



***Holiday Newsletter***

**Wishing You a Happy Holiday Season!!**

On behalf of myself and ACS CAN, we would like to wish you a happy and healthy holiday season!

The promise of HOPE continues with the support and dedication from our Idaho advocates like you. Remember to reach out to your elected state representatives this holiday season to thank them for their continued support in our fight against cancer through prevention, better treatments, improved quality of life, and finding cures. Our work continues to enact laws and policies and fund research and prevention programs that save lives.

The holiday season brings many families together to share the joy and fond memories. However, many will spend this holiday season receiving treatment, hearing the news that they have been diagnosed with cancer, or experience the loss of a loved one due to cancer. Remember them as we continue to advocate, lobby and raise awareness of lifesaving and life quality bills this year and into 2017.

Without you, winning the FIGHT against cancer would be nearly impossible.

We hope to see you all at ACS CAN's 2016 Idaho Day at the Capitol on January 30, 2017.

Thanks for all you do.

**FIGHT ON!**

*Dawn Snapp*

Idaho State Lead Ambassador



## Membership Drive and Contest!

As we prepare for 2017 Legislative session, a new Congressional Session and a new Presidency we need voices more than ever. Is your membership with ACS CAN current? Do you have friends, family, co-workers who you think would want to make their voices heard? Encourage them to sign up.

When they sign up then email Jennifer at [Jennifer.poole@cancer.org](mailto:Jennifer.poole@cancer.org) with your name and the name of the person you recruited to be come a new member. The names will go into a drawing for one of 4 Kindle Fires that will each be given to the member and new recruit.

Contest run through January 30, 2017.



## Mark Your Calendars!

Join us for ACS CAN Day at the Capitol on **Monday, January 30, 2017**. Training will be from 7:00am-8:15am, Reception at Capitol 8:30am-11:00am.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

- 1/3/17** 115th Congress begins
- 1/9/17** 2017 Legislative Session begins; Idaho State of the State Address by Governor Otter
- 1/20/17** Presidential Inauguration
- 1/30/17** ACS CAN Day at the Capitol



## ACS CAN Volunteer Leaders!

Idaho's ACS CAN Leadership Team is growing but we continue to be in need of **Ambassador Constituent Team (ACT!) leadership volunteers from throughout the state**. Please contact Jennifer Poole at [Jennifer.poole@cancer.org](mailto:Jennifer.poole@cancer.org) if you want to learn more about these positions. It's definitely a rewarding experience and an opportunity to be part of a fun team of people.

### Share your cancer connection story.

ACS CAN is always gathering stories to share with our elected officials. If you would like to share your story about how cancer has impacted your life, please email Jennifer Poole at [Jennifer.poole@cancer.org](mailto:Jennifer.poole@cancer.org).

Your story can make a real difference for cancer patients by highlighting the importance of policy action for our elected officials.

# Federal updates

## 2016 ACS CAN Leadership Summit & Lobby Day

In September, 700 ACS CAN volunteers leaders from all 50 states attended the annual ACS CAN Leadership Summit and Lobby Day in Washington DC.

This year, the Idaho volunteers' efforts led to some great "wins".

Representative Mike Simpson agreed to sign on as a cosponsor to a bill that would close the Medicare loophole on colonoscopy screenings, and he agreed to continue to support increases in cancer research funding. Representative Simpson was the keynote speaker at Idaho's 2016 Cancer Research Breakfast in October and announced he would also be signing on as a cosponsor for the Palliative Care Hospice Education and Training Act (PCHETA). We couldn't have done it without everyone's emails to our elected officials in Congress. Thank you!

