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Fundraiser for Sarcoma Research in Louisiana

Our Charter Member, Liddy Shriver, was recently diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma/PNET. The original tumor was found behind her left knee. Recent treatment includes chemotherapy, removal of the primary tumor as well as radiation. Unfortunately, the cancer hasn't responded to the treatment but has spread to Liddy's lungs.

Liddy is a passionate cyclist and plans to participate in several multi-day bike rides before the disease progresses further, causing increased health problems. The grand purposes of the rides are to: (1) raise public awareness of this disease; (2) raise funds for sarcoma research; and (3) raise public awareness of the critical lack of young adult participation in clinical trials.

The Rotary Club of Metro New York City is supporting Liddy in these efforts by helping promote the fundraisers and have members participate in the events.

Sarcoma, what's that? Sarcomas arise in the connective tissue of the body such as the fat, blood vessels, nerves and bones. About 1% of the newly diagnosed cancers this year will be sarcomas. Since they are uncommon, research is under funded. Ewing's sarcoma is one of 50 or so sarcomas. It is rare in adults (approximately 25 cases per year in the US), but occurs more frequently as a bone cancer in children (approximately 250 cases per year in the US).



Louisiana. From April 10 to April 13 Liddy will participate in a bike tour in Louisiana (where she spent part of her childhood) to raise funds for sarcoma research at the Columbia University Cancer Center in New York City. Columbia University has an active sarcoma unit which is performing research on vaccines and other experimental yet promising approaches. All contributions are tax deductible.

If you would like to support the effort with a donation, participate as a rider, or get more information you may visit <http://www.metronycrotary.org> or contact the Rotary Club of Metro New York City at rsvp@metronycrotary.org.

