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Remembering Steve Towle

As most of you have heard, Steve Towle, the President of SCI Network died on October 5, 2005 at the age of 52. Steve acquired a spinal cord injury in 1975 and died as the result of a heart attack. Steve had been a board member of the SCI Network for twenty years and had held the office of president for the last ten years. Steve had also been the editor of the monthly newsletter, THE SCI CONNECTOR.

Steve had been involved in many disability related organizations and held a board position in many of them. His work was always focused on assisting people with disabilities and their struggle to find equality and justice in their lives. We will miss him.



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Personal Assistance Services (PAS) Registry



The SCI Network has an updated registry of people who are available to assist those requiring physical assistance in their homes or workplace.

Redskin Season Ticket Raffle/Picnic



The annual Redskin Season Tickets raffle

is being geared up for this year's sale of 100 chances. The chances sell for \$100 each with a limit of 100 available for purchase. Along with

the Redskin tickets as 1st place prize, there are 9-second place cash prizes of \$200. This allows for one of ten chances

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Redskin Season Ticket Raffle/Picnic

of winning, if not the tickets, at least double your money back. Within the next two months everyone who has purchased a chance in the past will be receiving chances in the mail. If there are those

of you who have never purchased the \$100 chance and would like to do so, please call the office.

On Saturday August 26, 2006 the SCI Network will have it's annual picnic along with the drawing for the winners of the Redskin Season Tickets and

the 9-second place \$200 cash prizes.

The event will be held in the courtyard of The ENDendence Center of Northern Virginia at 3100 Clarendon Blvd. in Arlington, VA. Details will be in the next newsletter.

John Howard Memorial Goal Event Being Planned

Work has begun for another successful SCI Network John Howard Memorial Golf Marathon. The event will be held the first Monday after Labor Day, however, we have not yet secured the location.

Here's a chance for you to have a hand in the future of the Network's programs and services by getting "up to par"

on this event. We are currently forming this year's Steering Committee.

Based upon our prior success, we know that we will need at least four operating committees:

- Volunteer Recruitment:
- Sponsorships:
- Golfer Recruitment:
- Publicity:

We desperately need help with all of these important efforts. If you would like to get involved on the ground floor, please call the SCI Network office today at (301) 424-8335.



Remembering Mike Crawford

Mike Crawford was a past Board Member of the SCI Network. Mike had served on the board for ten years was vice-president for three years and died November 22, 2005 at the age of 59. Mike grew up in the Washington DC area and for many years, up to his death, had lived with his twin sister Nina and her husband George Bittrolff, who together provided him a very

loving and caring home. For his last 5 years they live in Johnsville, MD.

Mike had acquired his spinal cord injury in 1964, which resulted in a very high level injury and as a result had



no movement below his neck. With a mouth stick Mike was able to manipulate the keys on his computers and make it a good friend. Mike helped provide information and referral service to individuals calling into the SCI Network via call forward. Mike is remembered as a very gentle person who is missed.

Steve Towle Died on October 5th, 2005



As president Steve also ran the Network office and most of the day-to-day operations, which included responding to calls from newly spinal injured individuals and their families. He provided litera-

ture to these individuals along with personal visitations. For many years he spearheaded the annual holiday dinner for the homeless.

With Steve's absence we have had less contact with our membership and with this newsletter, THE SCI CONNECTOR, we are again providing that contact. Until Steve's death he had taken pride in having a newsletter sent out each month. At present we will be

providing it on a quarterly basis. His wife Lynn who together provided years of service to the spinal cord injured community survives Steve.

The Board of Directors would like to take the opportunity to invite anyone from the membership who would have the time and skill to help with the publishing of the newsletter. We would also invite from our membership a part-time volunteer to help in the office with the possibility of a part-time paid position.

March on Washington

Last year, the spinal cord injured community mobilized their first ever March on Washington. This year, United 2 Fight Paralysis (U2FP) and the Christopher Reeve Foundation will be hosting the Working 2 Walk Symposium and Rally on April 30th – May 2nd.

The symposium will inform participants about the latest advances in paralysis research and efforts to build a clinical trial infrastructure. The event will feature prominent scientists from around the country. These rallies are truly significant for the spinal cord injured community, It reflects how our

community is coming together to form a nationwide grassroots movement by making our voices heard and our presence known on the local, state and national level.

Susan Sarandon will be hosting the rally which will begin Tuesday at 11 am on the west side of Capitol and will provide a real opportunity to honor both Dana and Christopher by increasing pressure on lawmakers to pass a bill that would increase funding for paralysis research.


WORKING 2 WALK
WASHINGTON DC SYMPOSIUM & RALLY
APRIL 29-MAY 2, 2006



Go to
www.unite2fightparalysis.org/Work2Walk to register.

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- Combined Federal Campaign
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- Community Health Charities
National Capital Area
- National Spinal Cord Injury Association

**Knights Basketball
Tournament**

October 7-8, 2006

Maryland Soccerplex

You need not have an SCI/D to play wheelchair basketball. Many amputees, for instance, play wheelchair basketball. If you would like to know more about wheelchair basketball or about joining the Knights, or if you are interested in sponsoring or supporting the Knights, please visit our website at www.spinalcordinjury.net, or call (301) 424-8335.



SCI Network Membership Application/Renewal

Annual dues: \$15 individual—\$20 professional/organization

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Office Phone _____

City/State _____ E-mail Address _____

Zip _____

If disabled, please signify type or level and date of onset: _____

Area of Interest (please check at least one):

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SCI Network is the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. area chapter of the NSCIA. In existence for over forty years, and incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in DC, Maryland and Virginia since 1982, SCI Network's mission is: To provide support and services to people with spinal cord injuries and other mobility impairing conditions, and to their families and friends.