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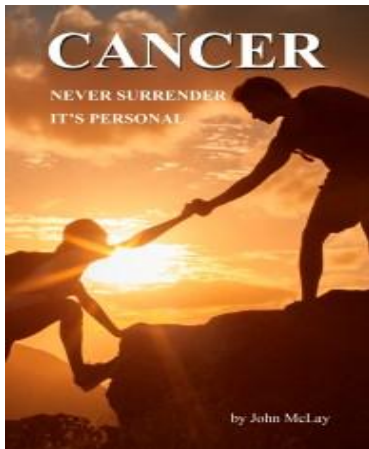
# Newsletter

January 2018

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**Myeloma Alberta**  
Support Society



## JANUARY MEETING

Saturday, January 6, we will hold our first meeting of 2018, and will feature professional speaker and author John McLay. John will speak on the topic of surviving cancer, and will share experiences from his own cancer journey. He will also have copies of his book *Cancer: Never Surrender, It's Personal* available for sale at the meeting.



## VOLUNTEER MEETING

Members and friends 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.

## FEBRUARY MEETING

Saturday February 3, we will hold our Annual General Meeting, along with an open forum.

## 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.

## MARCH MEETING

Our March meeting will be held Saturday, March 3. Speaker Rebecca Macklon of the Alberta Energy Management Agency will talk on the subject of emergency preparedness.

## WEBINAR

The annual conference for the American Society of Hematology (ASH) was held in December 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia. On Thursday, January 11, 2018, at 5 p.m. local time, the International Myeloma Foundation is presenting a free webinar featuring Dr. Brian Durie. Dr. Durie will discuss key information presented at the conference, and how this information relates to myeloma patients. You can register for the webinar at this address.

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**DRUG TRIAL RESULTS**

While at the ASH conference, Dr. Nizar J. Bahlis of the Southern Alberta Cancer Research Institute in Calgary taped a short video discussing the encouraging results of a Selinexor drug trial. You can see the video here

<https://t.co/y9p9kdfV9Q>

Additionally, Dr. Bahlis will be presenting the findings on Thursday, January 11th, 2018 at Wellspring Calgary, Carma House (1404 Home Road NW, Calgary) from 7:00pm - 9:00pm

**DECEMBER MEETING RECAP**

We were pleased to have Dr. Belch join us at our December meeting on the occasion of his retirement. He reflected on his career spent treating myeloma patients and then joined in our potluck, along with two celebratory cakes for dessert. We were also fortunate to have Dr. Linda Pilarski and Dr. Joanne Hewitt in attendance.



Pictures courtesy Georgette Bourgeois and Louise Thiessen

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
IMPORTANT DATES**

Jan 6	Surviving Cancer – Speaker John McLay*
Feb 3	Annual General Meeting and open forum*
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.

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