

*Looking Toward the Future*

August 29, 2011

Dear

The WDA leadership is planning for the future of Wilson disease and **we need your help!** We all agree that there is still much to be learned about the successful diagnosis and treatment of Wilson disease. Too many young healthy lives are cut short by the devastating effects of WD. We must stop this for the benefit of our future generations. **I know that you will want to be part of the solution.**

It is time to hold another international scientific workshop as we did in 2006. We will bring together esteemed Wilson disease researchers and clinicians from all parts of the world who will share their most recent data about diagnostic and treatment strategies and practices. The workshop will be co-sponsored by the Wilson Disease Association and the National Institutes of Health. One of the goals of this meeting is to determine future research priorities and form valuable collaborations to advance understanding of **our disease**

Here is where you come in. A meeting of this scope and importance requires that we raise close to \$100,000. Please join me in *"Looking Toward the Future"* by giving generously to support this vital initiative. Together we can make this happen. **The future is in our hands!**

Warm regards,



Mary L. Graper  
President

P.S. Act now by returning the reply form in the enclosed envelope I have provided for your convenience.

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Dear Mary:

Yes, I agree with you on the importance of hosting another scientific workshop. You have my enthusiastic support! I am pleased to enclose my tax-deductible gift of:

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**Wilson Disease Association International  
2011 Election Ballot**

**If you are a WDA member in good standing, please cast your vote for the nominees below that you would like to see elected to the Board of Directors. The nominees are not running against one another so you may vote for as many as you like.**

**I. Nominees for 1 year term on Board of Directors:**

**Len Pytlak, CPA** – Mr. Pytlak has his own CPA firm in Ann Arbor, MI. He has WD and has served on the WDA Board as Vice President and Treasurer in the past. He has been very active in the WDA for many years, and we are pleased he is interested in rejoining the Board.

**Drew Katz** – Mr. Katz is CEO of Interstate Outdoor Advertising, a billboard company in Cherry Hill, NJ. He was diagnosed with WD as a child and is founder of The Drew Katz Foundation, which supports WD research and patient care, as well as AIDS and cancer research.

**II. Nominees for re-election to Board of Directors (3-year term):**

**Edward Goff** – Mr. Goff is a Director of Revenue Management for Hyatt Hotels and Resorts, where he has worked since August 2005. He lives in Long Beach, CA and is a hotel industry professional with over 17 years of experience through his employment with various hotel companies including Hyatt, Millennium, Four Seasons, and Westin. Mr. Goff has chosen to focus his volunteer efforts on WD to help support those with the disease, like his friend Stefanie Kaplan, and to assist with teaching others about the disease. He was appointed to the WDA Board in 2010 to replace a member who resigned.

**Pam Meadows, RN** – Ms. Meadows is a Registered Nurse at the Denver VA Medical Center, and recently completed her Master's Degree in Nursing Education. She was diagnosed with WD in 2001 and has been an active member of the WDA for several years. Ms. Meadows was one of the speakers at the 2010 WDA Annual Conference and has also written articles for the Copper Connection. She was appointed to the Board in 2010 to replace a member who resigned.