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## BIAOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING



# Embracing Change: Life is Different Now



The Brain Injury Association of Oregon (BIAOR) invites you to attend its Annual Conference and Membership meeting, ***“Embracing Change, Life is Different Now”***.

Registration and check in begins at 8:00 AM with Dr. Osborn’s keynote address starting at 9:00 AM. The annual membership meeting will be held from 8:30 to 9:00 AM (see page 7 for more information). Advance registration is strongly recommended.



Keynote Speaker:  
Claudia Lynn Osborn, D.O.

The all-day conference will be held on Saturday October 5, 2002 at the DoubleTree Hotel, in Springfield, Oregon (see details on page 3 & 4). Application for continuing education credits for professionals (CEU’s and CME’s) is being made. For additional registration and program information, please see pages 3 and 4 or call the BIAOR office.

The conference is designed for brain injury survivors and their families, as well as physicians and other health professionals and service providers. It will feature Claudia Lynn Osborn, D.O. as our keynote speaker, speaking ***“Strategies and Dreams: Building a New Life After Brain Injury.”***, Dr. Osborn has written about her experience as a survivor of a traumatic brain injury in ***“Over My Head: A Doctor’s Story of Head Injury from the Inside Out.”*** She is in great demand nationally as a speaker and has a compelling message for all who attend. She will also conduct a breakout session on Acceptance. See page 4 for the other outstanding speakers who will participate.

On Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM, BIAOR will host a ***Support Group Facilitators Workshop***. The workshop will be conducted by the Lane County Family Community Leadership Program affiliated with OSU Extension and will focus on how to hold effective meetings, effective facilitation methods, and activities to promote group bonding. All current and prospective group facilitators are invited to participate. There is no charge for the training but advance registration is required by contacting the BIAOR office.

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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.  
All the king's horses,  
And all the king's men,  
Couldn't put Humpty together again.*

This nursery rhyme could well be a story about concussion . . . concussion to the brain . . . the bumps, bangs, and shakings to the brain that many adults and children experience. Unfortunately, just like Humpty Dumpty, the survivor, their families, and professionals do not always understand the consequences of brain injuries well enough to offer support and help to the survivors.

It is estimated that over 3,000 Oregonians are hospitalized with traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) every year. We know that many more are released from hospital emergency rooms without a brain injury diagnosis but who later find that something is wrong, e.g., can't concentrate, fatigued, etc.

Identifying and responding to the unrecognized and unserved needs of these individuals and their families was the reason for the creation of the Brain Injury Association of Oregon in 1985, and why we continue our efforts to better serve and represent our constituents

The experiences of the brain injured and their families have taught us a lot over the past several decades. In Headliner, we wish to share with you some of ways we are responding to TBI survivors' needs as well as what survivors have learned about the new lives that they are leading. There is life indeed! It is different, sometimes radically different, from life before the "trauma" and most of us with a brain injury still draw a dividing line at that point in time. What's important to know is that that line doesn't stop JOY. It does not stop GROWTH. It does not stop LAUGHTER and, in fact, many of us have come to realize that there is almost no area of life in which we cannot lay claim to the things we have always valued. The flip side of JOY, GROWTH and LAUGHTER could be described as

Depression, Agony and Tears and life has brought us copious quantities of ALL of these things. That seems to be one of Life's jobs. Ours at BIAOR is to share with each other through the joy, growth and laughter as well as give hope and direction during the depression, agony and tears.

Please join the many dedicated volunteers throughout Oregon who are creating a better future through brain injury prevention, research, education and advocacy. One way in supporting BIAOR is through by continuing you membership support to BIAOR. Another is attending BIAOR's annual conference and meeting in Springfield on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Details regarding the conference are included on pages 3 and 4.

Stephen Wright, President  
Brain Injury Association of Oregon

## Hot Off the Press

Salem Support groups are going to have their second annual Walk for Awareness on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 11:00 a.m. in the Riverfront Park in Salem. Everyone is invited to participate. There will be short routes and longer routes depending on participants needs. For more information, call the BIAOR office at 1-800-544-5243 or in Salem (503) 585-0855.

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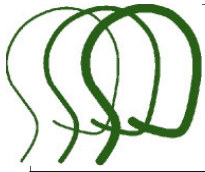
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## Registration Form - BIAOR Annual Conference 2002

Please register not later than September 20, 2002 to assure admittance and facilitate check-in.

(Note: A separate registration form is needed for each person attending.

Please make extra copies of the form as needed for other attendees.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Affiliation/Company \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check all that apply:

- I am interested in volunteering at the conference. Please call me.  
 I am requesting continuing education credits (CEU's and CME's) at the conference  
 I would like to make a donation to cover costs of survivors unable to pay (see below)  
 Call me about sponsorship/exhibitor opportunities

<u>Conference Registration Fees:</u>	<u>Survivor/Family Mem.</u>	<u>Professional</u>	<u>Courtesy*</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>BIAOR Member**</b>	\$40	\$99	\$10	\$ _____
<b>Non-Member</b>	\$50	\$120	\$20	\$ _____
<b>Membership Fee</b> (see box below)				\$ _____
<b>Scholarship Contribution</b> (donation to assist in covering the cost of survivors with limited funds)				\$ _____
<b>Registration and Membership Total</b>				\$ _____

\* Courtesy rate is for brain injury survivors with limited means.

\*\* A limited number of conference scholarships are available to survivor members of BIAOR to cover the costs of conference registration. Transportation from Portland and Salem to and from the conference is also available to survivor members on a limited basis. For more information, contact the BIAOR office.

I want to become a BIAOR member NOW to receive the discounted registration fee:

- Basic - \$35    Professional - \$50    Sustaining - \$100    Courtesy - \$5    Family (3 people)-\$50

Please check the appropriate membership category and add amount to registration fee for final total costs.

Enclosed please find my check/ money order payable to BIAOR in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please charge to my credit card (\$35 minimum):

- Visa    MasterCard    Discover   **Total Charged to Credit Card** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

Online Registration is available, as well as paying by credit card through PayPal. Please check the BIAOR website for the online registration form link.

*Thank you for your payment in full and for pre-registering!!  
 Please mail your registration form and payment to:*

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Registration charged to credit cards may be faxed to BIAOR at 503.585.0888

# ***BIAOR Annual Conference and Membership Meeting***

The Brain Injury Association of Oregon (BIAOR) invites you to participate in its Annual Conference and Membership meeting, "Embracing Change, Life is Different Now." The all day conference will be held on Saturday October 5th, 2002 at the DoubleTree Hotel, Springfield, OR.

## ***Preliminary Conference Program***

### **DoubleTree Hotel**

3280 Gateway Road, Springfield, OR. (541) 726-8181 (800) 222-8733

### **Friday October 4th**

<b>1:30 to 4:30 PM</b>	Support Group Facilitators Workshop
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### **Saturday October 5th**

<b>8:00 - 9:00 AM</b>	Registration and Check In; Continental Breakfast
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<b>8:30 - 9:00 AM</b>	Annual Membership Meeting
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<b>9:00- 9:45 AM</b>	<i>Keynote Speaker:</i> Claudia Osborn, DO, FACOI Strategies and Dreams: Building a New Life After Brain Injury
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	<b>Track 1 - Medical</b>	<b>Track 2 - Psychological</b>	<b>Track 3 - Social Dimensions</b>
<b>Session A</b> <b>10:00 - 11:00 AM</b>	Urologic Issues Following Brain Injury  Olaf Sohlberg, MD	Living with Cognitive Changes following Brain Injury  McKay Sohlberg, PhD	Survivor Panel: Vocational Challenges  Curtis Brown, Samantha Frost, Valerie Jones
<b>Session B</b> <b>11:15 - 12:00 PM</b>	Neurosurgery of the Future  Stephen McGirr, MD, Neurosurgeon	In the School Trenches: Supporting Students, Teachers, and Parents  Ann Glang, PhD, Bill Allen Amber Turnage, Jane Fielding	Legal Aspects of Social Security Disability  Sharon Maynard, Attorney
<b>12:00 - 1:00 PM</b>	Light Lunch (Included in Registration)		
<b>Session C</b> <b>1:15 - 2:00 PM</b>	Sports Concussion/Return to Play Guidelines  Raymond Englander, MD Neurologist	Acceptance  Claudia Osborne, DO, FACOI	Brain Injury and Your Ticket to Work  Kris Kennedy, OVRS
<b>Session D</b> <b>2:15 - 3:00 PM</b>	Mild TBI/Post Concussive Syndrome  Bryan Andresen, MD, Psychiatrist	Neuropsychological Assessments  Tom Boyd, PhD	Brain Injury Assessment Model  Vikki Vandiver, PhD Jan Johnson, MS Carol Cristoforo-Snyder, MS
<b>Session E</b> <b>3:15 - 4:00 PM</b>		Recovery, Honesty and Brain Injury  Bob Zenuch	Governor's Task Force on TBI  Bill Olson, Vice Chair

## **Accommodation Information**

Please make reservations directly with the accommodation of your choice. Add 9.5% city tax to rates shown.

**Double Tree Hotel**, 3280 Gateway Road, Springfield.  
Ph: (541) 726-8181 (800) 222-8733  
Special Conference Rate: \$68 single, \$89 double.  
Mention "Brain Injury".

**Gateway Inn**, 3540 Gateway Road, Springfield.  
Ph: (800) 392-3035  
Rate: \$43 single, \$51 double-full beds, \$55 double-queen beds.

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Call on or before September 14, 2002 to assure special rate.

For directions and map go to website: [www.gateway-inn.com](http://www.gateway-inn.com)

# GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE INVITES INPUT



Front: Curtis Brown (Guest), Task Force Members: Rep. Vic Backlund, Sen. Bill Morrisette: Bill Allen, Anna Mallard, Sandra Moreland, Back: Sherry Stock, Carol Christofero-Snyder, Eric Peterson, Laurel Russell, Bob Joondeph (Guest), Mary Bunch, Bill Olson, Steve Johnson, Bryan Andresen, Martha Morvant (Teaching Research), Mel Kohn, Lynelle Wilcox (SILC), Chrystal Snyder, Executive Director of the Arizona Governor's Council on Spinal and Head Injuries.

The Governor's Task Force on TBI has begun work on tasks assigned by Executive Order 01-02. Its overarching task is to "analyze and make recommendations regarding a coordinated state response to brain injury..." Other tasks include exploring sources of funding for a TBI trust fund; reviewing costs and benefits of establishing a TBI registry and surveillance program; and reviewing and making recommendations regarding establishment of a Brain Injury Advisory Council. The Task Force held its initial meeting last May and is now gathering and analyzing information, including that provided by survivors, family members and providers over the past several years.

The sixteen members appointed by the Governor represent survivor and family member, medical and rehabilitation professional, and State government

perspectives. The Task Force has elected Steve Johnson, State Department of Education Associate Superintendent as Chair and Bill Olson, BIAOR board member, as Vice-Chair. The Task Force is currently seeking input from all Oregonians interested in or affected by brain injury. Those interested are invited to complete a questionnaire which can be found on p. 11 and online at [http://home.attbi.com/~ortbitf/informational\\_survey.html](http://home.attbi.com/~ortbitf/informational_survey.html). Questionnaires will also be sent on request. For more information on this or any other aspect of the task force go to its web page at [http://home.attbi.com/~ortbitf/GTFTBI\\_index.html](http://home.attbi.com/~ortbitf/GTFTBI_index.html) or call or email Task Force Coordinator Sherry Stock at (503) 740-3155 or [ortbitf@attbi.com](mailto:ortbitf@attbi.com).

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# Getting It Together: BIAOR & BISG-Portland Merge

The Brain Injury Association of Oregon and Brain Injury Support Group of Portland (BISG-P) have joined together in an effort to more effectively and efficiently serve Oregonians with brain injury. The merger, which became effective on July 10<sup>th</sup>, occurred more than two years after a joint board and advisory council meeting in January 2000 concurred in the need to collaborate more closely and explore merger options.

The Plan of Merger filed with the State calls for BISG-Portland to merge into BIAOR to become a single 501c3 nonprofit organization retaining the name BIAOR in light of its affiliation with the Brain Injury Association of America. Conditions of the merger include agreement 1) to maintain a

Portland metropolitan area advisory body to continue the area's volunteer tradition and support group collaboration, and to evaluate it as a possible model for other areas of the state; 2) to review Association support group policy and develop plans to strengthen group support; and 3) to study the respective functions of the Salem and Portland offices and consider changes as appropriate. One change already implemented has been the consolidation of bookkeeping functions.

The Association wishes to thank the leadership of BISG-Portland, and especially Kristi Schaefer, for their dedication to bringing the organizations together in the interests of persons with brain injury throughout Oregon.

## Shattered Dreams

To dream is such a gift you see  
as individual as you and me  
Some live only to chase dreams  
others only search it seems  
Shattered Dreams lead to lost souls  
searching evermore to find their roles  
Being lost among the stars  
hoping to find that dream of ours  
Looking for that glimmer of hope  
praying then that you can cope  
Sitting silent in a field of dreams  
when inside your soul screams.....

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# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Election of Directors and Bylaw Changes Top Agenda

This is to notify members that the Brain Injury Association of Oregon's (BIAOR's) annual membership meeting is scheduled from 8:30 to 9:00 AM on October 5, 2002 as part of the Annual Conference (see additional information on pages 3 and 4). The agenda for the meeting is as follows: call to order & introductions; approval of 2001 annual meeting minutes; president's report; treasurer's report; election of board members; & proposed amendments to bylaws.

Association business items requiring a membership vote are: election of directors and amendment of the bylaws. BIAOR bylaws provide for not less than nine (9) nor more than fifteen (15) directors. There are currently four (4) director vacancies and the Board of Directors is nominating the following individuals to fill the vacancies for a three year term beginning January 1, 2003:

- Curtis Brown (Eugene), co-facilitator of the Brain Power Support Group in Eugene who had a long and successful career as a manufacturing engineer prior to experiencing a brain injury in 2000;
- Susan Dauer (Salem), Associate Professor at Western Oregon University who also has an adult son with TBI.

Additional names may be placed in nomination by a BIAOR member provided that: 1) the nominee is a BIAOR member; 2) the nominee is willing to serve as prescribed in BIAOR bylaws; and 3) the nominating information is received not later than 5 PM on September 23, 2002. For additional information, please contact Stephen Wright at [stephen.m.wright@attbi.com](mailto:stephen.m.wright@attbi.com) or by phone at (503) 988-4560.

At the 2001 annual meeting in Wilsonville, members present concurred in a suggestion that the Board consider and report back on holding elections by mail. The rationale for considering such a change is that under the current process, members unable to attend the annual meeting are unable to participate in governance of the Association. Having further considered the matter, the Board proposes a bylaw amendment to authorize (but not require) it to hold an election by mail ballot, providing that notice of such election and procedures for conducting it be provided to members at least 60 days in advance of the election.

For additional information on the annual meeting, including a full copy of proposed amended bylaws, contact the BIAOR office or visit our web site at [www.biaor.org](http://www.biaor.org).

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## BIAOR Support Groups

Support Group	Contact	Location	Time
<b>ASHLAND</b> Mind Over Matter	Kathy Moeller (541) 779-5646 Email: kathym@brainbook.com	Location Varies Call for more information	As Needed
<b>BEND</b>	Amy King (541) 617-2682	St. Charles Medical Center Rehab Conference Room, Lower Level	2nd Saturday 10:30am to 12 noon
<b>COLUMBIA COUNTY</b>	Terry Harmon (503) 543-6374	Varies	Call for more information
<b>CORVALLIS</b> "Brain Injury Support Group"	Sarah Hawkins (541) 757-5043	Good Samaritan Hospital Ancillary Bldg., 2nd Floor Conference Room	1st Wednesday, 2:00pm-4:00pm Call for Specifics
<b>EUGENE</b>	Mary Bunch (541) 998-3048 Email: mebunch1@juno.com	Sacred Hearth Hospital Heart Center Conf. Room 1255 Hilyard Street	2nd Tuesday 7:00pm-9pm
<b>EUGENE</b> "Community Rehabilitation Service of Oregon"	Jan Johnson (541) 342-1980	Central Presbyterian Church 15th & Patterson Eugene, OR 97401	2nd Tuesday 7:00-8:30pm Call for Information
<b>EUGENE</b> "Uhlhorn Program"	Trudy Maloney (541) 345-4244 Email: Uhl1@sheltercare.org	Uhlhorn Apartments Day Room 689 W. 13th Street	2nd & 4th Thursday 3:30-4:30pm Call for Information
<b>EUGENE</b> "BIG" (Brain Injury Group)	Leslie Murphy & Curtis Brown (541) 998-3951 or (541) 682-5311 Email: BCCBrown@aol.com	Hilyard Community Center 2580 Hilyard Eugene, OR 97401	Tuesday 11:00am-1pm Call for Information
<b>EUGENE</b> "Veterans Support Group"	David Epstein (541) 607-0897 Email: greg@americanmail.com	Federal VA Clinic 100 River Avenue Eugene, OR 97404 (Reaching Veterans from Albany to Roseburg)	Every Monday 1:00pm-3pm Call for Information
<b>GRANTS PASS</b> "Turning Point"	Pamela Ogden (541) 776-3427 Email: PAM@sogoodwill.org	Vitality Center 234 SE "L" Street	Time Varies Call for more Information
<b>KLAMATH FALLS</b> "Spokes" Center	Wendy Howard (541) 883-7547 Email: sustaff@cdsnet.net	111 N. 7th Street	4th Wednesday 3:00pm-4:30pm
<b>LA GRANDE</b>	Cheri Brandon (541) 962-8849	Varies	Call for more Information
<b>LEBANON</b>	Laurel Russell (503) 258-7769 Email: horses@lebanonoregon.net	Waterloo Chapel Call for more Information	1st & 3rd Thursday 6:30pm-8pm
<b>MEDFORD</b> "Turning Point"	Pamela Ogden (541) 776-3427 Email: PAM@sogoodwill.org	Call for more Information	3rd Tuesday 4:00pm-5pm
<b>PENDLETON</b>	Joyce McFarland-Orr (541) 278-1194 Email: jmcfarland@Oregontrail.net	Varies	Call for more Information
<b>PORTLAND</b> Brainstormers I	Contact Joan Brown (503) 413-7707  Facilitator, Dr. Jane Starbird	Call for more Information	2nd & 4th Saturday 10:00am-11:30am

## BIAOR Support Groups

Support Group	Contact	Location	Time
<b>PORTLAND</b> Brainstormers II	Contact Joan Brown (503) 413-7707 Email: gregory.cole@triadhospitals.com	Emanuel Hospital, Room 1073 2801 NE Gantenbein	3rd Saturday 10:00am-12 noon
<b>PORTLAND</b> "Survivor Family & Spousal Support Group"	Contact Joan Brown (503) 413-7707 Email: headsup@pacificer.com	Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church 5441 SE Belmont Street	2nd Tuesday 6:00pm-8pm
<b>PORTLAND</b> "Faraday Club"	Contact Joan Brown (503) 413-7707 Email: alonseth@pacificer.net Facilitator, Arvid Lonseth	Emanuel Hospital Room 1035 2801 NE Gantenbein	1st Saturday 1:00pm-2:30pm
<b>PORTLAND</b> "TBI Club"	Contact Joan Brown (503) 413-7707	Friendly House 1737 NW 26th (Location varies, phone for location information)	3rd Thursday 5:30pm-7:30pm
<b>REDMOND</b>	Amber Turnage (541) 548-5545 Email: atrunage@redmond.k12.or.us	Redmond Public Library	2nd Monday 7:00pm
<b>ROSEBURG</b> "Umpqua Valley Disabilities Network"	(541) 672-6336 Email: uvdn@jeffnet.org	Douglas County Courthouse West Wing 1026 SE Douglas	3rd Monday 12 noon-1pm Call for more Information
<b>SALEM</b>	Steve Paysinger (503) 561-5986	Salem Rehabilitation Center 2561 Center Street	4th Thursday 6:00pm-8pm
<b>SALEM</b> "Social Club"	Pam Olson (503) 588-7594 Email: pam-olson@worldnet.att.net	Residential Alternative Housing 3005 Windsor Ave., NE	2nd Wednesday 6:30pm-8:30pm

## Paperwork Resource Tip

Have you ever gone to a government office such as DHS or Social Security and applied for a service? Services such as medical coupons, financial aid or food stamps? Did you feel overwhelmed by the paperwork? Here's a tip:

- Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) you have the legal right to ask for help in filling out state, local or federal forms as a reasonable accommodation for your injury.
- To ensure that you are not cast adrift in paperwork limbo, it's a good idea to call ahead and make a specific appointment. Say, "I would like someone to help me fill out these forms as a reasonable accommodation for my disability under the ADA". Speak plainly, respectfully, and in a businesslike manner and you'll increase your chance of succeeding.
- If the person you are talking to replies, "We're too busy" or "That would be special treatment," restate your legal right to the accommodation or

**ask to speak to a supervisor. You will do yourself and others a favor by being persistent. Take comfort that the law is on your side!**

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# Survivor Letter

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Dear Sirs:

I have been reading your newsletter for a long time now, and I want to say thank you for the great job that you are doing.

I suffered a TBI from an auto accident in the early eighties. I was just 17. It was a month before I was able to open my eyes and understand what was happening. I was transferred to a rehab hospital for a four-month stay. I was the only young person on my floor, and it was very depressing.

After discharge, I was given limited speech therapy (once a week), and just let go. I struggled, but obtained adaptive abilities to handle my bad memory and my muscle weakness. I eventually graduated from community college, and then from a four-year university.

I can walk, I can talk correctly, and I can read and write well. Yet, I still suffer the effects of my accident twenty years ago. I have to really work hard to remember (especially when I am tired) the simple everyday mundane events that everybody takes for granted. I have to write down the exact location of where I parked the car, and I have to bring a very detailed grocery list.

I remember walking once in the fund raiser for the Brain Association. A gentleman walked up to me and asked if I was a therapist. I smiled, said no; I was just another one of the TBI victims. Most of the TBI members were in wheelchairs, so I can see where he made his mistake.

It is difficult to have a "hidden" disability. People engage you in a conversation, and then you can see their eyes cloud over in confusion. You realize that you must have repeated yourself. You then try to disengage, being very ashamed. You obtain a small circle of friends who understand and even joke about your disability. They are the only ones with whom you can relax.

People think that you are lazy, or not trying hard enough when you forget something, or when you cut yourself because of a lack of feeling

on your left side. They do not realize that when you forget their name, it does not mean that you were not paying attention or do not care. I have had college professors in the past (especially in Communicative Disorders) being extremely unyielding, and not accommodating to us with these "hidden disabilities." We are not faking it, and we are not lazy. It takes so much extra energy just to survive.

Thank you for educating the public and the medical profession on the "walking wounded," those who survive head trauma. When you are released from the hospital, everything does not just magically go back to normal. It takes work, and trial-and-error to obtain those coping mechanisms that will be right for you. It will take much humor and a lot of tears. You will never be the same, but hopefully through this experience you will come out as a better person, much more sympathetic and caring for those with mental or physical disabilities.

Keep up the good work!!!!

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# Governor's Task Force on Traumatic Brain Injury



To: All Persons with Brain Injury (PWBI)  
Family Members of PWBI  
Public and Private Agency Service Providers and Professionals  
All Others Interested in Brain Injury

Re: Informational Survey

The Governor's Task Force on Traumatic Brain Injury is seeking your help in identifying issues and developing recommendations for consideration by the Governor and the 2003 Legislative Assembly.

The Task Force was created by Governor Executive order 01-02 (see <http://home.attbi.com/~ortbitf/GovExecOrder01-02.pdf>). There are two survey forms: one for persons with brain injury and family members/personal care attendants [see <http://home.attbi.com/~gtftbi/surveyreply.html>]; and the second is for private and public service provider organizations and staff [<http://home.attbi.com/~gtftbi/spsurveyreply.html>]. The surveys were created to provide an efficient and structured way for interested persons to offer their input and recommendations either online or by mail.

We are asking for your help by reaching out to others that you think may be interested in contributing their insight and expertise to this effort. If they do not have an email, please copy the questionnaire from the web sites and provide it to the person or contact us and we will be happy to mail a copy to them.

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For additional information on the Task Force, please visit the Task Force website at [http://home.attbi.com/~ortbitf/GTFTBI\\_index.html](http://home.attbi.com/~ortbitf/GTFTBI_index.html). If you cannot access the web site and wish to have a survey questionnaire mailed or faxed to you, please contact the Task Force Coordinator Sherry Stock at [ortbitf@attbi.com](mailto:ortbitf@attbi.com) or you may call her at (503) 740-3155.

Thank you for your interest and participation.

Steve Johnson, Task Force Chair

## In Memoriam

### Don Schwehn of Portland, Oregon

Don Schwehn's death last May 30<sup>th</sup> was a significant loss the Portland brain injury community. Don served for many years on the Brain Injury Support Group of Portland Advisory Board and subsequently on its Board of Directors. Until his retirement several years ago, Mr. Schwehn worked with the Dept of Vocational Rehabilitation where he specialized in working with clients with brain injury and was a resource for other counselors working with such clients. He will be greatly missed.

### Jack Bain of Mill City, Oregon

Jack Bain, husband of BIAOR office manager Robyn Bain, passed away on June 12, 2002. Jack was the husband of Robyn Bain, BIAOR's Salem Office Manager. Jack was also the father to two sons, Brian of Marysville, WA., and Troy of Monmouth, OR. Jack supported Robyn in her dedication to BIAOR, frequently assisting at the annual conferences and other events. We extend our sympathies to Robyn and her family in their loss.



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