

December 2006 DSG Newsletter

The Dystonia Support Group had its second annual "Holiday Luncheon" on Saturday, December 9th with thirty-five in attendance.

I want to welcome the new members, Carol and Stacy. Special guests included, Dquarius & Jordan, relatives of Joyce and Juanita, Kim's parents Alan & Brenda, and Stacy's husband, Richard and son, Nicholas. Several members had prior commitments and they were missed.

Emily Grace, daughter of Brad and Paige and granddaughter of Ricky and Jane attended her first meeting. She was three weeks old on the 9th and we enjoyed holding and playing with her.

Ken had a display table set up with educational material and the financial report available for all members. I saw that many of you took bookmarks and pamphlets and this is one way we continue to raise awareness as a group.

The luncheon began by everyone introducing themselves and stating what form of dystonia they have. As our membership continues to grow we start each meeting this way to get to know each other better and to be able to put a name with the face. Name tags are provided to facilitate this effort.

We shared good food and fellowship.

I was in for a surprise as Ken presented me with a plaque:

The world is not much interested in the storms you encountered at sea. The question is: Did you bring the ship to port?

Author Unknown

Presented to

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By all those with dystonia whose ship she's bringing into port.

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In Recognition of two successful years after founding

***DYSTONIA SUPPORT GROUP - ALABAMA CHAPTER
DYSTONIA MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION***

Once again I thank each of you because without you I could not do what I do. I am truly blessed each day by the DSG and receive far more than I give. The plaque now hangs in my office at work. I never know when a patient or coworker will read it and ask me, " What is dystonia?" I will have the opportunity to share my passion to raise awareness by telling them.

We had a very successful 2006 in reaching our goals of support, awareness and raising funds for research for a cause and cure. Our membership grew by 20 + and I am looking forward to 2007.

Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a blessed and healthy New Year,

Linda