

Meet Gene Nachamkin, Past President of our Board of Directors.

During our 40th Anniversary year, we will be featuring individuals who helped define the past forty years. Today our spotlight is on Gene Nachamkin, Past President of our Board of Directors.

Gene joined our Board of Directors in 2004, and served as President from 2007- 2011. He Co-Chaired Confections in Chocolate for many years, and was one of the attendees who dressed in costume each year to meet our theme. During our "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" event, he was "the Wizard". For our "Roaring 20's theme", he dressed as a gangster. To compliment the "Hooray for Hollywood" Event, he was "Jack Sparrow", and at our "Evening in Saratoga" Gene dressed the part in traditional Victorian attire. He regularly participates in our bowlathon, and is seen annually sitting under his umbrella in a golf cart at our golf tournament as he serves as a hole spotter, making sure he doesn't get hit by a golf ball!

Over the years, Gene has introduced many new businesses to the Epilepsy Foundation, raising significant funds through corporate sponsorships. As a franchise owner for Sonic, Gene has held "Friends and Family" grand opening nights to benefit the Epilepsy Foundation, and has also incorporated "Lemonade for Liv" at Sonic, donating money from each lemonade drink sold over the summer.

Gene led the Board with passion and commitment, always focused on how we can increase services for people with epilepsy in our community. He founded our Care and Cure Campaign, which has raised over \$265,000 since its inception. Gene was the recipient of the 2013 Flame of Hope Award. He also developed a great relationship with our staff, providing lunch for staff meetings, and opening his home to our board and staff for gatherings. In addition, Gene served on the National Board of Directors for many years. Gene continues to support our organization generously and remains committed nearly two decades later.

Thank you, Gene, for your dedication and commitment to our endeavors.

