

## The Rotary Club of Metro New York City

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## Fundraiser for Sarcoma Research in Denmark

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).



**Denmark.** From June 30 to July 5 Liddy will participate in a bike tour in Denmark (where she spent part of her childhood) to raise funds for the [Sarcoma Foundation of America](#) (SFA). The mission of the SFA is to act as an advocate for increased research to find new and better therapies to treat patients with sarcoma. SFA supports research focused on discovering and developing new weapons to treat and eradicate sarcoma. The SFA also interacts with public organization (e.g., the National Cancer Institute), private for-profit organizations (e.g., pharmaceutical companies) and private non-profit organizations (e.g., philanthropic foundations) to raise awareness of the treatment needs of sarcoma patients and sponsor cancer research. 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](mailto:rsvp@metronycrotary.org).

