

Tourette Syndrome Association of Massachusetts
January 2010 Announcement

Hello,

We are pleased to announce some new changes that have taken effect over the past several months. Dawn Erickson has been able to start up her own business in SC. We will miss Dawn for her many years of dedication put in with TSA of Massachusetts and helping families, but wish her and her family success in their new business.

Our new President is Chrissy Joyal. Chrissy is the mother of four children. She graduated from Katherine Gibbs in Boston with an Associate Degree in Secretarial Arts Business Technology. Her oldest son has TS and several co-morbid conditions. She also has a son with OCD and ADHD, and another son with possible PDD-NOS. Growing up she watched her sister dealing with tics both motor and vocal but never knew what it was, just thought it was a quirk. She home schools all four of her children while volunteering for her church and TSA-MA. She joined the board of directors for TSA-MA in 2006 as Secretary. She coordinates the volunteers throughout MA while manning the TSA-MA phone line and juggling the numerous questions, concerns, referral requests, and pleas for help. She lives in Taunton with her husband, three sons, a daughter, and four loving cats. You can contact her via email at cjoyal@tsa-ma.org.

Our new Vice- President is Liliane Larsen. Liliane is a mother of two sons (one who has TS), a stepson, and stepdaughter. She is a self-employed bookkeeper who graduated from Iona College in New Rochelle, NY and has run her own bookkeeping business since 2001. She has been on the TSA-MA Board as our Treasurer. She has been a volunteer with the TSA-MA since 2005, and we are grateful for her financial expertise and are looking forward to accomplishing more things with her on as our Vice-Chair as well. She lives in Scituate with her husband and four children. You can contact her via email at llarsen@tsa-ma.org.

Jeff Swift has also stepped down as vice president but thankfully would like to continue on as one of our board of directors. Jeff is a father of two children and has TS himself. He is a nurse for Jordan Hospital and his experience brings the clinical perspective that so many families benefit from. He is a wealth of information for health related resource. Since 1998, he has served in various volunteer capacities for the TSA-MA and from 2000 to 2006, he was our chapter president, from 2006-2010 he was our vice-president. He lives in Plymouth with his wife, two children, and dog. You can contact him via email at jswift@tsa-ma.org.

Judy Storeygard would like to continue on our board as well. Judy has been active in TSA-MA for twenty years, specializing in the educational element of the chapter. She is a mathematics education researcher who focuses on the math learning of students with special needs. She is the mother of two sons; the younger one has TS. Her primary focus has been the educator conferences. You can reach her at jstoreyg@gmail.com

Ronald Goodstein would like to continue on our board as well. Ron has been a member of the TSA-MA since 1984, serving in various positions such as treasurer, newsletter editor, and co-president of the chapter in the early 1990s. He established the original TSA-MA website in 1996 and maintained it until 2008. He is an electrical engineer with a Masters Degree in Computer Science and currently lives in South Brookline. You can reach him at rongoood@world.std.com.

We are looking for people interested in helping plan an Educational Conference here in MA, if you would like to be contacted to help with this please let us know. Please also let us know if you would like to become a volunteer with our board, help plan an event, start a support group in your area, or want to be listed as an email support volunteer on our site. If you are doing a fundraiser to benefit our MA Chapter, please let us know. We would be happy to put that information on our website.

We will be sending out a mailer soon for our upcoming re-elections and new volunteers that would like to be part of our Board of Directors. If you haven't already done so, we strongly urge you to become a member of the National Tourette Syndrome Association. You will be supporting the services of both the national organization and the Massachusetts chapter, since a portion of your dues comes back to our chapter. You can find membership information on their web site (www.tsa-usa.org) or by calling the national office at (718) 224-2999.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to call or email us.

Sincerely,
Tourette Syndrome Association of Massachusetts, Inc. Volunteers