Leadership Class of 2008

Raises record $226,504 to create a world free of MS

The MS Leadership Class hit new heights in 2008, setting records for participation and funds raised to create a world free of MS.

The 78 business and civic leaders who took part in the campaign raised $226,504 to support crucial programs, services and research for local people living with multiple sclerosis.

They were led in their effort by James Santora, O’Neill Properties Group, who raised $27,060 to support people in the Greater Delaware Valley who are affected by this disease.

The concept behind the MS Leadership program is simple: the National MS Society encourages local leaders to join the movement to create a world free of MS. As they fundraise to reach their $1,000 minimum goal, participants discover just how many people are touched by MS, often finding that co-workers or neighbors are living with the disease.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system with no known cause or cure. Symptoms are unpredictable; they may be mild, such as numbness in the limbs, or more severe, including paralysis or loss of vision. Every hour of every day, another American is diagnosed. The Greater Delaware Valley Chapter serves 11,000 people living with MS in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

For more information about how you can join the movement or to nominate someone for next year’s class, please call 1-800-FIGHT-MS or visit nationalMSsociety.org/pae.

Congratulations to the 2008 Top Fundraisers

**TOP FUNDRAISER**

**JAMES SANTORA**

**TITLE:** O’Neill Properties Group

**EDUCATION:** BS, Marketing, Cabrini College

**AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:** Greater Philadelphia Chapter of UNICO; Walk for the Wounded Committee, Operation First Response; Pennsylvania Association of Realtors; National Association of Realtors

“Keep Moving Forward! If I try something and I fail, it is better than if I never tried it at all.”

**TOTAL FUNDS RAISED:** $27,060

**STEPHAN L. CUTLER, ESQ.**

**TITLE:** Partner, Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers, LLP

**EDUCATION:** LLM, Taxation, Temple University School of Law; JD, Villanova University School of Law (cum laude); BS, University of Pittsburgh (cum laude)

**AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:** International Council of Shopping Centers; Urban Land Institute

“A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.” - Winston Churchill

**TOTAL FUNDS RAISED:** $21,625

**JOHN KANE**

**TITLE:** Business Manager-Financial Secretary/Treasurer, Plumbers Union Local #690

**EDUCATION:** Cardinal O’Hara High School; Plumbers Union Local #690 Apprenticeship

**AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:** Negotiating Committee Chairman, Local Chairman on Joint Apprenticeship Committee and Local Chairman on Trustees of the Health, Pension and Vacation Funds, Plumbers Union Local #690; Former Organizer, Business Agent and Member of Political Action Committee; Examining Board and Finance Committee, Plumbers Union Local #690; Vice President, Philadelphia Council of the AFL/CIO; Executive Board Member, Philadelphia Building Trades Council and Maritime Port Council of Philadelphia

“Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life.” - Confucius

**TOTAL FUNDS RAISED:** $19,650

**N. STEVEN PALMER II**

**TITLE:** Senior Vice President, Finance & Development, The Goldenberg Group

**EDUCATION:** Certified Financial Planner; Certified Public Accountant; MBA, Business Administration, Villanova University; BA, Accounting, Temple University

**AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:** Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants; International Council of Shopping Centers

“If this is your biggest problem, you have no problem!”

**TOTAL FUNDS RAISED:** $19,350

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The Greater Delaware Valley Chapter of the National MS Society would like to thank the MS Leadership Class Co-Chairs, Bradley Krouse, Nate Cohen, Patrick Eiding, and David Schlesinger for helping make this year’s program a tremendous success.

The Society would also like to thank Pat Croce and Company, Larry Kane, the Four Seasons, the Union League, The Pyramid Club, Deloitte, Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers, LLP and Spike’s Trophies for their continued support of the MS Leadership Class.

Left to right: David Schlesinger, Patrick Eiding (AFL-CIO), Bradley Krouse (Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers, LLP), Pat Croce, Nate Cohen (LBC Credit Partners)

2008 MS LEADERSHIP CLASS
(Listed in Alphabetical Order)

JASON DANIEL ABRAMS
TITLE: Salesperson, FAMECO Real Estate
EDUCATION: Graduate of The Pennsylvania State University

“...he who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.”
-Muhammad Ali

SETH AUERBACH
TITLE: President, Komfort & Kare Home Healthcare Center
EDUCATION: MBA, Rutgers University; BA, Brandeis University

“...if you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost. That is where they should be. Now put foundations under them.”
-Henry David Thoreau

MICHAE L S. AXELROD
TITLE: President, e-brilliance, LLC
AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Co-founder of QuiMeds, LLC

“If your life is free of failures, you’re not taking enough risks.”

LOUIS J. BECCARIA, PHD
TITLE: President and CEO, Phoenixville Community Health Foundation
EDUCATION: PhD, Urban Affairs & Public Policy, University of Delaware; MA, Urban Affairs & Public Policy, University of Delaware; MEd, Social Studies/Education, University of Delaware; BA, Social Studies/Education, LaSalle College

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-John Perry Barlow

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TITLE: Professional Sales Consultant, Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals
EDUCATION: JD, Widener University School of Law; BS, Finance, University of Maryland

ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS: 2006 District Leadership Award

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“I will be calm by tolerating and everything will be in harmony once I take one step back.”

“Treat others the way you expect to be treated. People work WITH you to satisfy their own hopes, dreams and be treated. People work WITH you to...”

“Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.”

“If it rains, all the birds fly for shelter. But the eagle alone avoids the rain by flying above the clouds. Problem is common to all, but attitude makes the difference.”

“You don’t get what you don’t ask for.”

“It’s all in the details.”

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

“Success without honor is an unseasoned dish; it will satify your hunger, but it won’t taste good.”

“Each day well lived makes yesterday a day of happiness and each tomorrow a vision of hope. Look therefore to this one day, for it and it alone is life.”
ELIZABETH W. GONZALEZ, PHD

**TITLE:** Associate Professor, Drexel University

**EDUCATION:** PhD, Research & Theory Development in Nursing Science, New York University; MSN, New York; BSN, University of the Philippines; Silliman University, Philippines

**AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:**
- Medical-Scientific Advisory Committee, Alzheimer’s Association, Delaware Valley Medical-Scientific Advisory Committee, Chair, Young Brokers Council
- Centers; ChainLinks Organization; Co-International Council of Shopping Association Minority Fellowship Programs Fellowship Award; American Nurses Nursing Research Institute NYU Clinical Foundation Nurse Scholar; Gerontologic Research & Theory Development, New York University;

“Live for the present.”

“Learn from the past, look to the future, achieveMenTs/awards:

HILARY GOODMAN

**TITLE:** Assistant, INSTAP Academic Press

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope or confidence.” ~ Helen Keller

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ROCCO GUERRIERO

**TITLE:** President, Contour Data Solutions

**EDUCATION:** BS, Criminal Justice, Northeastern University

“You can expect more than others think is possible”

BOB HEALEY

**TITLE:** Director of Business Development, InspiriTec

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“Ambassador, Tommy’s Gifts for Kids; Three-sport coach, Drexel Hill Raiders; Board Member, American Teleservices Association, Mid-Atlantic Chapter; Instructor, Liberty Resource Academy; Delaware County Chamber of Commerce

“Well done is better than well said.” - Ben Franklin

CLAUDINE Q. HOMOLASH

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MICHAEL B. KARWIC

**TITLE:** Associate Vice President, Morgan Stanley

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**AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:**
- Executive Committee Member, Turnaround Management Association; Board Member, New York Institute of Credit and Abramson Center; Advisory Board Member, Make-A-Wish Foundation

“Achievements/Awards:

SANDI R. KIRCHNER

**TITLE:** Consultant, Personal Trainer

**EDUCATION:** MEd, Temple University; MS, The Pennsylvania State University; Certificate, Human Resource Management, Villanova University

**AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:**
- President Sisterhood, Temple Beth Hillel Beth El; Executive Board Member, JCCs of Greater Philadelphia, Kaiserman Branch; Board Member, Kaiserman JCC; Vice President, Home & School Association, Bala Cynwyd Middle School; Certified Employee Assistance Professional; Women’s Philanthropy Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

“Achievements/Awards:

“Believe in yourself, be thankful for what you have and use every day to the fullest.”

CHARLEEN L. HINTON

**TITLE:** Lead Systems Analyst, Independence Blue Cross

**ACHIEVEMENTS/ AWARDS:**
- Diagnosed with MS in February 2002; Project

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“Think big thoughts, but relish small pleasures.” ~ H. Jackson Brown Jr.

ADAM E. LAVER, ESQ.

TITLE: Attorney at Law, Blank Rome LLP
EDUCATION: JD, Rutgers University School of Law; BA, Columbia University

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TITLE: Relationship Manager, Commercial Banking, Wilmington Trust
EDUCATION: MBA, Finance, Temple University; BS, Accounting, Villanova University (magna cum laude)

“Try not to be a man of success, but a man of value.” ~ Albert Einstein

ELLEN LE

TITLE: President, Ascend Capital Management, Inc.
EDUCATION: MBA, George Washington University; BA, Brown University

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Chartered Financial Analyst; Delaware County Estate Planning Council; New Castle County Chamber of Commerce; Women Enhancing Business; Chadds Ford Business Association

“Be the change you want to see in the world.” ~ Mahatma Gandhi

THOMAS B. MALONE

TITLE: Senior Manager, Forensic & Dispute Services, Deloitte, LLP
EDUCATION: JD, Temple University School of Law (cum laude); BS, Drexel University (cum laude)

ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS: Moort Court Honor Society; Temple Law Class President; James J. Gallagher Legal Studies Award at Drexel University

KAREN A. MARINER, MSS

TITLE: Vice President, Services & Activism, National MS Society
EDUCATION: MSS, Bryn Mawr College; BA, Women’s Studies, Temple University

ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS: Audre Lorde Memorial Prize in Women’s Studies

“1, with a deeper instinct, choose a man who compels my strength, who makes enormous demands on me, who does not doubt my courage, or my toughness, who does not believe me naive or innocent, who has the courage to treat me like a woman.” ~ Audre Lorde

JOSEPH P. MCGINLEY

TITLE: Managing Director, Corporate Development, Comcast Corporation
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“Life is what you make of it, always has been, always will be.” ~ Grandma Moses

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AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Professional Training Program, Institute for Integrative Nutrition; American Association of Drugless Practitioners; Junior League of Philadelphia; Wish Granter, Make-a-Wish Foundation of Philadelphia

“Things which is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow.” ~ Hillel

BENJAMIN J. LUDWIG

TITLE: Vice President/Manager of Investment Consulting, Lockwood Advisors
EDUCATION: MBA, St. Joseph’s University; MS, Finance, Bloomsburg University

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: CFA Institute; CFA Society of Philadelphia; Beta Gamma Sigma

“Today, you have 100% of your life left.” ~ Tom Landry

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TITLE: Government Attorney, United States Government
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AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Present, title insurance seminars for CE/CLE credit; Associate Land Title Professional, Pennsylvania Land Title Association (PLTA); Public Records Committee Chairman, Legislative/Judicial and Title Issues Committees, PLTA; Major, Pennsylvania Army National Guard  

“God grant me the wisdom to accept the things I cannot change; and wisdom to know the difference.” ~ Serenity Prayer  

ROBERT MINDICK  

TITLE: Senior Vice President, Middle Market Corporate Banking, Sovereign Bank  

EDUCATION: MBA, Bloomsburg University; BS, Bloomsburg University  

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Board President, United Cerebral Palsy of Philadelphia; Board member, Police Athletic League of Philadelphia; Advisory Council, Adopt a Pig; Coach, Montgomery United Soccer Club  

“Never stop questioning.” ~ Albert Einstein  

ANDREA MONAGHAN  

TITLE: Executive Assistant, Radnor Advisors  

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“There is nothing I can’t do.”  

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“Live your life and do what you can.”  

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“It’s not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived.”  

JOSHUA SETH PASKER  

TITLE: Attorney, Saul Ewing LLP  

EDUCATION: JD, Dickinson School of Law, University of Delaware (cum laude); BA, University of Delaware (cum laude)  

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Pennsylvania Bar Association; National Association of Bond Lawyers  

“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”  

DIANNE H. POLEKOFF  

TITLE: Homemaker/Community Volunteer, Dees-Homemarket: Ebay sales  

EDUCATION: Certified Interior Designer, Temple University: Ft. Washington Campus; BS, Computer Science, Albright College  

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Trefoil Society, Girl Scouts of Eastern PA; Committee Member, Boy Scout Troop 84; Dolley Madison District Treasurer, Awards Committee Co-Chair, Girl Scouts; North Penn Walk MS Committee, National MS Society; The Humane Society of USA; North Penn Association for Gifted Education  

ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS: Girl Scouts of Eastern PA Council Awards: Appreciation Award, Honor Award, Mary Cassett Award, Legion of Honors Award; Girl Scouts of Eastern PA Region Awards: Dolley Madison Certificate, Mr. & Mrs. Award, Dolley Madison Dedication Award; Girl Scouts of Eastern PA Service Unit Awards: 20-year service pin, Outstanding Leader, Outstanding Volunteer; Five-year member, The Humane Society of USA; Participant, Bike MS; Participant, Walk MS  

“Be Prepared.”  

STEPHEN S. PENNINGTON  

TITLE: Attorney, Law Office of Pennington & Ray  

EDUCATION: JD, Temple University School of Law; BA, Dickinson College; AA, Harrisburg Area Community College  

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Environmental Justice Task Force; Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission; Rehabilitation Advisory Council, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and Blindness and Visual Services, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; National Employment Lawyers Association; Pennsylvania ADA Coalition; Committee on Delivery of Legal Services to Persons with Disabilities, Philadelphia Bar Association; Committee on Individuals with Disabilities, Pennsylvania Bar Association  

ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS: Distinguished Service in the Public Interest, Temple University School of Law; Letter of Commendation on the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, President George H.W. Bush; Certificate of Appreciation, U.S. Department of Education, Institute on Rehabilitation Issues; Certificate of Appreciation, Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation  

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AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Board Member, Ambassador, GNPC; Executive Director, Pennypack Park Festival, 2001-2002; Associate Member, National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences

ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS: 2002 Republican Candidate for State Representative for 174th District

“We are created as witnesses to the universe.”

LAURA M. ROSSI

TITLE: CEO and Executive Editor, Maven Magazine
EDUCATION: Master of Urban Planning, University of Virginia; BS, Business Administration, Marymount University

“People grow through experience if they meet life honestly and courageously. This is how character is built.”
- Eleanor Roosevelt

BRANDON SCHAFFER

TITLE: Senior Account Executive, Canon

“Can’t put a price on fun!”

J. MORGAN SALMON

TITLE: Assistant Vice President, Ecount
EDUCATION: BA, Trinity College

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Urban Blazes; Greater Philadelphia Cares

“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

JOHN L. SAUER

TITLE: Senior Sales Representative, GlaxoSmithKline
EDUCATION: MBA, The Pennsylvania State University; BS, Health Administration, University of Scranton

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Whiteland Woods Community Committee

ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS: Eagle Scout; 2006 GSK President’s Club

“Big journeys begin with a single step.”

KERRY MALLOY SNYDER

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AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Philadelphia Bar Association; National Employment Lawyers Association; American Bar Association

ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS: Graduated cum laude from Suffolk University Law School; President, Student Bar Association (2003-2004); Boston Scholar

“As a peacemaker, the lawyer has a superior opportunity of being a good man.”
- Abraham Lincoln

JOSHUA SOLLOWAY

TITLE: Rental Manager, Penske Truck Leasing
EDUCATION: BA, Messiah College

AFFILIATIONS/AWARDS: Dean’s List, Messiah College

“Live Free Or Die.”
- New Hampshire State Motto

JIM ROACH

TITLE: Director, Community Relations, Red Tiger TaeKwon-Do
EDUCATION: Community College

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Team Captain Red Tiger TaeKwon-Do

ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS: Captain of Team Red Tiger TaeKwon-Do; Raised over $195,000 for Greater Delaware Valley Chapter of the National MS Society; 2003 Inductee, National MS Society, Greater Delaware Valley Chapter Hall of Fame

“I hope that my achievements in life shall be these that I will have fought for what was right and fair. That I will have risked for that which mattered, That I will have given help to those who were in need, And that I will have left the earth a better place for what I’ve done and who I’ve been.”
- C. Hoppe

CARRIE GINA ROBINSON

TITLE: Administrative Associate, Prudential Financial
EDUCATION: Germantown High School Diploma

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: Co-Founder, Philly African American Book Club

ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS: 2005 Dedication Award; 2004 Community Service Award; Just celebrated 20 years at Prudential Financial

“Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed.”
- Proverbs 16:3

KIRSTEN L. SHAWN

TITLE: Corporate Paralegal, Brandywine Realty Trust
EDUCATION: Paralegal Certificate, Kaplan University; BA, Broadcast Journalism and Communications, Mount San Antonio College

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: National Association of Professional Women; National Notary Association; Advocate, Delaware County Down Syndrome Interest Group; Sponsor, Surfriders Foundation

“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

JIM SMITH

TITLE: Chief Financial Officer, Campus Apartments, Inc.
EDUCATION: BS, Finance, Concentration in Accounting, University of Pennsylvania

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS: American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants; Catholic Youth Organization of Philadelphia

“Never take yourself too seriously, but never stop trying to make yourself better.”
LORETTA D. SPEERS

**TITLE:** Trust Officer, Wilmington Trust Company

**EDUCATION:**
- Paralegal Certification, Adelphi University; BS, Psychology, West Chester University

**Memberships:**
- Wilmington Trust Planners, Inc.
- American Insurance
- Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Lehigh Pennsylvania

**Certification, Paralegal**

**Achievements/Awards:**
- “One hundred years from now, it won’t matter what car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much I had in my bank account, nor what my clothes looked like. But the world may be a little better because I was important in the life of a child.”

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NATALIA STROUTINSKY

**TITLE:** Occupational Therapist, University of Pennsylvania Health System

**Education:**
- MS, Occupational Therapy, Thomas Jefferson University; BS, Animal Science, University of Delaware

**Affiliations/Memberships:**
- American Occupational Therapy Association; Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association; Exhibits Committee Co-chair, Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association 2008 Conference

**Achievements/Awards:**
- Activist for the National MS Society for 10+ years

**Motivational Quote:**
- “What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”

- Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

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ERIC TWEER

**TITLE:** Vice President, Citizens Bank

**Education:**
- MBA, Penn State University; BS, Finance, Saint Joseph’s University

**Achievements/Awards:**
- “It’s never too late to help make a difference.”

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COURTNAY TYUS

**TITLE:** Executive Director of Development, Charter HS for Architecture + Design

**Education:**
- JD, Villanova University School of Law; BA, Villanova University

**Affiliations/Memberships:**
- Board Member, ACE Mentor Program; Co-Founder, The Jeffrey M. Shumake Memorial Scholarship Fund; Participant, Challenge Walk MS; Literary Coach, In2Books; Society for Human Resource Management

**Quote:**
- “To whom much is given, much is expected.”

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ASHLEY WEINBERG

**TITLE:** Account Executive, 98.1 WOGL, CBSRadio

**Education:**
- MA, Communications, American University; BA, Political Science, BS, Marketing, American University

**Affiliations/Memberships:**
- Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce; Delaware County Young Republicans

**Achievements/Awards:**
- Golden Key Award
  - "Carpem diem. Seize the day!"

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JO-ANN ILENE ZOLL

**Title:** Principal, Zoll, LLC

**Education:**
- MSED, Psychological Services, University of Pennsylvania; BA, Psychology, Temple University

**Affiliations/Memberships:**
- Trustee, Delaware County SPCA; Board Member, Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and The Wellness Community of Philadelphia; Committee Member, The Parkinson’s Council, Walk for Parkinson’s 2008; Participant, Challenge Walk MS

**Motivational Quote:**
- “In a gentle way, you can shake the world.”

- Mahatma Gandhi

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MATTHEW SUISSMAN

**Title:** President, American Insurance Planners, Inc.

**Education:**
- MS, Marketing, Bryant College

**Affiliations/ Memberships:**
- Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce

**Achievements/Awards:**
- Recognized for the past three consecutive years as the “Best of the Best” from Penn Treaty Network American Insurance Company

**Quote:**
- “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

- Winston Churchill
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JOIN THE MOVEMENT

WALK MS: Held at 17 sites in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, the Walk MS is a great way to spend a spring afternoon with the family. (April/May)

WOMEN AGAINST MS (WAMS) LUNCHEON: The WAMS Initiative unites women throughout the Greater Delaware Valley in the fight to end the devastating effects of MS, a disease that affects twice as many women as men. (June)

BIKE MS: PA DUTCH RIDE: Escape the hustle and bustle of the city as you cycle past acres of farmland in the beautiful countryside of Berks and Lehigh counties. (July)

BIKE MS: CITY TO SHORE RIDE: 25, 45, 75, or 100 miles. One or two days. Hailed by Bicycling Magazine as the “Best cycling getaway in NJ” you are sure to enjoy the Bike MS: City to Shore Ride. (September)

MS DINNER OF CHAMPIONS: This black-tie event attracts more than 600 local business leaders and pays tribute to individuals who have shown leadership and civic responsibility. (September)

CHALLENGE WALK MS: A two-day, 30-mile walk through the beautiful Brandywine Valley. You’ll be amazed at how many miles you walked, how many friends you made and how much of an impact you have had on the lives of people with MS. (October)
The National Multiple Sclerosis Society would like to thank all those who supported the fundraising efforts of the 2008 MS Leadership Class honorees.
Multiple sclerosis interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body and stops people from moving. By working together to create a world free of MS, we can address the challenges of each person whose life is affected by the disease and help them stay connected to the great big moving world.

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