

### **EIGHTH ANNUAL CHARITY BALL**

The eighth annual CSF Charity Ball will be held on **Saturday, March 14, 2015** at ABOVE at the Hilton Garden Inn -- **Staten Island, NY**. The evening promises to include fabulous cocktails, a delicious dinner, silent auction, and of course, lots and lots of fun gaming!



For more information and to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

Sponsorships opportunities are available. View the available sponsorships [here](#).

We are also seeking silent auction items such as gift baskets, trips, gift certificates, jewelry, trips, and artwork. If you are able to secure any silent auction or raffle items, please [contact us](#).

To see all the fun that was had at the 2014 Charity Ball, visit our [Facebook](#) page and view our [2014 Charity Ball](#) photo album! You may also click [here](#) for a recap of the evening.

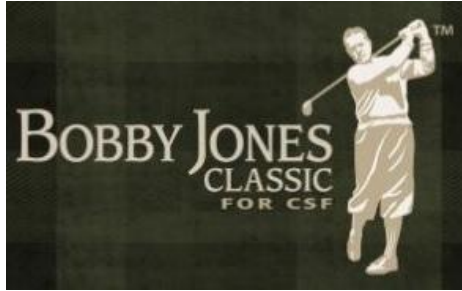
### **CSF RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM - VIDEOS ARE UP!**

The 2014 CSF Research Colloquium focused on co-morbid conditions that can complicate Chiari diagnosis and treatment. It was a truly fascinating collection of talks!

You can find lectures and discussions on topics everywhere from the genetics of Chiari malformation and connective tissue disorders, physical therapy considerations after surgery, all the way to the different manners by which medications can affect individual patients differently. There's even a lecture on Chiari in dogs! Check out the full list of topics and lectures [here](#)!

Also be sure to check our Physician Lecture Series for a new video from [Dr. Claudia Camelia Cotca](#) from the Greater Metropolitan Washington Area Chapter meeting!

#### **4TH ANNUAL BOBBY JONES CLASSIC FOR CSF**



The fourth annual Bobby Jones Classic for CSF will be held on May 17-18, 2015 at world-renowned East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Georgia. This exquisite event will include a cocktail reception prior to the tournament, exclusive Bobby Jones tours, an exciting Alexa Stirling putting challenge, a full day of golf at East Lake, all culminating with an awards dinner reception.

For details and sponsorship information, visit the tournament [website](#).

#### **CHAPTER NEWS**

##### **Greater Metropolitan Washington Area Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2015**

**Meet & Greet And Educational Lecture**

6:30PM Meet & Greet; 7:00-9:00PM Lecture

**Expert Speaker: Dr. Rosario Trifiletti**

**Topic: PANDAS, Paraneoplastic Limbic Encephalitis and other Autoimmune Syndromes**

**Location:** Doctors Community Hospital, North Building, 4th Floor Classroom, 8100 Good Luck Road, Lanham, MD, 20706

**RSVP:** Andrea Grosz at [agrosz@csfinfo.org](mailto:agrosz@csfinfo.org)

## TIME TO MAKE A #CSFresolution FOR THE NEW YEAR...



Have you made a [#CSFresolution](#) to improve the lives of the children and adults affected by Chiari, syringomyelia and related disorders yet? The best way to spread local awareness and education is by hosting a unite@night walk! It can be as large or as small as you are able to manage... and CSF staff will help you every step of the way!

Take your first step on helping to solve the puzzle of these frustrating conditions by filling out an application today.

Also, there will be an informational call on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 12 noon EST. Please join as we discuss the different options in regards to hosting a unite@night walk. To RSVP and obtain the call-in number, please contact Cathy Poznik at (330) 998-6195 or [cpoznik@CSFinfo.org](mailto:cpoznik@CSFinfo.org). Visit our [website](#) for more information.

## DINE FOR A CURE



Want to help raise money for research and educational programs to improve understanding and spread awareness of Chiari malformation, syringomyelia and related disorders? Well, what if we told you all you had to do was enjoy some delicious food?

Help raise awareness and funding by doing ONE of the following during the month of February 2015:

1) **Host a restaurant fundraiser!** Restaurant fundraisers can be wildly successful in raising money and involve little to no preparation on your part! Most locally-owned and community restaurants are willing to donate a portion of their proceeds to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, just like CSF! Just call or walk into a local restaurant and work together to host a fundraiser where a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Chiari & Syringomyelia Foundation. Here are some examples of restaurants you can approach: Any local/family-owned restaurant, Applebee's, Ruby Tuesday, Dairy Queen, Chili's, Bob Evans, Chevy's, Chipotle, Panera Bread, etc.

**DINE FOR A CURE (continued)**

2) **Host an Awareness Party at your Place!** Want to know who is most likely to support a cause that you care about? The people who care about YOU! Invite friends and family to your home to educate them about CM, SM & related disorders during dinner, snacks, or dessert. CSF will even supply a script you can follow. Afterward, ask if they would consider making a donation to help out.

For more information, please contact Cathy Poznik at [cpoznik@CSFinfo.org](mailto:cpoznik@CSFinfo.org) or call (330) 998-6195.