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World Renowned Immunologist Joins International Scientific Advisory Board; Honored as SASS 2009 Visiting Professor

SASS Foundation Completes Two Year Commitment Postdoctoral Fellowship in Vital Cancer Research at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories

Martin D. Sass, chairman and co-founder of The SASS Foundation, pictured at left with Dr. Shilpi Paul, The SASS Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow in Cancer Research at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories.

Dr. Paul received the second year grant, in the amount of $75,000 in 2009 for her research and study of the tumor-suppressor gene CHD5, discovered by her mentor, Dr. Alea Mills in 2007.

Marty Sass stated that, "The SASS Foundation is pleased to have funded this outstanding cancer-fighting fighting research being conducted by Dr. Paul at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories—one of the most prestigious medical research institutions on Long Island and recognized around the world for its revolutionary breakthroughs and discoveries."
Entrepreneurial Philanthropy

We recently held a very successful fundraising event—The SASS Foundation for Medical Research's Annual Gala at The Garden City Hotel. Everyone had a great evening and we all shared in the joy of giving back to help our fellow man through the fight against cancer. At the Gala, I spoke about how my wife, Barbara and I got involved in philanthropic giving and became inspired to start The Foundation. When we were married, we had no money. However, as I started earning a living we gave small amounts to well-established charities that seemed worthwhile to us. Then twenty-five years ago we decided we were willing and able to give back in a more innovative and impactful way. We wanted to try to make a real difference. Most large established charities have such heavy expenses that the bulk of contributions go to pay overhead. Therefore, we decided to leverage our contributions and efforts by starting The SASS Foundation as a public charity. We committed to keeping expenses lean and to supporting overhead with our own contributions and investment income, so that incremental contributions would go directly to help people. Barbara and I dug ourselves out of modest beginnings in our basement apartment in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, where we started when we got married, by working hard, saving money and taking charge of our lives. Thirty-seven years ago I started my investment management firm, MD Sass, in a friend's conference room with no clients and our then, relatively small savings. Seeing that “bootstrap” formula work in our personal and business lives, we believed that we could, hopefully, make a difference in charitable giving by proactively making things happen.

Barbara is my soul mate and the opportunity to work with her as partners in philanthropy was very exciting. We decided to focus upon cancer, where we hoped to really make a difference through medical research, education and patient care. My father died at 54 years of age from colon cancer after chemotherapy and radiation treatments when we were young newlyweds in our early twenties. We saw firsthand the suffering that can accompany this disease. We all have loved ones who fell victim to varieties of the dreaded disease of cancer. Therefore, fighting cancer seemed like a worthwhile way for us to make our first meaningful move into philanthropy. Successful entrepreneurial philanthropy, like successful business, isn't just a matter of money. It requires commitment to be deeply involved, assume additional responsibilities, tackle challenging problems, persevere and make a lifetime commitment in a way that can be deeply fulfilling and give back to the world. Giving back now is important since we can't take it with us. There is no room for luggage in funeral hearses.

A proactive approach to entrepreneurial philanthropy is the most fulfilling way for us to give to others, besides our family. Like when I started my own business, we started very small and The SASS Foundation has grown because it is something we are passionate about. Like business, it’s not about the size of The Foundation; it’s what we accomplish, what issues we tackle and how we make a difference by addressing the need to reduce pain and suffering and improve lives.

Our friend, Dr. Frank Arena is a passionate oncologist, who thought our idea of starting a foundation was a fabulous one. His enthusiastic reception and tremendous medical expertise led us to appoint him President of The Foundation. Together, we all three embarked on a lifetime commitment to philanthropy and have become more and more involved in a passionate way. Our children, Lara & Ari, and their spouses, Phil & Jamie, have been very actively involved in The SASS Foundation as well. It is very gratifying to see our children and friends appreciate the value of giving back. Dr. Arena and Dr. Gupta coordinate The SASS Foundation's Medical Research Grant Program and helped to form our world-class International Board of Medical Advisors that work pro bono with our Executive Committee. We have a committed Executive Advisory Board and want to grow it further with leaders from different areas—business people, lawyers and philanthropists. We keep things lean with only three employees—one full time and two part-time, and many unpaid volunteers. Intellectual capital is as important as financial capital in accomplishing the Foundation’s mission. We all recognize that effective execution is essential to accomplish real progress. Unlike other charities, many of which give out only IRA-mandated 5% of funds raised per year, we give almost all away, holding back a small amount for our Endowment Fund. There’s simply too great a need to hold funds back. We’ve had tremendous satisfaction starting up this charity and helping to grow it with our supporters, who make a profound difference in the future of this organization. We are proud that the Foundation mirrors our own values of integrity, transparency, financial efficiencies & quality to the recipients. In summary, my wife & I came up the hard way, with old-fashioned hard work, the support, love, good fortune and the grace of G-d. We appreciate the fact that we have a strong obligation to give back and help less fortunate people. We believe that improving people’s lives though health is one of the best and most fulfilling ways to make a difference!”

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Basic Medical Research Award is considered a prelude to the Noble Prize; many of Albert Lasker leading award recipients went on to receive Nobel Prize in Medicine and Physiology. Dr. Steinman considered a leading candidate for this coveted award. He is a member of the American Society of Clinical Investigation, the American Society of Cell Biology; the American Association of Immunologists, the Harvey, Kunkel and Practitioner’s Societies, and the Society for Leukocyte Biology. He serves as a consultant to the Dana Foundation and as chair of the Scientific Advisory Boards of the Trudeau Institute and the MD Anderson Center for Cancer Immunology Research. Steinman is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and its Institute of Medicine.

Dr. Steinman joins other prestigious SASS Foundation International Scientific Advisory Board of world-renowned scientists and researchers, including Nobel Laureate J. Michael Bishop, MD, an American immunologist and mico-biologist who won the 1989 Nobel Prize in Physiology & Medicine; Robert Gallo, a member of the National Academy of Sciences; George Klein of Karolinska Institute, Stockholm who discover a link between EB virus and Burkitt’s lymphoma; and Dr. John Reed, President and CEO of Burnham Research Institute, a noted pioneer in the field of stem cell research, and cell death program in cancer research. The late Dr. Judah Folkman, a pioneer in fighting tumors and cancer research, also served on The SASS International Scientific Board. The SASS Foundation Board of Directors is pleased and privileged to include Dr. Steinman as a valued member. He stands among the elite in scientific research, and his commitment to promoting its long-term viability is laudable. His approach of T cell vaccine in fighting cancer is promising.

On December 3, 2009, Dr. Steinman was honored as The SASS Visiting Professor at Weill Cornell Medical College in conjunction with Cold Spring Harbor Labs.

Steinman joined with the fellows at Cornell and CSHL and conducted Grand Rounds at MSKCC. Dr. Steinman’s involvement was both outstanding and extraordinary The SASS Foundation Visiting Professorship culminated with a SASS Medical Advisory Board Dinner held in Dr. Steinman’s honor. Kudos to Dr. Sudhir Gupta, SASS Director of Scientific Development, for his efforts in bringing this to fruition.
The Beginning of a New Day

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, and it was the age of foolishness…”

So are the words of Charles Dickens’ *A Tale of Two Cities.*

Though he was speaking of the year 1775, the turmoil and social upheaval that he was describing might well be applicable to many of the events that surround all of us now.

From the financial crisis that we have endured over this last year, to the change in the Presidency of our country, Americans have taken a new look at what has been considered routine and customary and tried to reestablish a sense of purpose and priorities in our daily lives. All of us try to place a new credence to those values that we hold dear.

When it comes to the fight against cancer, this sense of purpose becomes even stronger and more pressing an issue for every American. No matter what the economic environment, no matter political party controls Washington, cancer never sleeps. It is the unrelenting evil that knows no boundaries. It cares less of the economics or social upheaval that might be taking place.

The SASS Foundation, despite these hard times, has taken the high road. Instead of shrinking its commitment to education and research, it has increased its exposure. At the New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Ctr., we have established The SASS Foundation Judah Folkman Research Fellowship in the name of our late-distinguished member of The SASS Foundation International Scientific Board. This fellowship allows a young physician to continue to grow and develop research programs that can one day answer the important questions that need to be answered. This prestigious fellowship is mirrored by The SASS Foundation’s commitment a research fellowship at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories. This year, in the setting of our Visiting Professorship, Dr. Ralph Steinman, of the Rockefeller University, these young men and women will have the opportunity to present their work to one of the most respected researchers in the world. To paraphrase Dickens, perhaps this could be the “age of wisdom”.

Our other programs, such as the International Scientific Conference, that was held in Rome this past May, conducted by Dr. Sudhir Gupta; or our Annual Breast Cancer Education Day, that takes place in Oct and Annual Ovarian Cancer Awareness Day in May; and our collaborative efforts with Dr. Morton Coleman in his Lymphoma and Myeloma Conference and Dr. Richard Silver and his CRT Foundation’s Conference on myeloproliferative diseases—continue the fight to educate and expand our knowledge again these diseases, so that someday very soon, a cure for these horrid evils might be accomplished.

For all of you who have attended our past fund raisers, we thank you so much. We hope you will again join us again in 2010 at our Annual Golf & Tennis Outing at Nassau Country Club on May 17th and at this year’s Gala on Friday, November 12th at The Pierre Hotel on a most memorable evening, Thank you for believing in our dream. Thank you for believing in our promise that —

“Together we will make a difference!”

Perhaps at a time that could be considered one our “worst of times”, we can turn our war against cancer to one of our best efforts and someday, our biggest success!

Partnering for a Healthy Community
Second Annual Ovarian Cancer Awareness Day, Saturday, April 4, 2009

Last April over 300 attendees took part in our 2nd Annual Ovarian Cancer Awareness Day at The East Wind Conference Center in Wading River. This all encompassing and timely education day is dedicated to the memory of Gerry Trunz, a 50 year old mother of four, who succumbed to her four year battle with Ovarian Cancer. This day is offered free to all, thanks to the generosity of her husband, Mr. Charles Trunz III, in conjunction with The SASS Foundation, whose mission it is to provide vital information for early detection which is key in saving lives. With early detection, 82 out of 100 women who might die from Ovarian Cancer can be saved!

The Gerry Trunz Memorial Lecture Award was bestowed upon Dr. Andrew Menzin, Assoc. Chief of Gynecologic Oncology, NSUH, Valerie Smaldone, Media Personality, Ovarian Cancer Survivor, Advocate and last year's Honoree, presented this year’s Humanitarian Award to our own, Karen O’Neil, Ovarian Cancer Survivor and Advocate.

Karen's audacious demeanor in the face of adversity, as well as her grateful acceptance speech brought the audience to a teary-eyed standing ovation.

The day’s events showcased such pertinent topics as “The Breast Ovarian Connection,” “Prevention of Gynecological Diseases,” and “Meet The Ovarian Cancer Specialists,” to name a few.

The SASS Foundation has been at the forefront in bringing crucial information on Ovarian Cancer Awareness to the throngs of people who attend this event each year.

Mark your calendars for 2010 Ovarian Cancer Awareness Day—Saturday, May 1st at the East Wind Conference Center. Bring your daughter, mother, sister, husband or a friend! Please look for further details in the mail and on our website www.sassfoundation.org.

Early detection and vital information are the tools needed to prevent this disease from taking another precious life!

Pictured above left: Guest lecturer, Dr. Andrew Menzin, Associate Chief of Gynecologic Oncology, NSUH, with Dr. Frank Arena, SASS Foundation President and Co-Founder. Below left: Dr. Arena with last year’s Humanitarian Honoree and special guest moderator, Valerie Smaldone and 2009 Humanitarian Award recipient, Karen O’Neil. Below right: Mrs. Barbara Suss, Co-Founder, SASS Foundation; Councilwoman Jane Bonner and Dr. Arena.
Providing Vital Outreach to Raise Awareness

15th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Day, Saturday, October 3, 2009

“I am so grateful to all those involved in The SASS Foundation education events, which I have been attending for some time. You all are directly responsible for giving me the positive power that come with knowledge. I am never confused about my treatment or afraid to make a decision along with my doctor. I am now fine and ready to handle anything that may come up for me or my daughter or my mother. KNOWLEDGE IS POWER! Thank you!”

Robin Kaufman, No. Bellmore, NY

This quote from one of the loyal attendees at our annual education events speaks volumes as to the mission of The SASS Foundation for Medical Research. The SASS Foundation strives to make certain that the patient is never forgotten and continues in its commitment to educate the public on the latest therapies and most advanced treatments and detection procedures.

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The Lisa Cowan Memorial Award was presented to NYS Senator Charles Fuschillo, Jr. Sen. Fuschillo, a strong advocate in the fight against breast cancer, was so impressed with The SASS Breast Cancer Education Day that he pledged $10,000.00 from NYS to help sponsor this important education day.

The Adbina Taddeo Humanitarian Award was bestowed upon award-winning journalist and acclaimed author, Betty Rollin. Betty not only captivated the audience with her informative and personally compassionate story, but helped bring her own personal experiences with a touch of humor as only she can do. The day culminated in an awards luncheon and book signing by Ms. Rollin. We thank NYS, BioScrip, Myriad Genetic Labs for their help in underwriting sponsorships for this event.

On Friday evening, October 23rd, The SASS Foundation for Medical Research held its annual Gala Dinner Dance & Casino at the fabulous Garden City Hotel.

This year the event brought together over 350 local and national business people, medical professionals, and supporters. The enthusiastic attendees paid tribute to three very special individuals. Mr. Thomas E. Constance, Partner/Chairman at Kramer Levin International Law Firm, was honored with the Business Leadership Award. Mr. Constance, a resident of Sands Point, is a wonderful and philanthropic friend to The SASS Foundation and works tirelessly to raise money for cancer research. The Humanitarian Award was bestowed upon Dr. Eileen Krim. Dr. Krim, a gynecologist at North Hills Obstetrics, has donated her time at throughout the year, educating the public and increase awareness to help in the fight against cancer at SASS Foundation Education Days. Kaitlyn Suarez, a junior at Shoreham Wading River HS was honored with the 2009 Courage Award. Kaitlyn has fought two battles with Hodgkins Lymphoma and is now in full remission. From the start of her fight, Kaitlyn has worked to raise funds and awareness for other young people diagnosed with cancer and has taken on the obligation of the cured.

Media Personality, Valerie Smaldone was Celebrity Emcee for the evening. Ms. Smaldone, along with Sports Celebrity Guest, former NY Yankee great, Roy White, conducted a live auction of signed Dr. Sassy Bears and autographed sports equipment.

The co-founders of The SASS Foundation, Martin & Barbara Sass and Dr. Francis Arena, greeted the throngs of happy revelers and encouraged the guests to participate in the silent/live auctions, Chinese auction and casino with all proceeds going to cancer research. The happy revelers danced the night away to the fabulous sound of the Kevin Osborne band.

Some major corporate sponsors of this event were MD Sass Companies, Kramer Levin, Deloitte Touche, Berdon, Sidney Austin, Bracewell Giuliani, MacAndrews & Forbes, Hyatt Family Foundation, Dr. William Catacosinos, Northern Obstetrics and many more. We thank them and the many other benefactors for helping to underwrite this fabulous evening. The funds raised at this wonderful event will go directly into medical research and education programs to help unlock the mysteries involved in the onset and progression of cancer.

“I can almost see their faces. I can almost hear their laughter. Feel their sadness. Hear their cries. A medical oncologist is truly a different breed than most physicians. Not that we care more than others but we have the privilege of knowing our patients, their families, their loves ones perhaps more intimately than any other physician…”

Over twenty years ago, Marty & Barbara Sass and I made a pact together. We promised each other that we would start a Foundation dedicated to all those that suffer from this holocaust of an illness… Join us now in helping to wipe this curse from our memory and make our children and their children look at a better world…”

Dr. Arena quote from Gala Journal
SASS Foundation Annual Gala at Garden City Hotel Honors Three Deserving Individuals

A Memorable Evening of Hope Raises $500,000 for Cancer Research!

Jody & Howard Newman & sons

Media Personality Valerie Smaldone, SASS co-founders Barbara & Marty Sass, former Yankee Great Roy White, Kasey Arena, SASS co-founder Dr. Francis Arena and SASS Foundation Director of Scientific Development, Dr. Sudhir Gupta

Honoree Tom Constance, Dr. Frank Arena & Dr. Sudhir Gupta

Barbara & Marty Sass and Business Leadership Honoree Tom Constance

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Mrs. Suarez, Dr. Arena, Courage Award Honoree Kaitlyn Suarez and Mr. Suarez

Humanitarian Award Honoree Dr. Krim and sons

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Kasey & Frank Arena, Board Member Joe Amella & Lois Lerner

Barbara Sass, Courage Award Honoree Kaitlyn Suarez and Marty Sass

Barbara & Marty Sass at MD Sass Table

Judy & Howard Newman & sons

Honoree Dr. Eileen Krim & friends

Barbara & Marty Sass and Business Leadership Honoree Tom Constance
Young Leadership Committee
Leading with Passion, Vision & Commitment

Lara and Phil Sivin
YLC Co-Chairs

Since its inception in 2006, The Young Leadership Committee (YLC) have been steadfast supporters of The SASS Foundation and are an integral part of the fundraising, volunteering and that help raise funds in the fight and further the cause. From volunteering at the Concert Series, founded by Ari Sass, the YLC can be called upon at a moment’s notice to lend a hand in support – without hesitation.

For two consecutive years, Jamie & Ari Sass, co-hosted Champions for Charity – a benefit shopping event held at the Americana Manhasset with a fundraising dinner at Cipollini. Thanks to all who shopped for The SASS Foundation, but also attended the Cocktail Reception hosted for The SASS Foundation by Tiffany, as well as joining in the Fundraising Dinner that followed.

Our Annual Golf Outing and Tennis Tournament at Nassau Country Club in Glen Cove, originally scheduled for the Spring of ’09, was postponed due to flooding on the course. The rescheduled event took place on Monday, August 10th and we are proud to report that the new date was not only very well attended, due to participation of the YLC, but enabled us to raise over 50K for cancer research at a time when other not for profits were canceling their outings due to the tough economic climate and lack of support. We can proudly boast of a hugely successful event on—and we thank the YLC for supporting us again. Kudos to our fellow co-chairs, Amy Dash and Bob Litwin, for all their help in making fun event an exceptional fundraiser on all levels. Watch your mail for details on the 2010 Golf & Tennis Outing which will take place on Monday, May 17th at the Nassau County Club.

This past October, our Annual Gala Dinner Dance & Casino was held at the Garden City Hotel. Over $500,000 was raised for cancer research and we thank the YLC members who attended or sent in donations to the Gala. We need you now more than ever before and we are so grateful for your continued support. Please make a note of Friday, November 12th as the date set for our 2010 Gala Dinner Dance. This year it will be held at fabulous Pierre Hotel in NYC. We look forward to greeting you there!

As we head into this new year filled with hope and promise, we thank you for your willingness to continue to make a difference and help us to raise money to find a cure!

Fond regards,
Lara and Phil Sivin

Fashion Show Raises Funds For SASS Foundation Cancer Research For Fourth Year!

For the fourth year in a row, The Roslyn High School students donated the proceeds from their Annual Cancer Benefit Fashion Show to The SASS Foundation for Medical Research, Inc. under the guidance of Joan Ambrosino, SASS Foundation Education Administrator. Over the past 4 years, the total amount raised by the Roslyn HS students is a phenomenal $65,000.00! The monies raised will go to cancer research patient care and education. Kudos to these wonderful young people.
SASS Foundation Jr. Volunteer Board Makes a Difference!

The SASS Foundation 2008 Gala event was probably one of the most exciting and memorable experiences of my life. My name is Jake Prigoff, the survivor who had the privilege of accepting last year’s Courage Award. I am also one of the designers of the CURE t-shirt, along with Lindsay Groman. The two of us with Hallie Dunn were the founding members of the Junior Board and all graduated from Roslyn High School, which I’m delighted to see has continued their valued support for the SASS Foundation. I am now attending The University of Michigan as a pre-med major, possibly looking into a future career in oncology. As a hard working student, fraternity president, and a cappella singer I have still been lucky enough to find the time to visit a local Ronald McDonald house where I can volunteer my time.

I attended the recent Golf and Tennis Outing and was so pleased to be able to participate in such a successful day, even if my putting was a little off. I am encouraged by all of the recent successes of the SASS Foundation, and the groups that work alongside them, to continue helping in the fight against cancer. The University of Michigan is an extremely large institution and I plan on taking advantage of that as much as possible with both my fraternity and a cappella group. Even in our difficult economic times I find people are still willing to give to a great cause like the SASS Foundation and that is truly heartwarming.

I speak on behalf of some of my devoted peers when I say that it is a real honor to be involved with the SASS Foundation. We were there for the introduction of the foundation to Roslyn High School and I know that we will continue to raise awareness and funds with the hope and knowledge that one day our efforts will eradicate this awful disease.

FROM THE JR. VOLUNTEER BOARD CO-PRESIDENT
Spencer Schwartz

Hi everyone! My name is Spencer Schwartz and I am a co-president of the Junior Volunteer Board of The SASS Foundation. This newly formed junior board is comprised of a dedicated group of students at Roslyn High School who all want to make a difference.

This group of students, ranging from freshmen to seniors, dedicated their time and effort this past year to many SASS Foundation related events. Some of these events include the Breast Cancer Day, Ovarian Cancer Day, the Roslyn Cancer Benefit Fashion Show, as well as other fundraisers around Roslyn High School. Volunteers like Matt Russell, for example, even expanded their efforts beyond Roslyn High School and gave the proceeds from a temple fundraiser to the SASS Foundation.

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Maryann Combs, Co-President of SASS Junior Volunteer Board, is Beauty Pageant Winner!

On Sunday, August 9th, Maryann Combs, a resident of Roslyn Heights and a junior in Roslyn HS, took second place in the Miss Long Island Teen 2010 Pageant and first place in Miss Photogenic.

For the pageant, Maryann’s platform was making a difference in the fight to eradicate cancer. As a member and co-president of the Junior Volunteer Board of The SASS Foundation, Maryann has participated and volunteered in many fundraising and educational events for this important cause. As stated in her platform, “I am passionate about helping to find a cure for cancer and that is why I have specifically chosen to do that as a member of The Junior Board of The SASS Foundation for Medical Research. I believe that Knowledge is Power, that there is great hope for cancer patients and as The SASS Foundation motto states, “Together We Can Make A Difference!’ As a teenager, I believe I can serve as a role model through my rewarding and fulfilling experiences as part of The SASS Foundation’s Jr. Volunteer Board.”

Focusing on the Future…Hope on the Horizon…

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“Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible.”

Anonymous

This has been a most volatile year, we are in a state of flux and all we came to be certain of — was the uncertainty of it all. Our once most trusted financial institutions fell prey to the harsh economic realities of these trying times; individuals that we looked upon as heroes — fell far short of the mark. These trying times can certainly be the impetus that might deter us from what we believe in and also bring us cause to doubt. But through the tumultuousness of it all, The SASS Foundation for Medical Research has remained steadfast in its mission to find a cure for cancer through research, patient care and education.

I have been the Executive Director of The SASS Foundation for Medical Research for almost five years now, and I am constantly amazed by the outstanding caliber of people that I come in contact with on a daily basis. These are individuals from all walks of life who are willing to give so selflessly and never ask for anything in return—the common bond for all being the eradication of cancer. This is the thread that promulgates our very existence. The tie that binds us is the quest to find a cure for this dreaded disease that has touched each and every one of us in some way.

The SASS Foundation is lucky to have a dedicated and hardworking group of volunteers who appear at all our events — at the ready — to work at whatever task is needed. They arrive at 6:30 a.m. on foggy dismal days way out on the east end of Long Island. Our Volunteers are there — without fanfare or looking for anything in return — except the reward of doing something for the good of their fellow man.

Our Junior Volunteer Board, comprised of Roslyn High School students, is an enthusiastic group of compassionate young people who realize the importance of giving back — a great lesson at any age. These students volunteer at our education events, sell SASS Foundation tee shirts and bracelets throughout the year and brainstorm on ways to raise money for the cause. Under the capable guidance of our dedicated Education Administrator, Joan Ambrosino, the Junior Volunteer Board has flourished and remains committed to The Foundation. These young people have learned that they can truly make a difference!

Our Young Leadership Committee, spearheaded by Lara and Phil Sivin, along with Ari and Jamie Sass, can be counted upon to chair our event committees, and lo and behold, all of their friends appear and become an integral part of these events. The loyalty of this group speaks volumes as to the committed efforts of the Sass and Sivin families and has been crucial and key to the success of our Golf and Tennis Outing, Champions for Charity shopping benefit, Concert Series and our Annual Gala Dinner Dance.

In these difficult times when many other not-for-profits had to cancel their golf and tennis outings and galas, The SASS Foundation chose to go ahead with fierce determination and succeeded! Our Golf and Tennis Outing raised over $50,000.00 and this past October over $500,000.00 was raised for cancer research at our Annual Gala Dinner Dance. These financially successful fundraising events speak volumes to the committed efforts of our fabulous cadre of supporters and our outstanding honorees. This positive outcome was due to the hard work and participation of our loyal supporters, our executive and medical boards, and our volunteers. All of you are part of The SASS Foundation family — a family filled with hope, determination, and commitment.

It is extremely rewarding to attend our educational events where world-class physicians dedicate their time and expertise selflessly, but it is even more gratifying to see the positive impact these doctors have on patients and their families. Those attending garner knowledge of the latest treatments and therapies — thus providing them with the proper tools to fight the battle. One just has to see the look in their eyes to immediately understand the importance of it all. It is a fitting testament to the mission and work of The SASS Foundation that is not only uplifting, but showcases the hope and true significance that are the goals of these education days.

The accomplishments of The SASS Foundation have been extraordinary. Our incredible co-founders, Marty & Barbara Sass and Dr. Frank Arena, along with Dr.Gupta, have set the bar very high and you, our supporters, have taken up the gauntlet and joined in the fight. Your continued support and valued participation enables The SASS Foundation to continue its crucial work. We need each and every one of you on our team — Team Hope — and we WILL conquer cancer once and for all!

“Together we will make a difference.”

“Hope is not a dream, but a way of making dreams become reality,”

Author Unknown

save the date

Monday, May 17, 2010

The SASS Foundation for Medical Research, Inc.
Annual Golf Outing & Tennis Tournament

Nassau Country Club, Glen Cove, NY

Watch your mail for further details or contact Lois at llernersasfdn@gmail.com or 516.365.7277

Our Golf Outing and Tennis Tournament — we can hardly wait! It’s Monday, May 17th — please reserve the date. It will be a day and evening of good sport, food & fun. We look forward to greeting each of you and of course, the sun! So let’s meet on May 17th and compete for sure — Let’s raise lots of money to find a cure!

“Together We Can Make A Difference!”

Marty & Barbara Sass
Chairman & Co-Founders

Dr. Frank Arena
President & Co-Founder
A torrential downpour last June caused flooding on the course in Glen Cove, resulting in a rescheduling of The SASS Foundation Annual Golf Outing & Tennis Tournament at the Nassau Country Club. However, the wrath of Mother Nature worked in our favor as our supporters came out in even greater numbers on the new date of August 10th.

Our Golfers and Tennis Players were greeted by smiling volunteers to help guide the along on a pleasant sunny day which was the perfect backdrop for a fabulous day of golf and tennis and all who took part had a truly fantastic time. This banner day culminated in a sumptuous cocktail hour, silent auctions with great prizes and an over the top awards buffet dinner with fantastic prizes.

Golf chair, Phil Sivin worked hard and his diligent efforts paid off with a full compliment of golfers who all played the historic course and enjoyed every minute of it. The sun shone down on the golfers as they munched on their on-the-course barbeque goodies and true camaraderie was the order of the day.

Tennis Co-chairs Lara Sass Sivin, Amy Dash and Tennis great, Bob Litwin did a yeoman’s job on not only filling all the tennis courts to capacity, but their efforts contributed to a fun event and fabulous outdoor luncheon.

The vendors showcase was the perfect backdrop for a fun event and fabulous outdoor luncheon. The vendors showcase was facet of the day that added interest and brought in extra funds as they sold their vast array of trinkets to all in attendance.

Major sponsors of the event included Kramer Levin, Tom Constance; Berdon, Richard Zimmerman; Sidley Austin, Michael Schmidtberger; MD Sass Companies, Marty Sass; Bracewell Giuliani, Jon Gill; Deloitte Touche, Noel Spiegel — just to name a few. We thank them and the many others who so graciously helped to underwrite this event.

We also thank those companies who provided in-kind gifts and prizes including Calloway, Garden City Hotel, East Wind, Nubest and the many others who so graciously donated!

We thank the co-chairs for this outing, our co-founders, all the participants, and of course, our hardworking Volunteers who show up with a smile and without whom we could not execute such a perfect event.

We look forward to the next Golf Outing and Tennis Tournament on Monday, May 17th at the Nassau Country Club.
Dr. David M. Nanus is currently the Co-Division Chief in the Department of Hematology and Medical Oncology at Weill Cornell Medical College NY Presbyterian Hospital. Dr. Nanus is an internationally recognized leader in the treatment and care of patients with all types of genitourinary cancers, including prostate, kidney, bladder and testicular cancer. He has been the Medical Director of the Genitourinary Oncology Program at Weill Cornell since coming from MSKCC in 1998, developing a multidisciplinary program for patient care as well as state of the art clinical research. Dr. Nanus is also the clinical of the Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology at Weill Cornell. The Division consists of over 30 physicians and nurse practitioners, caring for patients with all types of cancers, as well as patients with non-malignant blood disorders. “The goal of the Division is to provide our patients with outstanding patient care while offering them the most advanced treatments available through clinical research trials,” says Dr. Nanus.

Dr. Harry Raftopoulos is an associate attending physician in the division hematology/oncology at the Monter Cancer Center in Lake Success, NY, where he leads the thoracic oncology section. Dr. Raftopoulos earned his medical degree from the University of the Witwatersrand Medical School in So. Africa. Dr. Raftopoulos completed a hematology/oncology fellowship at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in NY. Prior to his current position, Dr. Raftopoulos was an assistant professor of medicine at Columbia University. At the same time, while also acting as an assistant attending physician at NY Presbyterian Hospital, Dr. Raftopoulos was the medical director for the Ambulatory Chemotherapy Infusion Center. In addition to his current research interests involving novel agents in lung cancer and supportive care studies, Dr. Raftopoulos serves as chair of the Cancer Services Research Review Committee at NSLIJ He is a member of the CALBG Respiratory Malignancies Committee.

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Kudos to the 2009–10 Arena Scholarship Award Winners!
• Matthew Jung, New York University
• Alex Kamath, Dartmouth University
• Sara Pawlak, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, SUNY

Accolades and Achievements

We Salute and Congratulate Former SASS Foundation Grant Recipients
An outstanding paper by Dr. Sophie J. Deharvengt (former SASS Fellow) at Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, NH on “Intra-Tumoral Delivery of shRNA Targeting Cyclin D1 Attenuates Pancreatic Cancer Growth” (along with Jason R. Gunn, Sarah B. Pickett & Murray Korc) has been accepted for publication in Cancer Gene Therapy. Dr. Deharvengt received SASS Foundation Research Fellowship funding.

Dr. Davide Melisi (former SASS Fellow) of MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX., who was funded by The SASS Foundation Research Fellowship grant to study, “Role of TAK-1 in the Chemoresistance of Pancreatic Cancer” has been appointed as a faculty member at the National Cancer Institute of Naples in Italy.

Helping To Make the Dream of a Cure — Reality!
2009–2010 SASS Foundation Research Fellows
Dr. Christopher Dillon — St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, TN,
Dr. Francine Garrett-Bakelman — Weill Cornell Medical College, NY, NY
Dr. Vincent Chih-Wen Shu — Burnham Institute, La Jolla, CA
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Looking to the Future
Now more than ever!

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“Research and education are how we make headway into diseases.”
Dr. Frank Arena
Making a Difference... Internationally

In keeping with its mission to fund vital research, education and patient care The SASS Foundation is providing an underwriting sponsoring for an International Three-Day Lymphoma and Myeloma Conference, to be held in Singapore this February. The title of this outstanding medical seminar is entitled, “Bridging the Gap 2010” and provides the platform that brings together the top thinkers in the United States via the MD Anderson Cancer Center and the best minds of Asia via the University of Singapore. The meeting has been planned and implemented by the Medal Group, which includes such noted physicians as Dr. Arena, co-founder, SASS Foundation and Dr. Coleman (a member of the SASS Medical Board). This 3 day conferences will be comprised of lectures & interactive sessions. The SASS Foundation through a grant, will co-sponsor the keynote lecture on Lymphoma via an award. This year the keynote lecturer & recipient is Dr. Wang of the National University of Singapore. Moreover, besides funding his honorarium, the remaining money will be used as a sponsorship of a patient education day on Lymphoma & Leukemia which will be opened to the public—“for free”. The SASS Foundation will also be a co-sponsor of that patient education day. Over 300 patients have already signed up for this special day. The SASS Foundation is proud to be co-sponsoring this with the MD Anderson Cancer Center (largest cancer center in the US).

Last September, The SASS Foundation was pleased to have been able to provide a support grant for the International Three-Day Conference in Bari, Italy. This outstanding medical conference covered such pertinent topics as the issue of genetics, epidemiology, intervention, and psychosocial aspects of Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancers. Dr. Franco Muggia, Director of Medical Oncology, NYU School of Medicine spearheaded this outstanding Three Day Medical Meeting.

Take Note...

✓ SASS FOUNDATION/LANDMARK CONCERT  
FRIDAY, APRIL 16TH, 8 PM  
Dar Williams, songstress  
Proceeds to benefit cancer research

✓ 3RD ANNUAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS DAY  
SATURDAY, MAY 1ST, 9 AM TO 2 PM  
East Wind Inn & Spa, Wading River, NY

✓ ANNUAL GOLF OUTING & TENNIS TOURNAMENT  
MONDAY, MAY 17TH  
Nassau Country Club, Glen Cove, NY

✓ 16TH ANNUAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY  
SATURDAY, OCT. 2ND, 9 AM TO 2 PM  
Li Marriott, Uniondale, NY

✓ ANNUAL GALA DINNER DANCE & CASINO  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 7PM – 11:30 PM  
The Pierre Hotel, 61st & Fifth Ave, NYC

✓ CHAMPIONS FOR CHARITY BENEFIT SHOPPING EVENT  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2 – SAT., DECEMBER 4, 2010  
Americana Manhasset

SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY MAY 14TH
A Very Special Evening starring beloved comedian/actor  
RAY ROMANO in a rare NYC appearance — performing his comedy for ONE NIGHT ONLY, to benefit Ovarian Cancer  
Research through The SASS Foundation  
School of Visual Arts Theater 333, West 23rd Street  
bet. 8th and 9th Aves; Chelsea section; NYC)  
Opening Act TBA

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ANNUAL GALA • FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 • 7:00 PM

Dinner Dance and Casino • Pierre Hotel • 61st Street and Fifth Avenue, New York

Please join us in a very special evening to benefit the fight against cancer at our Gala Dinner Dance & Casino on Friday, November 12 when we honor three outstanding individuals—each so giving and deserving in their own right.

Humanitarian Award

Mark I. Silberman, MD, FACS

The 2010 Humanitarian Award will be bestowed upon Dr. Mark I. Silberman. Dr. Silberman is a highly renowned expert in all aspects of aesthetic and reconstructive surgery and is listed in New York's Top Doctors. He is the Founder of The Plastic Surgery Group, P.C. and is often sought by his colleagues for his professional opinion and advice. Dr. Silberman has been a wonderful friend to The SASS Foundation. He unselfishly gives of his time and expertise and has participated in all our education events over the years.

Business Leadership Award TBA

Courage Award

Sean Swarner, Motivational speaker, Mountain Climber Extraordinaire

Only .0000003 percent of the population has been able to summit Mount Everest; even fewer have completed the 7-Summits. But no one has survived cancer twice and completed them both until now.

When he was just 13 years old, Sean was diagnosed with Advanced Stage IV Hodgkins disease and given only months to live. Because of his strength and determination, he was in remission by the time he was 16, but it was then that his family was dealt another blow. During a routine checkup, doctors found Sean had developed a completely different form of cancer; he was diagnosed with Askin’s Sarcoma, given two weeks to live, and read his last rites. His courage again helped him pull through and, after being put in a medically induced coma for a year which left him with only one fully functioning lung, Sean pulled through.

Today, the 35-year-old looks to give that same courage and hope to cancer survivors all over the world. He is two summits away from climbing the nine highest peaks in the world; Everest was his first summit back in 2000. In 2008, he completed Hawaii’s Ironman competition. Also on the roster is hiking both the North and the South Poles. Once he completes this, Sean will have finished what is called the “Ultimate Adventure Grand Slam.”

When he’s not climbing, Sean circles the globe speaking to those who have been touched by cancer for the Cancer Climber Foundation; an organization that was started by him to raise money to help others suffering from cancer live out their dreams.

Sean continues to move his own mountains (or at least climb them) saying, “The human body can last roughly 30 days without food. The human condition can sustain itself for about three days without water, but no human alive can survive more than thirty second without hope, because without hope we truly have nothing.”

Sean’s message of HOPE is something YOU will not want to MISS!

This will be a very special evening that you will not want to miss! It will be a night to remember filled with fun, surprises, auctions, dancing and casino. Please make a date to join us on November 12th and help us to raise more money than ever before for cancer research, patient care and education. For sponsorship, dinner & journal opportunities, please contact Lois Lerner llernersassfdn@gmail.com.

It will be a truly great evening at The Pierre. Please come and join us to show you care. On an evening to honor three outstanding men. Their accomplishments are many — on that you can depend. So please mark your calendars—set the date. Join us at 7—please don’t be late. Let’s fight the good fight and raise more than ever. The SASS Foundation needs all to help in this endeavor. It promises to be a night to remember. Get ready to party on the 12th of November.