The National Myositis Patient Conference is now history. An amazing four days brought nine of our group to Louisville as a part of the larger group of approximately five-hundred patients and caregivers. It was the last official event for outgoing TMA Executive Director, Bob Goldberg, who retired after sixteen years in that post. The new Executive Director, Mary McGowan, spoke to the group in the closing session of the conference on Sunday morning. Please note: Some scholarships are available for persons in need, who wish to go to the annual conference. Make your plans for next year’s conference which is to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in early Sept.

Bob Goldberg (left) is the outgoing Executive Director. In his honor, the board of TMA announced the formation of the Bob Goldberg Scholarship. Bob served The Myositis Association for sixteen years, and was our guest on three occasions. Good luck, Bob!

Come Home to the MYOSITIS SUMMIT at THE SUMMIT
An expanded meeting on November 3rd
9:00 — 4:00
INK IT! DON’T MISS!!
PAY WHAT YOU WISH!
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MEALTIMES ARE ALWAYS SPECIAL AT THE CONFERENCE

THE TMA 25th BIRTHDAY CAKE!
Which fed 500!!

JIM MATTHEWS, TMA BOARD MEMBER with DON PARKS

EMILY and ALEX with TMA MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, DR. JENS SCHMITT

TEXAS, OUR TEXAS! Our Booth!
This very special meeting of our group, and others joining us, will feature Myositis Association personnel, specialists in their field. Special guests will be providing the latest and up-to-date Myositis information, Great food, Door prizes, individual “break-out” sessions by interest. And of course our usual support group share sessions by disease type and for our care-partners. MARK YOUR CALENDAR. This is a VERY SPECIAL EVENT planned.

COST PER PERSON OF THE MEETING: Pay what you wish to help defray the cost of administrative costs, postage, honoraria for our guest speakers, etc.

THIS SPECIAL DAY IS PLANNED JUST FOR YOU!

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!

In order to have enough food, provided for us by our meeting sponsors CSI Pharmaceuticals, please call, email, text, or write to Don and Sandi Parks and make your reservation. This very special “expanded” meeting has many aspects and will be a great opportunity for all. Parking is free and wheelchair accessible. Mark your calendar now, and make your reservation today!

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Please remember that this is YOUR group, not “that” group. YOU belong. By virtue of this common disease and daily challenges, you are the reason we travel alongside each other sharing in these ways. We hope you will make every effort to attend the meetings and to stay in touch via email, phone, or snailmail, keeping us up to date on yourself. We not only desire to be a major help to you, but also to those who assist you as caregivers and supporters. We know firsthand that our caregivers are our lifeline. We hope that you find the meetings helpful as well as the newsletters and other support material. We encourage you to visit www.myositis.org often, the official website of The Myositis Association, for information, tips, and links that will hopefully make dealing with the disease an easier thing to do. Please send us suggestions, information, personal helps to share, or anything that might be good to include in the newsletter. This group exists to serve you. So, come and be a part! It will help you!