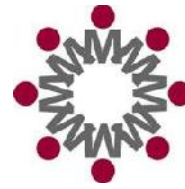


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# Newsletter

December 2017

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**Myeloma Alberta**  
Support Society

## December Meeting

Dr. Belch is officially retiring at the end of December. Join us at the annual MASS Christmas potluck where Dr. Belch will share the highlights of his career with us. A thank you card will be available for all members to sign and share a message with Dr. Belch. The December meeting will also include a candle light ceremony to reflect on our MASS friends who passed away in the past year. The event is a potluck, please bring your favourite Christmas potluck dish.

## Thank You

Thanks to all the participants in our November Wellness Fair Silent Auction. Thank you to those who donated items for the silent auction – Lionel Clarkson, Jerry Grobman, Ron Garrett, Sybilla Heinmann and Lorelei Dalrymple.

## January Meeting

The January meeting will feature professional speaker and author John Mclay speaking on the topic of Surviving Cancer. John will share experiences from his cancer journey. Mark your calendars.

## February Meeting

Saturday February 3, we will hold our Annual General Meeting.

**Paint Night Fundraiser**  
During the month of February, we will be holding a fun paint night as a fundraiser for myeloma research. Exact place and time to be determined.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND TO THEIR FAMILIES. WE WISH YOU A SAFE AND HEALTHY CHRISTMAS SEASON SURROUNDED BY YOUR LOVED ONES.



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Ensuring Funding for  
Life Saving Drugs

Myeloma Canada is continuing its Myeloma Advocacy Program. There is still time to let the government know about the importance of providing access to current myeloma treatments. Recently two myeloma drugs, Kyprolis® (carfilzomib) and Darzalex® (daratumumab) received approvals by Health Canada and positive recommendations for funding by our Health Technology Assessment (HTA) government bodies. Patients cannot get ready access to these drugs until the province in which they reside agrees to provide reimbursement for the treatment. To date, none of the provinces has funded these valuable treatments. The Myeloma Advocacy Program of Myeloma Canada is asking for your assistance in letting your government know the importance of this issue to you and your loved ones. You can quickly and easily send an email to your MLA by clicking on this link and following a few simple instructions.

<http://myelomacommunity.ca>

If you haven't already done so, please take the time to help. We can make a difference with a strong united voice.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 2	Dr. Belch Retirement, Christmas Potluck and Candle Light Ceremony*
Jan 6	Surviving Cancer – Speaker John Mclay*
Feb 3	Annual General Meeting*
Mar 3	Emergency Preparedness* - Speaker Rebecca Macklon
April 7	Speaker Dr. Sandhu*

\* Meetings held at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 11223-51 Avenue, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon.

VOLUNTEER MEETING

Folks interested in volunteering with MASS, please join us for a volunteer meeting at 12 noon on January 6th following the support meeting at Holy Spirit ... to discuss various volunteer opportunities and the details of the positions.



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