

ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY
NETWORK NEWS
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Survivors and Family Members
Building Lives of Meaning, Joy and Value

Greetings!

Many thanks to the donors listed on page 3. We could not function without you!

Please use our new toll-free number to join in our TeleSupport meetings and Board meetings (see events below).

Peer to Peer Training pilots this week — hoping the Inglis honorarium encourages everyone to consider peer teaching.

Our new printer through the Inglis Award is up and running so fast and it staples!

So many are delivering brochures to the police stations! Can you help?

Barb Dively

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ABIN-PA EVENTS

Tue. Aug. 4 6-9pm Franconia—InfoT
Sun. Aug. 16 2-4pm Board Mtg. & TC
Mon. Aug. 17 7:30pm Public Affairs TC
Thu. Aug. 20 5-8pm Horsham—InfoT
Mon. Aug. 24 7:30pm TeleSupport TC
Tue. Aug. 25 1-3pm Newsletter Mailing

**Call (215) 699-2139 for information.
InfoT means an Information Table
TC means a Teleconference:
1-877-783-2009, PassCode 720986**

**Co-Teaching Teams
of Families and Survivors
Are Needed to Provide**

**“BUILDING A NEW LIFE
AFTER BRAIN INJURY:
Peer to Peer Training”**

in
**Allegheny, Dauphin, Philadelphia,
Chester, and Montgomery Counties**

\$50 Honorarium Provided

**2 Survivors & 2 Family Members
suggested per Team.**

No special background required.

**Program Manual designed to be read
aloud by co-teachers or participants.
Discussion questions throughout.
East & West Teacher Training.**

Email info@abin-pa.org if available.

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**ABIN-PA NEEDS BOARD MEMBERS.
ARE YOU INTERESTED?
ASK FOR INFORMATION.**

DIVINE INTERVENTION—By Kenneth Cleveland

Preface —On July 20, 1983, my son Erik Toye got on a friend's motorcycle after a party and tore off down Story Road in Irving, Texas, without a helmet. It was dark. The road ended in a field and so did Erik. He lay there all night, unconscious, with Texas fire ants attacking him. Early the following morning he was discovered by Kenneth Cleveland, who tells us how in his own words. Kay Rowe P.S. The title is my choosing.

The morning started like most other work days. I took the same route I always took and left about the same time. When I arrived at the telephone company (GTE) where I worked, I picked up my orders for that morning and talked with coworkers. I was talking with a friend who was unhappy with the orders he had. I asked if he would like to trade his orders for mine since they were for a house in my neighborhood. He agreed and I started out to the first location which was on the same street where I lived. My plan was to hurry there and I would have time to stop by my house and have coffee with my wife. The route I took was the same as when I went to work, Story Rd. dead ends into Hunter Ferrell. At the intersection there is a stop sign for Story Rd. While approaching the intersection, I noticed some car tire skid marks that I had not noticed before. Since I went home that way every day, I assumed a car had made the marks the previous night. Drivers would occasionally run up on this stop sign too fast and crash through the fence across the intersection. I turned left at the intersection and as I turned my van I looked over at the fence to see if it had been damaged. I didn't see any damage but out in the weeds over the fence I saw what I thought was a black fender from a car. I figured the fence had been repaired and the car removed except for the fender.

As I continued on my way, I had a strange feeling that I needed to go back to see the black object. I thought to myself, "I don't have time to go back if I am going to have coffee with my wife, besides, I know what I saw." I continued a little further but this feeling just would not go away. I said to myself, "OK, I'm going back to look even though I know what I will see." I stopped my van and backed up and off the road. I got out and walked up to the fence to get a better look at the black object in the weeds. I couldn't believe my eyes! What I had thought was a fender from a car was actually a motorcycle! I climbed through the fence and I walked down the incline and I could see a person lying beneath the bike! I called out to him, but he did not respond. I could see that he was unconscious. I ran back up the hill and through the fence to the road to get help. I looked down the road and saw a pickup approaching. I flagged him down and told him what I had found. He had a 2-way radio in his truck and called for help. The police and ambulance arrived soon afterward. The policeman and I were talking when one of the paramedics asked me how I saw the man out in the field. He said he had come by there earlier and had not seen anything. I told him that I would not have seen him if the tire skid marks had not caught my attention. The policeman asked which marks I was referring to. I showed him and he said those marks were made several days before—he had investigated that accident. I traveled that road every day. I can't explain why I did not notice the skid marks before, but that morning they stood out boldly! I would not have even been in that area had I not traded orders with my coworker.

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Anonymous—Printing of the Annual Report
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ABIN-PA SUBSCRIBERS IN 50 COUNTIES

Mailing list = 450.

Survivors—113 in 30 counties.

Family Members—160 in 39 counties.

Community—125 in 31 counties

Counties with 10 or more:

Allegheny (35), Berks (14), Bucks (26),
Chester (31), Cumberland (10),
Dauphin (26), Delaware (11), Lehigh
(10), Montgomery (64), Northampton
(11), Philadelphia (32), and York (14).

RESOURCES

Acquired Brain Injury Network of PA
1-800-516-8052

BIAPA Brain Injury Resource Line
1-866-635-7097

DOH Help Line & Head Injury Program
1-866-412-4755

Disability Rights Network
1-800-692-7443

Pennsylvania Health Law Project
1-800-274-3258

Waiver Help Line (CommCare, etc.)

PA BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUPS (ISGs)

This information was gathered from the support groups but may have changed. Please call the contact person before attending a support group to verify the time and location of the meeting. Please supply any corrections to ABIN-PA.

ALLENTOWN—Lehigh Valley Brain ISG—Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital—3rd Thursdays at 7pm—Call Bill DeCray 610-432-1619 or Bonnie Kuhns 610-776-3214.

ALTOONA—Brain ISG—HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital—2nd Thursdays at 6pm—Call Brenda Williams at 814-944-3535 or 800-873-4220.

CHAMBERSBURG—Head Back—Chambersburg Hospital—meets at various sites from April to October—last Thursdays from 7-9pm—Call Karen Dubbs at 717-263-5721.

CONNELSVILLE—HealthSouth Head ISG—Lobby area at Laurel Mall—3rd Tuesdays from 5-7pm—Call Cheryl Crise 724-626-5000 or Tom & Mary Lou Hoak 724-628-0419.

DANVILLE—Geisinger HealthSouth Brain ISG—Geisinger HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital—3rd Wednesdays 3-5pm—Call Alice Erdly at 570-271-6594 X 52861.

EAST STROUDSBURG—Head ISG—Pocono Medical Center—3rd Thursdays 12-1pm—Call Pam Asthana at 570-476-3460.

ELKINS PARK—Drucker Empowerment Group—MossRehab—2nd Mondays 6:30-7:30pm—Call Roberta Brooks 215-456-9901 X 69209 (also a daytime group)

ELKINS PARK—Stroke Support Group—MossRehab—2nd Wednesdays 4-5pm—Call Sharon Kaplan 215-663-6269 or Julie Pickholtz 215-663-6140.

ERIE—Brain Injury Education & Support Group—HealthSouth Erie Rehabilitation Hospital—3rd Wednesdays 3:30-4pm—Call Jennifer Abbott at 814-878-1358.

ERIE—Brain ISG of Erie—Glenwood United Methodist Church—3rd Tuesday 5:15-6:30pm—Call Nanette Crawford at 814-452-5519.

FALLS CREEK—Just forming—Contact Dan Spinda at 814-503-8158

GREENSBURG—Westmoreland Brain ISG—Trinity United Church of Christ—2nd Thursdays 7-8:30pm—Call Maria Martin at 724-838-1312.

HERSHEY—Brain ISG—Hershey Medical Center—3rd Thursdays 7-8:30pm—Call Ben Shuey at 717-526-2111 or 800-310-7776.

JOHNSTOWN—Brain Tumor Support Group—Murtha Neuroscience & Pain Institute—3rd Mondays 4-5:30pm—Call Denise LeHew at 814-534-3797.

LANCASTER—Lancaster Area Brain ISG—Acadia—Greenfield Corporate Center—1st Thursdays 6-7:30pm—Call Joani Brandt at 717-394-3466.

LANGHORNE—Heads On Straight for TBI Survivors & Families—Saint Mary Medical Center—1st Tuesday 7:30pm—Call Anne Sears at 215-295-1168.

MALVERN—Survivors Group & Family Members Group—Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation—2nd Tuesdays 7-9pm—Call Dr. Edward Murphy at 610-251-5430.

MECHANICSBURG—Stroke Support Group—HealthSouth Rehabilitation—1st Wednesdays 4:30-6pm—Call Cindy Tyson at 717-691-4825.

PHILADELPHIA—Aphasia Support Group—Magee Rehabilitation Hospital—1st Tuesdays 1pm—Call Deb Diraddo at 215-587-3204.

PHILADELPHIA—Brain Injury Family CARE Group—Magee Rehabilitation Hospital—4th Mondays 6-7pm—Call Jennifer Salomon at 215-587-3411.

PA BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUPS (ISGs) - continued

- PHILADELPHIA—Aphasia Support Group—Magee Rehabilitation Hospital—1st Tuesdays 1pm—Call Deb Diraddo at 215-587-3204.
- PHILADELPHIA—Brain Injury Family CARE Group—Magee Rehabilitation Hospital—4th Mondays 6-7pm—Call Jennifer Salomon at 215-587-3411.
- PHILADELPHIA—Brain Injury Peer—Magee Rehab—Jennifer Salomon 215-587-3411.
- PHILADELPHIA—Stroke Family CARE Group—Magee Rehab—3rd Wednesdays 6pm—Call Jennifer Salomon at 215-587-3411.
- PHILADELPHIA—Stroke Peer Group—Magee Rehab—Jennifer Salomon 215-587-3411.
- PHILADELPHIA—Teen & Parent/Caregiver Groups—Children's Seashore House—2nd Wednesdays 7-8:30pm—Gayle Chesley (teen group) at 267-426-7388—Maureen Sullivan (adult group) 215-590-1000 X 7645.
- PHILADELPHIA—Wendtkos Stroke Club—Magee Rehabilitation Hospital—1st Tuesdays at 11am—Call Jennifer Salomon at 215-587-3411. James Phillips, President.
- PITTSBURGH—Brain Tumor Support Group—Cancer Caring Center—1st & 3rd Wednesdays 7-8:30pm—Call Bonnie Shields at 412-622-1212.
- PITTSBURGH—Moving Ahead Brain ISG—HealthSouth Harmarville—2nd Tuesdays 7-9pm—Call Tom Byrnes 412-531-0343 or Ann Ciatolli 412-826-2707.
- PITTSBURGH—Pittsburgh Area Brain Injury Alliance Support Group—Union Building, 801 Union Place, Building #3, 3rd Floor - 7-9pm—Call Rich Wagner 412-366-4645
- PITTSBURGH—Stroke Support Group—HealthSouth Rehab Hospital of Harmarville—Meets every Thursday at 3:30pm—Call 412-828-1300.
- PITTSBURGH—University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Rehabilitation Hospital TBI Support Group—2nd Mondays 6-7:30pm—Call Lynne Marshall at 412-488-5838.
- PLEASANT GAP—Nittany Valley Brain ISG—HealthSouth Nittany Valley Rehab Hospital—2nd Tuesdays 7-8pm—Call Sharon Poorman 814-359-3421 X 5659, 800-842-6026.
- POTTSVILLE—Anthracite Area Brain ISG—Schuylkill Rehabilitation Center—2nd Wednesday 6-7:30pm—Call Monica Vaccaro at 215-718-5052.
- QUAKERTOWN—Family Support Group—First United Church of Christ—3rd Mondays 6-8pm—Call Marlene 610-993-0631, Vicki 610-234-0934 or Diane 215-538-3488.
- QUAKERTOWN—Family/Spouse/Partner Support Group—Success Rehabilitation, Inc.—Call 215-538-3488 and ask for Ron Palaccio or Diane Beres.
- READING—Brain ISG—HealthSouth Reading Rehab—1st Tuesdays 7-9pm—Call Pam Reeves 610-374-0989 or Bette Turner 717-484-2151.
- RED LION—Red Lion Brain ISG—Bethany United Methodist Church—3rd Saturdays 1-2:15 pm—Call Mary Stoner at 717-246-0974.
- SEWICKLEY—Stroke Support Group—HealthSouth Rehab—4th Thursday 4-5pm—Call Sara Kennelty at 412-741-9500 X 2411.
- WILKES-BARRE—Brain ISG—John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation—Last Wednesdays from 7-9pm—Call for location—Contact Donna Kopicki at 570-826-3883.
- WILLIAMSPORT—Head Injury Network—Williamsport Hospital—2nd Tuesdays 7pm—Call Mary Ann Belfry at 570-321-2656.
- YORK—Aim High Support Group—HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital—2nd Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm—Call Doris DeJonge at 717-767-8786.

Newsletter Sign-Up, Donations & Tributes

ABIN-PA is dedicated to increasing public awareness about acquired brain injury and to providing support, education, information, advocacy and other services for individuals with acquired brain injury and their families.

DATE: _____ NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____

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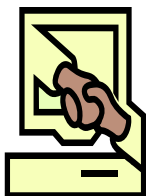
IN HONOR OF (Name): _____ (Reason): _____

(Address): _____

IN MEMORY OF (Name): _____ (Family contact): _____

(Family address): _____

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