

Jerseyville Resident And Noted Lymphedema Advocate Melvin Osburn To Be Guest Speaker At Lymphedema Education Meeting

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ALTON - Melvin Osburn, one of the most active advocates supporting the federally-legislated Lymphedema Treatment Act (LTA), is scheduled to be the guest speaker at

the November Lymphedema Education Meeting in Alton – sponsored by OSF Rehabilitation Services.

Riverbend region residents are invited to join the OSF Lymphedema Therapy team for this free educational session about Lymphedema and meet other people with Lymphedema.

The November Lymphedema education meeting will be held:

- Thursday, November 2, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- OSF HealthCare Rehabilitation Services
- 228 Alton Square Mall, Alton, IL
- (Enter the Rehab office from the upper Mall parking lot, facing Alby Street, under the "OSF HEALTHCARE" sign.)

Interested individuals should direct questions or requests for additional information to OSF Rehabilitation Services at (618) 463-5171.

During the past 10 years, Mr. Osburn, a native and current resident of Jerseyville, IL, has shared his story with literally anyone who would listen. Among his actions to help create awareness and funding for the LTA include (but not limited to):

- He has spoken to physical therapy students at St. Louis University, lymphedema therapists at hospitals and universities, students at colleges and universities, representatives from Tactile Medical, a pneumatic pump manufacturer, and more.
- Osburn went to Washington, DC three times for the LTA and he's attended numerous political functions to speak on behalf of the LTA.
- He conducted a radio interview discussing lymphedema in kids and the LTA with Heather Ferguson, Executive Director of the Lymphedema Advocacy Group, and Dr. Julie Hanson, a pediatrician.
- Melvin got former United States Congressman Rodney Davis (R-IL) to meet with the parents of a child who was born with lymphedema. The Congressman was able to assist the family with financial assistance for her medical needs.
- He hosted two lymphedema awareness meetings in his hometown. Melvin created innovative fundraisers for the LTA including a walk up the River Road in Alton, IL. And he received a major donation for the LTA from the Big Boy Donut Shop in his hometown.

More information on Osburn's advocacy on behalf of the LTA and life-story living with Lymphedema can be found by visiting lymphedematreatmentact.org/advocate-spotlight-2/.

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