

Walk to Cure Diabetes

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Pythians from throughout New York supported Grand Lodge's effort on behalf of finding a cure for Juvenile Diabetes. Each fall, many Pythians raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) by walking in Flushing Meadows Corona Park in Queens. The Grand Lodge and local lodges have raised tens of thousands of dollars in support of JDRF.

At right WCBS-TV Channel 2 Weather Person Megan Glaros with Grand Prelate Robert Kaufman, Grand Master at-Arms Craig Shink and JDRF Board Member Joe Mure.



At left some of Pythian volunteers at the Knights of Pythias Tent including Past Grand Chancellor Allan Greenberg, Grand Chancellor Jerry Bernzweig, Past Grand Chancellor Roger Siegel, Grand Prelate Robert Kaufman and Grand Secretary Irv Kleiman. Picture by GMA Craig Shink.

Grand Vice Chancellor Michael Sukenick apparently was uncharacteristically "Camera Shy" volunteer.

Awareness of Diabetes remains a major concern of Pythians. Grand Lodge established Diabetes Research Association in 1997 to help fund research to find a cure. The Pythian DRA has become the largest single fundraising committee in the Grand Lodge. It supports the nationally recognized Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation as well as the American Diabetes Association. Through fundraising events like local golf tournaments, table at street fairs, sale of merchandise, the Pythian DRA has been able to raise and donate over \$500,000 to diabetes research groups since its inception.