



Newsletter

The Gene Roman Family Foundation Newsletter
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FIFTEEN YEARS LATER...

Once again, we're happy to report that our Annual Gala Event was a huge success! Fifteen years after Gene's idea to start a foundation to help cancer patients, about 150 people gathered for another wonderful evening.

After cocktail hour and a delicious dinner at Georgio's in Orland Park, guests enjoyed music, dancing, and entertainment provided by John Limon of Sound Sonic DJs, with dinner music and entertainment by Peter Oprisko.

Trivia contests and dance contests added to the fun! Who knew we had so many people talented at both the Hokey Pokey and Y.M.C.A?! Check out photos on our website, www.generoman.org, or on our Facebook page.

Later in the evening, we announced the winners of 80 raffle prizes, including things like restaurant gift cards, beauty services, retail and spa gift cards, golf greens fees, toy baskets, Chef for A Day certificate, sweets lovers basket, a hotel overnight, tickets to sporting events, autographed sports photos, autographed books, wine baskets, framed artwork, small

sports memorabilia, small kitchen appliances, a Southwest Airlines gift card, and much more. A list of prize donors is included in this newsletter.

Our 16th Annual Event raised over \$21,000, which will allow us to continue to help cancer patients who are having trouble meeting their day to day living expenses during treatment.

We are so blessed to have so many loyal supporters who believe in what we do and are willing to help us do it. Without you, there would not be a Gene Roman Family Foundation. We're thrilled to have had some new attendees at this year's event. Of course, we also appreciate our long-time supporters, many of whom have been with us since the beginning. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Because of you, we have been able to help over 400 individual cancer patients over the past 15 years.

Again, thank you to everyone who attended and/or supported our event. We are very grateful for you and hope you will join us again next year.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU TO OUR RAFFLE PRIZE DONORS

Thank you to the following businesses who so generously donated prizes to support our 2018 raffle. PLEASE utilize these businesses whenever you need any of the services or products they offer. If you need further contact information, please email us at romanfoundation@yahoo.com. We'll be happy to put you in touch.

AMC Theaters, Ambrosino's Italian Market, Anthony's on Front St. Bar & Grill, Arrenello's Pizza, Aurelio's Pizza Frankfort, Aurelio's Pizza Mokena, Baker's Square, Beggar's Pizza, Body Bliss Wellness Center, Body Tech Total Fitness, Bonefish Grill, Bulldog Alehouse, Carol Van Ostenburg—Calming Touch Massage, Capri Ristorante Italiano, Casa Margarita, Charles Morris Salon, Cheesecake Factory, Chuy's, Chicago Bears, Chicago Bulls, Chicago Dough Co., Chicago White Sox, Chicago Wolves, Cooper's Hawk Restaurant, Country Charm, Country House, Creamery Frankfort, Double Yolk, Egg Cetera, El Cortez, E. Formella & Sons, Fox's on Wolf, Gatto's Italian Restaurant, Giorgio's Quality Inn, Golden Shoes, Green Garden Country Club, Heinie's McCarthy's, Jenny's Southside Tap, Legends Bar & Grill, Lou Malnati's Pizza, Lume's Pancake House, Mariano's Fresh Market Frankfort, Mariano's Fresh Market Orland Park, Chad Fox - Merrill Lynch, Nick's BBQ, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Orland Park Health & Fitness, Paisano's, Palermo's, Panera Bread, Park West Gallery, Pop's, Posh Salon by Nancy, Rosie's Diner, SkinTrust, Sorriso Ristorante, Target New Lenox, Target Orland Park, Tin Fish Restaurant, Together We Cope, Tom Kelly's Chophouse & Pub, Up and Down Art - Kim Mylniec, Walt's Food Center, White Water Canyon.

Thank you to the following authors for donating autographed books:

Dean Koontz, John Lescroart.

Thank you to the following individuals for their prize donations:

Gerry & Alex Berzins, Cindy Bierman-Slavich, Ursula Buchnat, Donna & Tom Delso, Jeff Felde, Mike Feminis, Paula George, Angela & Mike Isbell, Sherry & Dennis Jones, Rosemary & Dan Konz, Ron Kotas, Bob Martino, Jen & Karl Schissler, Lisa & Rob Slovin, Julie & Bob Steinhaus, Judy & Tom White, Sandy & Jimmy Wolframski, Lenore & Len Wiencek, Nancy & Barry Zalane.

THANK YOU LET'S POLKA U.S.A. CLUB

Again this year, we thank Let's Polka U.S.A. Club for their generous contribution. Thank you also to Bernie Locke and Theresa Bolf, Polka Club members and longtime Foundation supporters, for nominating the Foundation to receive the club's annual charitable donation. Keep dancing ladies!



THANK YOU ESSENDANT FOUNDATION

Thank you to Essendant Charitable Foundation for their generous contribution. Essendant (formerly United Stationers) has been a long-time contributor to the Foundation and we appreciate their support. Thank you to Angela Isbell for nominating the Foundation to receive this grant.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our annual event is our major source of fundraising, and a lot of people are involved to make it happen. Volunteers do things like solicit prizes, set up, sell tickets, hand out raffle prizes, conduct the raffle, lead dance contests, take photos, maintain our website, and send out invitations and thank you letters. Thank you to Gerry Berzins, Alex Berzins, Joe Cannon, Lori Greene, Cindy Hill, Emily Hill, Jay Hill, Nick Hill, Angela Isbell, Ron Kotas, Joy Kucharski, Kristin Lux, Al Peccia, Jimmy Peccia, John Peccia, Michael Peccia, Michele Roman, Jenny Schissler, Rob Slovin, Sarah Slovin, Jimmy Wolframski, and Sandy Wolframski.

YOUR DONATIONS

Since our November newsletter, we have:

- Helped with rent for a 37-year-old single mom with cervical cancer
- Helped with rent and electric bill for a 57-year-old woman with liver cancer
- Paid utilities and car insurance for a 48-year-old man with lymphoma
- Paid for a water heater and a car payment for a 62-year-old woman with pancreatic cancer
- Paid rent for a 35-year-old man with Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Paid electric bill for a 59-year-old man with nasopharynx cancer
- Helped with mortgage for a 62-year-old man with colon cancer
- Helped with rent and water bill for a couple; a 71-year-old man with lung cancer and a 68-year-old woman with small cell lung cancer
- Helped with mortgage for a 61-year-old man with rectal cancer
- Paid utilities and car insurance for a 58-year-old man with lung cancer
- Helped with rent and electric bill for a 53-year-old man with colon cancer
- Paid utility bills for a 60-year-old woman with rectal cancer
- Paid utilities and phone bill for a 32-year-old man with glioblastoma
- Paid water bill for a 41-year-old man with colorectal cancer
- Helped with mortgage for a 69-year-old woman with pancreatic cancer
- Helped with mortgage and parking for a 66-year-old man with head and neck cancer
- Helped with groceries, gas, insurance and phone bill for a 59-year-old man with head and neck cancer
- Helped with groceries for a 58-year-old man with colon cancer
- Paid gas and electric bills for a 63-year-old woman with breast cancer
- Helped with rent for a 55-year-old woman with multiple myeloma
- Paid electric bill for a 36-year-old man with lymphoma
- Paid car payment and groceries for a 49-year-old man with rectal cancer
- Paid fees for a stay at Illinois Medical District Guesthouse during treatment for a 41-year-old man with tongue and tonsil cancer
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YOUR DONATIONS—continued

- Helped with rent for a 43-year-old man with stomach cancer
- Helped with rent for a 43-year-old woman with breast cancer
- Paid for a stay at Illinois Medical District Guest House for a 51-year-old woman with cancer of the larynx
- Helped with rent for a 74-year-old woman with leukemia
- Helped with rent and electric bill for a 58-year-old man with multiple myeloma
- Paid past due gas and electric bills for a 54-year-old woman with breast cancer
- Paid rent for a 56-year-old woman with breast cancer
- Helped with rent for a 58-year-old man with prostate cancer
- Paid past due gas bill for a 52-year-old woman with leukemia
- Provided gas cards for a 26-year-old man with ALL leukemia
- Helped with mortgage for a 63-year-old man with pancreatic cancer

IN LOVING MEMORY

We have received donations:

In loving memory of **Gene Roman**,
from Susan & Jeff Phillips

In loving memory of **Bob Thormann**,
from Doloris & Dave Wyrobek

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from Doloris & Dave Wyrobek

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of **Pa-**
Kotas,
Ron Ko-
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In loving memory of **Harold and Ruth Anderson**, from Kathy & Greg Olsen

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IN LOVING MEMORY
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WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO

This is the 28th issue of our semi-annual publication, The Gene Roman Family Foundation Newsletter. We hope you find it interesting and informative. We want 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 welcomed and encouraged at any time.

The Gene Roman Family Foundation is a 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 continue 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 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 501c3 corporation, is tax deductible and will allow us to continue with our goals.

In our logo, 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, friends, and supporters who so generously contribute to our goals. Thank you