



Dear Members,

Beginning Day is approaching once again. I am glad that we are able to print this *Torch*. We prefer to print but when we can't, we will put it on line for download.

Even when we print, we will still put it on the website for download. This will allow the foreign chapters to at least check it out sooner than the mail would allow.

That brings up another change to look forward to. We have finally brought the website in house. Our IT folks are doing a great job with the website, programming for our membership system and taking care of all our computer needs. The new bulletin board has been a hit, it is much easier to use. We hope to add all kinds of new services but the one we really are working on is the gift pages. We have switched our service for charge cards online to a better one but that also has taken some time. We are checking to be sure it works, too late to find out after we go live ! Keep an eye on the site for new stuff as we get things going. We have a place to take your ideas as well. I already have lots to get them started.

We hope this is all a start for new fun things for the organization and a time of growth and new experiences for all of us. It's a hard economic time for everyone, we thank those paid up members who were able to send a donation to help at this time and for those who could not, we understand and thank you for just being there.

If I ever doubted the strength of our organization, the breast cancer that struck a young member I brought into my chapter reminded me. The prayer list online, all my chapter sisters and Dana-Farber's excellent doctors ready to give advice, proved it to me again. Thank you to those of you have offered prayers.

Also, please send us your email addresses, if you have not already. Thanks.

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