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NATIONAL MS SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Six New Members Welcomed to the Northwestern Ohio Chapter Board

MAUMEE, Ohio. – The Northwestern Ohio Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society welcomed six new members to its Board of Directors for 2012 at the start of the year.

New members include Michelle Jaffe, John Skeldon, Stephanie Kulhman, Richard Rideout, Brian Lehner, and Chad Bolles. These new members bring expertise, ambition, and momentum to the National MS Society and the current Board of Directors, chaired by Michael Fruchtman.

With these additions, the National MS Society, Northwestern Ohio board now consists of 25 members. Continuing board members include the following.

- Michael Fruchtman, CEO/CFO, Fruchtman Marketing
- Mark Wuertz, CFO, Bennett Enterprises
- Dick Moore, Past Chair
- Anita Voveris, Director, IT, Medical Mutual of Ohio
- Dr. Tom Cox
- Rev. Dottie Kaiser, Director of Pastoral Care, Lima Memorial Hospital
- Dr. Reau (Boyd) Kauffman, Associate Professor, Neuromuscular Disorders, University of Toledo Medical Center
- Janet Morhmann, Retired, Special Education Teacher
- Arturo Polizzi, Associate General Counsel, ProMedia Health Systems
- Tom Pounds, President/Publisher, Toledo Free Press
- Carol Savage, Senior Vice President, Signature Bank N.A.
- Gloria Sheline, Certified Financial Planner, Certified Public Accountant
- Dr. Glenn Swimmer, President, Stress Care Behavioral Health Inc.
- Beth Wagoner
- Jeff Westfall, FOX Toledo
- Brian T. Roth, Certified Public Accountant, Gilmore, Jason and Mahler, Ltd.
- Carla Brady, Vice President, Retail Product, Fifth Third
- Debra Mauk, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Risk Officer, Huntington Insurance
- Aaron Swiggum, Shareholder, William Vaughn Company

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Every hour in the United States, someone is newly diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, an unpredictable and often disabling disease of the central nervous system. At this time, there is no cure for MS, which is the number one disabling disease among young adults in the U.S.

For more information on the Northwestern Ohio Chapter of the National MS Society and the Chapters programs, services, and events, please visit: www.nationalmssociety.org/oho or call the Chapter office at 800-FIGHT-MS (option 2).

About Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

Multiple sclerosis, an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, interrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. Every hour in the United States, someone is newly diagnosed with MS. Symptoms range from reduced or lost mobility to numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, with at least two to three times more women than men being diagnosed with the disease. MS affects more than 400,000 people in the U.S., and 2.1 million worldwide.

About the National Multiple Sclerosis Society

MS stops people from moving. The National MS Society exists to make sure it doesn't. The Society addresses the challenges of each person affected by MS by funding cutting-edge research, driving change through advocacy, facilitating professional education, collaborating with MS organizations around the world, and providing programs and services designed to help people with MS and their families move their lives forward. In 2009 alone, through its national office and 50-state network of chapters, the Society devoted over \$132 million to programs that enhanced more than one million lives. To move us closer to a world free of MS, the Society also invested nearly \$36 million to support 375 research projects around the world. The Society is dedicated to achieving a world free of MS. Join the movement at www.nationalMSSociety.org.

Studies show that early and ongoing treatment with an FDA-approved therapy can reduce future disease activity and improve quality of life for many people with multiple sclerosis. The National MS Society's medical advisors recommend that people with MS talk with their health care professionals about using these medications and about effective strategies and treatments to manage symptoms. If you or someone you know has MS, please contact the National MS Society at www.nationalMSSociety.org or 1-800-FIGHT-MS (344-4867) to learn more.

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