting

### February

5th Post-AASLD Meeting-Green Bay  
10th **Flavors of Madison**  
14th Love your Liver on Valentines!  
14th Madison Hepatitis Support Group  
17th St. Luke's Transplant Support Group  
18th Chapter office Closed  
19th University Transplant Support Group  
27th Living Well Series – Fun and Games to Manage Stress ~ Rebecca Anderson, Ph.D.  
28th Madison Hepatitis Support Group

### March

13th Madison Hepatitis Support Group  
16th St. Luke's Transplant Support Group  
18th University Transplant Support Group  
25th Wisconsin Chapter Board of Directors Meeting  
26th Living Well Series – Be Smart from the Start Skin Cancer Prevention ~ Helen J. Kuzma, PA-C  
27th Madison Hepatitis Support Group

### April

#### Donor Awareness Month

14th Madison Hepatitis Support Group  
15th University Transplant Support Group  
17th Living Well Series – Costs and Coverage Managing Medical & other Transplant Expenses

### April (continued)

20th St. Luke's Transplant Support Group  
24th Madison Hepatitis Support Group  
27th **Flavors of Milwaukee**

### May

#### Hepatitis Awareness Month

8th Madison Hepatitis Support Group  
18th St. Luke's Transplant Support Group  
20th University Transplant Support Group  
20th Living Well Series – Living Successfully with Chronic Pain ~ Mary Lou Taylor, Ph.D.  
22nd Madison Hepatitis Support Group  
26th Chapter office closed  
27th Wisconsin Chapter Board of Directors Meeting

### June

12th Madison Hepatitis Support Group  
15th St. Luke's Transplant Support Group  
17th University of Madison Transplant Support Group  
14th **Wisconsin Liver Walk**  
26th Madison Hepatitis Support Group

### July

4th Chapter office closed  
10th Madison Hepatitis Support Group  
14th **Circle of Life Golf Outing – Brynwood CC**  
15th University Transplant Support Group  
20th St. Luke's Transplant Support Group  
24th Madison Hepatitis Support Group  
29th Wisconsin Board of Directors Meeting

### August

7th Madison Hepatitis Support Group  
15th Racine Hepatitis Support Group  
17th University Transplant Support Group

### August (continued)

19th St. Luke's Transplant Support Group  
21st Madison Hepatitis Support Group

### September

1st Chapter office closed  
11th Madison Hepatitis Support Group  
13th **Madison Area Liver Walk**  
16th University Transplant Support Group  
21st St. Luke's Transplant Support Group  
25th Madison Hepatitis Support Group  
29th Wisconsin Board of Directors Meeting

### October

#### Liver Disease Awareness Month!

9th Madison Hepatitis Support Group  
19th St. Luke's Transplant Support Group  
21st University Transplant Support Group  
23rd Madison Hepatitis Support Group

### November

13th Madison Hepatitis Support Group  
18th University Transplant Support Group  
16th St. Luke's Transplant Support Group  
27th Chapter office closed – Happy Turkey Day!

### December

#### Happy Holidays from the Wisconsin Chapter!

24th -25th – 31st Chapter office closed

**Please check our national web-page at [www.liverfoundation.org/chapters/wisconsin](http://www.liverfoundation.org/chapters/wisconsin)  
To keep updated on upcoming programming and more information on our events.**

*Certain dates subject to change.*

# Support Groups

## Living Well Series

It's for people who have had a transplant or who are awaiting transplant. It's for family members or friends who care.

Each session offers information and tips to help anyone feel healthier. Come to one or come to all the sessions!

### Meeting Dates

February 27, 2008 6:30 p.m. Room #1  
*Fun and Games to Manage Stress*  
Rebecca Anderson, PhD

March 26, 6:30 p.m. Room #2  
*Be Smart From the Start...Skin Cancer Prevention*  
Helen J. Kuzma, PA-C

April 17, 2008, 6:30 pm Room #1  
*Cost and Coverage: Managing Medical and Other Transplant Expenses*  
Tracy Simon, MSW and Ginny Korkko, MSW

May 20, 2008 6:30 p.m. Room #1  
*Living Successfully with Chronic Pain*  
Mary Lou Taylor, PhD

For more information call the National Kidney Foundation 262-821-0705 ext. 10 and request a Living Well pamphlet.

## Racine Hepatitis Support Group

When: Every third Wednesday of each month  
Call Arlene at 262-681-8370 for more information

## University of Madison Transplant Support Group

When: Third Sunday of each month @ 1:30 p.m.  
Call 1-608-262-2122 for more information

## St. Luke's Hospital, Milwaukee – Transplant Support Group

Where: St. Luke's Medical Center  
When: Third Tuesday of the Month @ 6:30 p.m.  
Call Gail Kuhn @ 414-649-6125 for more information

## Madison Hepatitis Support Group

Where: University Hospital and Clinics Room H6/215  
When: Second & Fourth Thursdays @ 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Call Annette Tealey @ 608-263-1142

# Chapter Wish List

## VOLUNTEERS!!

Microwave  
Apartment size refrigerator  
Adobe software  
Computer Scanner  
Computer Desk  
Computer Chair  
Lateral File Cabinets  
Shelving

# Looking for your Feedback!

Please go to [www.liverfoundation.org/chapters/wisconsin](http://www.liverfoundation.org/chapters/wisconsin) and take our on-line survey. We are looking for ways to better serve the liver community in Wisconsin. Anyone who fills out our survey and returns it to the chapter office from now until May 1, 2008, will be put in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate. *Thank you!*

# Become A Member

## The American Liver Foundation Membership Levels

- **Fellows Society** \$1,000 or more  
Members receive same benefits as Sponsor Circle and a \$100 coupon to use on any Wisconsin Chapter event.
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- **Partner Circle** \$100 to \$499  
Receive the same benefits as the Associate Circle and invitations to our special events
- **Associate Circle** \$25 to \$99  
Members receive our chapter newsletter, ALF decal and the chapter's Faces of Liver Disease calendar

### Please accept my contribution of:

\$25     \$100     \$500     \$1,000     Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Walmart and Sam's Club Support Liver Disease in Wisconsin



Wal-Mart Representative and ALF Executive Director Dee Girard

In 2007 Walmart and Sam's Clubs through out Wisconsin joined the Wisconsin Chapter in the fight against liver disease. Through their community grants programs Walmart and Sam's Club gave over \$6,000 to help us in supporting those in the liver community and educating the general public on the devastating affects that liver disease has on the people of our state. The Wisconsin chapter would like to "thank" Sam's and Walmart for their generosity and together we will continue in our mission in promoting liver health and disease prevention.

## Flavors of Milwaukee Has a New Home!



Brian Frakes  
Executive Chef, Pfister Hotel  
Flavors of Milwaukee 2007

We would like to thank the Wisconsin Club for helping the Flavors of Milwaukee grow in the years that the Club and Chef Al Boltik hosted the event. Because of their continued support the event has grown to where we need to move the event to a new home.

The Pfister Hotel and Executive Chef Brian Frakes have agreed to continue the experience of Flavors in the elegance for which the event has come to be known. We anticipate that this year Flavors of Milwaukee will be an event unsurpassed in culinary talent and gourmands from around the city will continue to experience a night of sheer indulgence. Reserve your tickets and corporate tables now. For further information and to see the list of talented chefs who have already pledged their talents to this unique culinary event go to [www.liverfoundation.org/chapters/wisconsin](http://www.liverfoundation.org/chapters/wisconsin).

## Chapter Event News 2008

### The Wisconsin Chapter has made some changes in its 2008 events schedule.

- Our **Circle of Life Golf Outing** is changing location and date. We are excited to call Brynwood Country Club "home" for our 2008 golf event. Brynwood CC is not only known for its championship golf course but also for their superb culinary creations by Chef Greg Abbate. We look forward to an exciting day of golf, followed by a memorable meal on **July 14, 2008**.
- Our **Wisconsin Liver Walk** will be in two locations and on two dates in 2008. We will still be at beautiful Frame Park on **June 14, 2008** and we are adding a **Madison Liver Walk** on **September 13, 2008** (location TBA).

For more information on any of our 2008 events go to: [www.liverfoundation.org/chapters/wisconsin](http://www.liverfoundation.org/chapters/wisconsin) or call the chapter office at 414-961-4936 or 1-888-WI-LIVER (1-888-945-4837).

# Our Upcoming Events



## Flavors of Madison

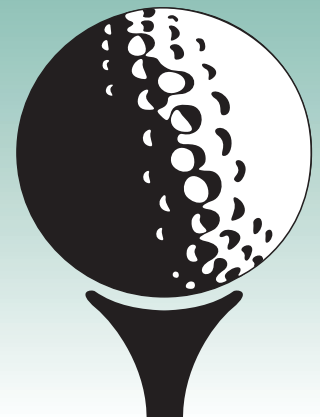
### Participating Chefs

- Inka Heritage ~ Chef TBA
- Captain Bill's ~ Jeff Bach
- Madison Club ~ Daniel Fox
- Robert Hughes ~ former owner of Serendipity's
- Concourse Hotel ~ Charles Lazzareschi
- Sheraton ~ Graham Smith
- James Street ~ Dave Jaeckel
- Ocean Grill ~ Joe Learned
- Thony Clark ~ Cafe Costa Rica
- Leonardo Guevara ~ Restaurant Magnus

## Circle of Life Golf Outing

July 14, 2008

Brynwood Country Club



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