



Newsletter

The Gene Roman Family Foundation Newsletter
November 2005 Issue 3

Fourth Annual Fundraiser Dinner Friday April 21, 2006

Plans are underway for our Fourth Annual Fundraiser, to be held on Friday, April 21, 2006, at Royalty West in Willow Springs, Illinois.

As most of you know, the annual dinner is our fundraiser event of the year. Gene's dream was to grow this annual event to 500 attendees, and we ask your help in making that happen. Please plan to join us and bring your family and friends. Those who have attended in the past will agree that it is not only a fun and pleasant evening out, but emotionally rewarding to be able to participate in assisting people who are battling cancer and have nowhere to turn for financial assistance.

We are in the initial stages of planning the event. If you would like to be involved, we are always happy to have volunteers. Angela Isbell will once again be heading up the committee to obtain raffle prizes. If you would like to help her on that committee, or if you can donate a prize for the raffle, she would LOVE to hear from you. Please e-mail her at angela225@sbcglobal.net.

We would love to have your input regarding this event...if you have any suggestions, please e-mail sandie@generoman.org.

Invitations will be mailed closer to the time of the event. If you would like to have anyone added to our mailing list, please let us know via the same e-mail.

We'll look forward to seeing you in April. We hope you'll join us.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

We are excited that our website is now up and running. Be sure to visit it at generoman.org. The website gives information on who we are, what we do, how individuals can donate or ask for assistance, a memorial page dedicated to Gene, and photos from our first three annual dinners. As always, we welcome your suggestions in this area, too.

Very special thanks to Joe Cannon, our nephew, who volunteered his time to design and set up the site. Great job, Joe!! Uncle Gene would be proud!

**Mark your calendar...
The Fourth Annual
Gene Roman Family Foundation
Fundraiser Dinner
will be held on Friday,
April 21, 2006
Please plan to attend...
and bring your family and friends**

GOLF OUTING

Although the weather did not cooperate at all, the Friends of Gene Roman Golf Outing organized by Jimmy and Sandy Wolframski, (our nephew and niece) on Saturday, August 13, 2005 at Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park to raise money for the Foundation was still a success.

Severe weather caused a few changes to the agenda, however, the Odyssey graciously agreed to allow players who were unable to complete their game to return at another date to play. A huge thank you to the Odyssey for all of their assistance in this event.

In spite of all that, the event still managed to raise nearly \$1500, which was donated to the Foundation. Great job, Jimmy & Sandy. Uncle Gene would be proud!

Watch your mail or e-mail for information on another Golf Outing to be planned for this summer...hopefully with better weather. Again, if you would like to volunteer to work with Jimmy and Sandy, they would LOVE to hear from you. Contact them by e-mail at j_wolf_23@yahoo.com (Jimmy) or wolframski@yahoo.com (Sandy).

As always, if you have an idea for a fundraiser to be held with your friends, don't hesitate to contact us if we can help. We are always happy to receive donations!



REFERRALS WELCOME

Just a reminder—if you know of someone with cancer who is struggling financially and you think the Foundation might be able to help them, please let us know. Cancer is such an expensive disease—even with insurance the deductibles and co-payments can often burden the average family.

Many of the people we have helped have been referred to us by our supporters and we will consider all requests. E-mail us at sandie@generoman.org, contact us by phone 708-532-4454 or regular mail, 18201 Glen Swilly Circle, Tinley Park, IL 60477, Attn: Disbursement Committee.

OUR MAIL

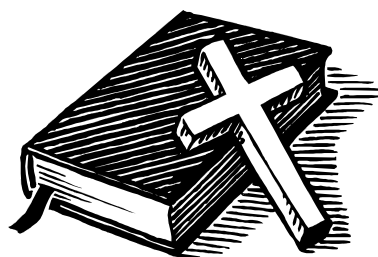
Sharing some of the mail we have received from people we've assisted:

"This family has a difficult road ahead, but because of your Foundation, the road will be a little easier. It is good to know that there are special people like you to help out."

"We extend our deepest appreciation for your generous donation and kind letter. This will help with our medical expenses."

"Thank you for your wonderful gift. This has been devastating, and it seems our losses are endless...home, car, and wages. Thank you so much for your loving act of kindness. God Bless you."

"Thank you for helping my family." (This came hand printed from a nine-year-old boy with a brain tumor, along with a picture of himself.)



IN LOVING MEMORY Robert D. Thormann

In this issue, we lovingly honor the memory of Bob Thormann, who lost a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer on October 14. Bob and Gene were dear friends for 40 years; through high school, the Army, and all the life events that followed. Bob and his wife Debbie were generous supporters of The Gene Roman Family Foundation, and they were the organizers of the first annual Friends of Gene Roman Golf Outing. We extend our love and condolences to Debbie, their daughter Dana and her husband Dereck, Bob's mom, Genevieve, his brother Joe, sisters Noreen and Anne, and their families.

Bob was another one of the awesome guys...and we will miss him.

YOUR DONATIONS

As always, thank you for your generous donations, which make it possible for us to help people like these:

- a 39-year-old mother of two young children who has been battling breast cancer for six years and is now also in the process of a divorce
- a man who has been off of work for nearly a year due to complications of stomach cancer
- a young mother whose nine-year-old son has a brain tumor
- a young mother of three with brain cancer who has been unable to work because of her chemotherapy treatments
- a 76-year-old lady with breast cancer who cannot afford to pay the co-payments for the medications she needs to counteract the effects of her chemo
- a cancer patient who needs help to come into his home to care for him
- an 82-year-old man who cannot afford to pay the co-payments for his medication to increase his blood counts, which drop as a side effect of his chemo

We have also received several referrals from a local oncologist whose patients are often underinsured and cannot pay for their medications. These are usually medications that are necessary to counteract the effects of their chemotherapy, and if they cannot get the medicines they cannot continue their treatment. We are currently working with six patients to see if they qualify for any other assistance and if not, to determine how we can help them.

We continue to support the Cancer Support Center in Homewood, Illinois, which offers a vast array of services to cancer patients and their families at no charge.

Finally, we are still providing books to newly diagnosed patients upon request. We have copies available of 50 Things To Do When the Doctor Says It's Cancer and Peace, Love, and Healing. We also have a few copies of How to Go on Living When Someone You Love Dies. Feel free to contact us if you know someone who needs any of these books.

IN HONOR AND IN MEMORY....

We have received donations in loving memory:
From Doloris and Dave Wyrobek, in loving memory of Bob Thormann
From Sandie Roman, in loving memory of Bob Thormann
From Michele Roman, in loving memory of Paul Wolframski

And in honor:
From Michele Roman, in honor of Sandi Rauwolf's graduation
From Cindy & Jay Hill, in honor of Sandi Rauwolf's graduation
From Sandie Roman, in honor of Sandi Rauwolf's graduation
From Heather & Mike Paprstein, in honor of Sandi Rauwolf's graduation
From Ken & Tracy Edwards, in honor of Sandi Rauwolf's graduation
From Courtney Pierrot, in honor of Sandi Rauwolf's graduation

If you would like to make a gift to The Gene Roman Family Foundation in memory of someone, or in honor of an occasion, such as a wedding, birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc., please send your contribution to:

The Gene Roman Family Foundation
18201 Glen Swilly Circle
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Be sure to indicate in whose memory/honor you are donating, and the occasion if appropriate. Let us know to whom we should send a card, letting them know a gift has been made. We'll take care of the rest—and we'll put the gift to good use. Thanks!

OUR MAILING LIST

We appreciate your interest and support, however, if you would like to be removed from the mailing list, you can send your request to sandie@generoman.org, or write to us at 18201 Glen Swilly Circle, Tinley Park, IL 60477. Thanks!



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<p>IN LOVING MEMORY GENE ROMAN <i>April 23, 1947—May 18, 2004</i></p>

WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO

This is the third issue of our semi-annual publication, The Gene Roman Family Foundation Newsletter. We hope you find it interesting and informative. Our goal will be to keep you up-to-date on what's happening with the Foundation—what we're doing, who we're helping, and upcoming events. Your comments and suggestions are welcome and encouraged at any time.

The Gene Roman Family Foundation is a charitable non-profit corporation founded by Gene and Sandie Roman in 2003, shortly after Gene was diagnosed with cancer. Unfortunately, Gene passed away in May 2004, but we are proud to carry on the work that was his dream – assisting people who are fighting cancer and experiencing financial hardship.

Our goal is to raise money to directly help *people* without deducting the large salaries and administrative expenses that are sometimes involved in larger organizations. We are proud to say that we have been able to help many individuals who may not have had any other source of financial assistance. We also support organizations that offer services to cancer patients and their families at no cost and are supported by donations. We are staffed entirely by volunteers. No portion of any donation is used for salaries, nor was any portion ever used for any of Gene's expenses or treatments. Your gift to The Gene Roman Family Foundation, a 501(3)(c) corporation, is tax deductible and will allow us to continue with our goals.

Our logo was designed by Kevin Kapala. The Roman column symbolizes Gene's strong character and strength in his battle with cancer and represents the support one can find from family and friends. The bright sun symbolizes the hope that is within all of us. It also reminds us that a life threatening illness makes one appreciate everything more; the sun shines brighter; the grass is greener, etc. The rays coming off the sun symbolize the family's outreach to others.

We at the Gene Roman Family Foundation are extremely proud of the work that Gene began and that we carry on, and we are especially grateful for all of our wonderful family and friends who have so generously contributed to our goals. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.