

MCFPC *Newsletter*

Maine Coalition to Fight Prostate Cancer

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- This is the premier of the Maine Coalition to Fight Prostate Cancer Newsletter. For more information about our group please visit our web site at HYPERLINK [http:// www.mcfpc.org](http://www.mcfpc.org) and visit us often for information about support team meetings and speakers, books, blogs, and many other interesting events taking place statewide.
- Our goal is to keep you informed about issues in the prostate cancer community and the work of the Coalition as we advocate for prostate cancer survivors.
- Doug Clark of Island Falls is the most recent addition to our Board of Directors. Welcome aboard Doug!
- On Thursday, May 14 the Maine Cancer Consortium met at Maple Hill Farm to formulate the next Five Year Plan for the Consortium. The Maine Coalition was represented by Nelson Leavitt and Mona and Jim Ervin. Our hope is to establish a separate Prostate Cancer Task Force within the Consortium. Failing in that endeavor, we will continue our work as part of the Early Detection Work Group.
- The members of the Blue Ribbon Committee of the Maine Coalition are in the process of developing a training session for existing and prospective new support team leaders. More news will be forthcoming. Keep open dates in October for this valuable and informative training.
- We recently established a Speakers Bureau and hope to have it begin its work in June. Our 14 speakers will be available to make brief presentations state wide to community groups, Kiwanis groups, Rotary groups, religious organizations and many other groups. Keep checking the web site for news of this important activity.
- The members of the Coalition have begun to make plans for September. This is "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month." We are in need of men and women to help us in planning and carrying out ideas. We need volunteers to help: be a liaison to our webmaster, chair our Speakers Bureau, write the monthly newsletter, collect information about charitable organizations to which we might apply for funds, etc.