



SPOTLIGHT ON ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association

New Records Set at 14th International Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Conference

The 14th International Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Conference was the biggest yet, with more than 500 participants coming from around the United States, 4 Canadian provinces, Mexico, Portugal, and United Kingdom. Held in Los Angeles, California, in October, the conference was sponsored by the nonprofit ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc. (www.thyca.org).

The 100-plus sessions during the 3-day conference featured more than 60 speakers, including current and past ATA Presidents Gregory Brent, M.D., Peter Singer, M.D., and Carole Spencer, Ph.D. Speakers also included numerous other medical professionals and ATA members, as well as mental health professionals; attorneys focusing on insurance, employment, and other issues; specialists in complementary approaches; and survivors and caregivers affected by each type of thyroid cancer.

During the rest of 2011 and throughout 2012, ThyCa will sponsor numerous events. These include over 90 local support groups with meetings around the United States and in Canada, Costa Rica, and Philippines, plus free webinars, free seminars with physician speakers, free one-day regional workshops, Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month worldwide for September with year-round awareness campaigns, and the 15th International Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Conference on October 19-21, 2012 in Chicago, Illinois.

ThyCa invites ATA members and friends to get free materials for patients, plus news about educational and supportive events as well as ThyCa's Rally for Research for funding thyroid cancer research grants, by visiting www.thyca.org, e-mailing to thyca@thyca.org, faxing 630-604-6078, or calling 877-588-7904.

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About ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc.

ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc. (www.thyca.org) an international nonprofit organization founded in 1995 and advised by thyroid cancer specialists, educates and supports patients and families worldwide through its award-winning web site, in-person and online support groups for all types of thyroid cancer, one-to-one support, free patients' booklets and packets, free newsletters, free downloadable Low-Iodine Cookbook, webinars, seminars, workshops, and conferences. ThyCa sponsors Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month as well as year-round awareness campaigns, plus thyroid cancer research fundraising and research grants awarded every year starting in 2003.

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