



Newsletter

The Gene Roman Family Foundation Newsletter
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IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY...

It's never too early to mark your calendar—our Fifth Annual Gala Event and Fundraiser Dinner will be held on Friday, April 20, 2007. We hope you will join us for what we hope will be our best event yet!

We're excited about our entertainment for the 2007 dinner—The Neverly Brothers. If you have seen them perform, you know you're in for treat. If you have not, prepare to be amazed. Their website says it best: "The Neverly Brothers are a unique and entertaining musical act—visually and sonically. A world class retro-sonic rock 'n' roll act that blends the sound and look of 1950s rockabilly with 1960s British invasion pop-rock. Imagine a young John Lennon teaming up with Carl Perkins for a visual and musical reference. Their repertoire consists of spirited renditions of classic hit songs from the golden era of rock 'n' roll from 1955 to 1965..." They perform hits by such artists as The Everly Brothers, Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison, Gene Vincent, Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Buck Owens, Eddie Cochran, Ricky Nelson, Little Richard, Chuck

Berry, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Hollies, The Dave Clark Five, Herman's Hermits, The Beau Brummels, Brian Hyland, The Bobby Fuller Four, Johnny Cash, and more.

So please plan to join us on Friday, April 20, and this year, be sure to bring your friends. It will be a wonderful evening with great entertainment and we hope, as always, to exceed last year's attendance. Those who have attended previously will remember that Gene's initial dream was for 500 people to attend this dinner some day. Our first event, in 2003, had 120 people attending. In 2006, we had 160. We're hoping that you will help us 'break our record' in 2007 by attending and bringing lots of people with you.

We're in the planning stages now...if you have input or suggestions, we always welcome those. If you want to volunteer to help, we would love to hear from you. If you have a prize to donate for the raffle, we greatly appreciate it. If you know someone who would like to be added to the dinner invitation list, let us know. Just e-mail sandie@generoman.org for any of these items.

***Fifth Annual Gala Event and Fundraiser Dinner
Featuring The Neverly Brothers
Friday, April 20, 2007***

OUR MAIL

Excerpts from some of the notes and letters we've received recently from people we have helped:

"It's such a blessing to have an organization like yours. I am so grateful to you for the help you have given me... Thank you a million times over. I have a long battle, but I am not giving up. Thank you for keeping me in your prayers. God bless you!"

"Thank you so very much for helping me in this very stressful time."

"Just a note to let your Foundation know how I appreciate what you've done for me. That was a load off my mind and a healing process. I pray that God will continue to use you and bless you and the Foundation."

"Your Foundation is amazing. I wish I was better so I could help with your fundraising. Thank you for helping me."

CANCER SUPPORT CENTER TO OPEN NEW LOCATION

The Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Support Center, located in Homewood, Illinois, offers a myriad of services to cancer patients and their families at no charge, including support groups, informational services, counseling, and a vast library of information. The Gene Roman Family Foundation is proud to be a supporter of The Cancer Support Center. Many of the people we help have also utilized a number of the free services the Center offers.

The Center has announced plans to open a second location in Mokena, Illinois. The current location services over 70 communities, and the new location will allow the Center to serve even more people. Their grand opening is tentatively scheduled for February 1, 2007. For further information, contact the Homewood center at 708-798-9171 or visit their website at www.cancersupportcenter.org,

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.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT iGIVE

Did you know you can support The Gene Roman Family Foundation just by shopping online for brand-name items at over 654 well-known online stores. It doesn't cost you a thing, and iGive will make a donation to the Foundation every time you shop at one of these stores.

It's free, private, & easy. By typing the link below, you will automatically choose our Foundation as your cause:

<http://www.iGive.com/html/refer.cfm?memberid=434201&causeid=34303>

Be sure to also download the iGive window, which will automatically take you through the iGive website when you shop at one of their online stores, ensuring that a donation is made to the foundation.

Just a few of iGive.com's stores: Coldwater Creek, Office Depot, Lands' End, J.C. Penney, PETsMART, Expedia.com, Gap, Barnes & Noble, Neiman Marcus, Lane Bryant, Scholastic Store, Kodak Easy Share Gallery, Best Buy, Dell, Vitamin Shoppe, QVC, Drugstore.com, Orvis, Hallmark, Staples, and more!

So won't you please join now? As the old cliché says...."Every little bit helps..." Thank you to our friends who have already joined and are supporting us this way!



DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

We're still excited about our website. Be sure to visit www.generoman.org to check it out. 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 annual events. As always, we welcome your suggestions in this area, too.

YOUR DONATIONS

Your donations make it possible for us to continue helping people, one life at a time. Since our May newsletter, we have helped:

- A young woman with breast cancer
- The family of a 16 year old girl undergoing chemotherapy
- A man with testicular and prostate cancer
- A 50 year old man with malignant melanoma
- A woman with multiple myeloma
- A 55 year old woman with breast cancer
- A 58 year old woman with breast cancer
- A woman with ovarian cancer
- A 73 year old woman with colon cancer
- A 56 year old woman with colorectal cancer

Our referrals continue to come from oncologists, hospital Cancer Centers, local agencies, and you, our supporters.

FROM THE GENE ROMAN FAMILY

I was recently watching the DVD from our first dinner in 2003; the part where Gene was speaking to the group. If you were there, you may remember some of the highlights of his speech. He told the story of how we discovered his cancer, shared his determination to beat the disease, thanked friends and family for their prayers and support, and shared his dream of having four or five hundred attendees at future dinners. He reminded people to take time to enjoy the 'little things' in life—a full moon, the sound of crickets, time spent with people you love. He urged us not to dwell on little annoyances, and always to forgive those who have wronged us. He stated repeatedly, "I am very blessed."

Most importantly, he shared how, after being diagnosed, he prayed that God would tell him what He wanted him to do. God answered Gene with the idea for this foundation; Gene knew that God wanted him to help people. And so, as Gene stated in 2003, "God and I started this foundation...."

We, the Gene Roman Family, are proud to carry on that work that God and Gene began. As always, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support. Words cannot express our gratitude.

Sandie Roman,

On behalf of The Gene Roman Family:

Sandie Roman, Adam Roman, Rob, Lisa, Jake and Sarah Slovin, Cindy, Jay, Nick, and Emily Hill, Michele Roman, Jimmy and Sandy Wolframski, Angela, Mike and Samantha Gene Isbell, Josh Anderson, Eleanor Karr, Gerry & Alex Berzins, Mike, Renee, Josh & Brianna Berzins, Jeff Mitchell, Steve, Meg, Quinn & Logan Berzins, Dave Berzins, Lori & Sean Greene, Joe Cannon, Kristin Cannon

IN LOVING MEMORY...

We have received donations:

*In loving memory of Joanne Scheuing
from Lee Bannon*

*In honor of Ronald & Janice Hill's 45th
wedding anniversary from Hal & Linda Wurster*



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!

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.



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IN LOVING MEMORY
GENE ROMAN
April 23, 1947—May 18, 2004

WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO

This is the fifth issue of our semi-annual publication, The Gene Roman Family Foundation Newsletter. We hope you find it interesting and informative. Our goal is 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 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 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. Thank you.