



The Big Raffle

Our \$5000 raffle contest was a huge success. We netted a total of \$6325. That is, after we paid our grand prize winner \$5000 and our 2nd through 6th place winners a total of \$300, we had \$6325. Thank you to Jane Hubbard for spearheading this effort and to all the members of the Board as well as our friends who sold and bought tickets. Special thanks to Allan Baugher, who helped us pull the winning tickets.

Congratulations to the grand prize winner, Joyce Decker of Westminster, MD. On December 30, 2008, Joyce was at Baugher's Restaurant having lunch with her family at the next table over from where we were preparing for the big drawing. On the spot, she decided to buy a ticket and not more than 5 minutes later her ticket was drawn and she was the grand prize winner, walking away from her delicious Baugher's lunch with a check for \$5000. How is that for good fortune!

Here are the other winners:

2nd prize: Jerry Crouse of Walkersville, \$100 and a gift card to Ott House in Emmitsburg

3rd prize: Sharon Mech of Hampstead, \$50 and a gift card to Carriage House Inn in Emmitsburg

4th prize: Mary Jane Spangler of Lancaster, \$50 and a gift card to Shamrock in Thurmont

5th prize: Estelle Sevier of Mount Airy, \$50 and a gift card to Baugher's in Westminster

6th prize: Doug Fornwald of Thurmont, \$50 and a gift card to Richie's Diner in Taneytown

A special thank you to those establishments that donated gift cards for this event.

What Is Next?

Our dream is to have long-term residential and support services for persons with MS. That dream will be fulfilled when organizations such as MS House succeed in raising the funds to establish specialized facilities that can meet the long-term care needs of persons with MS. That dream will be fulfilled when existing long-term care facilities that already provide a continuum of services for persons who are elderly, expand to include facilities that meet the needs of persons with MS.

What Can You Do?

Long-term care and support for persons with MS is now an identified priority for the MS Society. (See their website: www.nationalMSsociety.org for more information) You can let the MS Society know how important specialized long-term residential care and support are for you. Write today to your State chapter. Your letter can be simple: "I want the MS Society to know that specialized long-term residential care for persons with MS is important to me."

Or you can tell them about your own circumstances or the situation of a family member or friend who is in need of high-quality long-term care services.

Address your letter to:

Mark Roeder, President
Maryland Chapter, MS Society
11403 Cronhill Dr., Suite E
Owings Mills MD 21117

If you live in Pennsylvania, address your letter to:

President
Central Pennsylvania Chapter, MS Society
2040 Linglestown Rd., Suite 104
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We would appreciate receiving a copy of your letter, as well.

Thank you.

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