

# SILA - NEWSLETTER



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## Dear Sila Supporter

This newsletter continues the International theme of the Autumn 1997 SILA Newsletter. Letters have been coming in to SILA from the East Coast to the West Coast of the USA, Canada and the rest of Europe with an exchange of news on the problems of sarcoidosis.

SILA has also featured in The Sarcoid Byte the newsletter for the Internet issued by the Sarcoidosis Worldwide Support Group. R.E.A.C.H.

Newsletter issued by the Sarcoidosis Network Foundation, Inc. in California published in full the letter of condolence sent by SILA on the death of their founder Earl Jacobs Jr.

This leads me on to relate what was included in the tribute to the late Earl Jacobs Jr. which appeared in R.E.A.C.H. His mother told him that there are two kinds of people: "Those who do the work, and those who take the credit." One who joined the group who "do the work" was SILA founder and Chair Rose Bartholomew.

Sadly, Rose has decided to leave SILA. There is not enough space to list all the work Rose and her family have done for SILA and the thanks of all the people that Rose has supported and helped. Rose can take credit for her publication "So You Have Sarcoidosis" which is available to SILA members.

SILA has not been involved solely in linking up with overseas groups for Sarcoidosis patients, but continues to help SILA members nearer at home by sending out information, answering telephone calls and supporting members with their problems such as, getting DSS payments or an Orange Badge for car parking. SILA continues raising funds for the organisation whenever possible.

Yours sincerely,

Heather Walker Editor

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Forthcoming Information Day on Sarcoidosis organised by SILA

**Invitation to an Open Day:** Sarcoidosis sufferers, families, friends and carers and all health professionals who want to know more or contribute to solving the mystery of this baffling disease.

On **Friday March 20th 1998**,  
10.00am - 5.00pm

at  
Peckham Leisure Centre  
McKerrell Road  
Peckham  
London. SE15

#### How to get there;

By car off A202  
By bus - Nos. 12, 36, 63, 171, 312,  
322, P11 & P13.  
By train - Network SE: Peckham Rye  
Station

#### Facilities

Crèche  
Disabled Access available  
Car Park

#### Refreshments available

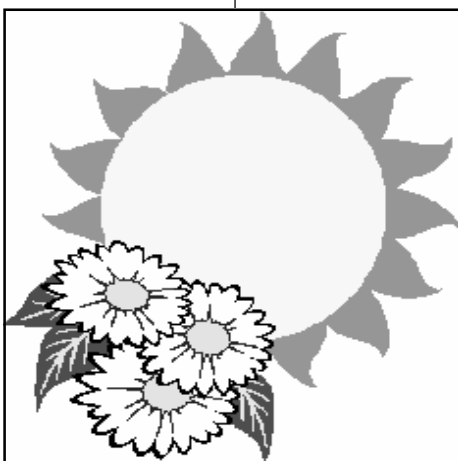
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#### Enquiries and/or any correspondence

c/o SILA  
Chest Clinic Office  
Dulwich Hospital  
East Dulwich Grove  
London. SE22 8PT



**Happy New Year  
1998 EVENTS**

**S.I.L.A.**

**Sarcoidosis and Interstitial Lung Association  
Registered Charity Number 1063986/0**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR NETWORKING

### Christmas Social

The SILA Christmas Social was held for the third year running, in the Board Room at King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, on 6th December 1997. A splendid array of food and drink was produced by the Social Committee, as usual. Over £200 profit was made during this enjoyable event due to generous donations of money, the purchase of Raffle Tickets and the high bidding for items in the Auction. A big "thank you" to all who helped to make this event so enjoyable. Thanks are due to all who attended including our Patron, the actress **Judith Jacobs**.

### Summer Bar-B-Q.

Those who enjoyed the fund-raising Bar-B-Q held last year in aid of SILA will be pleased to learn that this event is to be staged again this year on Saturday 20th June. The entry fee is £5. per ticket, to include food and drinks. Children under 12 years enter for free, but a small donation in respect of each child would be appreciated.

Venue: 6 Brabourn Grove, London SE15  
more details available at a later date.

## SILA SUPPORT MEETINGS

SILA support meetings are held at King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill. SE5 in the Belgrave Room on the first Thursday of each month, at 7.00pm until 9.00pm. It has been proposed that the May 7th support meeting will be held as last year, after the SILA Annual General Meeting. **There is no support meeting in August.**

### How to get to King's College Hospital.

Buses pass the door, and there is a BR Station at Denmark Hill, which is a short walk away from the hospital. The main entrance is in Bessemer Road.

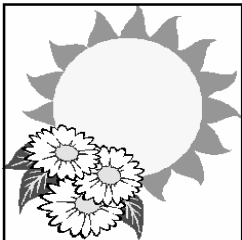
Ask at the Help Desk in the Main Hall at King's College Hospital for directions to the nearby Belgrave Room on the ground floor. There is no admission charge.

Family, friends, carers, and Sarcoid patients

### **ALL ARE WELCOME**

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Any feedback regarding the Newsletter, from members would be welcome. Please send to the Editor, at the address overleaf.



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SARCOIDOSIS AND THE EFFECT IT HAS ON ALL  
SUFFERERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS**