

Below is the thank you email I received from the RI Chapter of the MS Society. I also want to express my gratitude to all of you and your clubs.



Gary Moeller (1940-2013)

My oldest brother, Gary Moeller, who suffered with MS for about 35 years passed away on July 15. Gary was cared for at home in Cedar Rapids Iowa by his wife Lodi most of that time. In recent years he was cared for in a nursing facility in his home town. Care and visitation from his wife and family played a huge part in his desire to battle MS all that time. Gary had three lovely daughters who married and provided him with 7 grandchildren over the period of his illness. Gary was an army vet, loved basketball and golf, and never complained a day in his life through all his suffering. He has been, and always will be, my inspiration in life. Gary died at age 73.

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Dear Mr. Moeller and Club Participants,

Thank you for your generous donation to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Rhode Island Chapter. Your gift of \$1,500.00 given as a donation from the proceeds of the 19th Annual Surf Fishing Club Challenge for MS will make a huge difference in the lives of people and their families who are living with multiple sclerosis everyday. On their behalf, we thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. The Fishing Clubs from Rhode Island and Connecticut that participated in the Challenge to benefit the MS Society included: Connecticut Surfcasters Association, Hartford Surf Fishing Club, Narragansett Surfcasters, Newport County Salt Water Fishing Club, Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club, Rhode Island Mobile Sport Fisherman, Weekapaug Surfcasters, and the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA.)

Our mission is to mobilize people and resources to drive research for a cure and to address the challenges of everyone affected by MS. We are accelerating the pace of discovery by stimulating MS research around the world. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society now spends about \$40 million annually to support the efforts of MS researchers in the U.S. and abroad, that amount matched by no other organization in the world. Additionally, your gift will help to provide the important local support and services needed by those affected by the unpredictability of MS. These vital services, including informational materials and programs, referrals, equipment loans and purchase assistance, programs for the newly diagnosed and educational and support groups, give hope and help to our community.

We have accomplished a great deal and yet there is still much to be done. With the support of people like you we envision a world free of this devastating disease. Thank you, again, for your interest and continued support.

Sincerely,

Kathy Mechnig  
Chapter President