



Greetings NVF Member:

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The National Vitiligo Foundation (NVF) hopes you are having a delightful summer. As you know our goal is to [1] support research on Vitiligo, [1] advocate for people with Vitiligo, and [3] increase awareness of Vitiligo worldwide. Towards those efforts we have the following new exciting information.

FOUNDATION NEWS!!!!!!!!!!: The National Vitiligo Foundation is delighted to announce that we have recently hired a new Executive Director, Mary McAlister Cleveland. Mary received a Bachelors degree in Business Administration from Thomas More College in 1996 and then a Law Degree from Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Highland Heights, KY in 2000. Subsequently, Mary was the founding Executive Director for the Greater Cincinnati Minority Counsel Program from 2002-2008 where she rapidly developed a successful and contributory Foundation (<http://www.gcmcp.org/>). Mary is quite aware of Vitiligo and its nuances having a good friend with the disease. I have spoken and visited with Mary several times and find her bright, insightful, professional, and extremely passionate particularly about social/community issues (including Girl Scout Troop Leader, Mothers Club Board Member for Ursuline Academy, Reading & Mentoring programs for Princeton City Schools). I am very excited with having Mary aboard and have had some productive and creative planning sessions with her already.



RESEARCH INFORMATION: The **PanAmerican Society for Pigment Cell Research (PASPCR)** is a scientific organization devoted to researchers interested in various aspects of pigment cells. The Society is a very interactive one, meeting on an annual basis, and is composed of clinicians, developmental biologists, biochemists, immunologists, cell biologists, molecular biologists, chemists and physicists, among other disciplines. Look at the [PASPCR Information Page](#) for more information on our Society.



The PASPCR has endorsed the NVF and has donated money to the foundation to be used in support of research grants.



Pictured here with Raymond Boissy is John Pawelek PhD (past president of PASPCR & Professor of Dermatology, Yale University School of Medicine)

ADVOCACY & AWARENESS: The Dermatology Nurses' Association (DNA) [www.dnanurse.org] was pleased to have the National Vitiligo Foundation's presence at the DNA national convention. Over 1000 dermatology nurses nationally and internationally were present and had the opportunity to learn about the clinical manifestation and treatment options for vitiligo as well as the role of the NVF in supporting individuals living with this disease. Dr. Raymond Boissy engaged the nursing audience with his lecture on the pathophysiology, emotional effects, and current research endeavors for vitiligo. Bob Haas and Ray Boissy were captivating and educated many nurses over the course of several days on the NVF's mission and work. Through the synergy of the NVF and DNA,



increased awareness of vitiligo's impact and nursing's role in helping individuals with this disease was prevalent. The DNA hopes to foster this awareness through ongoing communications with the National Vitiligo Foundation and the NVF's presence at future DNA conventions. Together, we can help improve the lives of individuals living with vitiligo.

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MEDIA: The Clemson University ETV Radio, a NPR station, will broadcast a piece on Vitiligo for its "Your Day" segment on July 8th at noon. This report features The National Vitiligo Foundation. If you are out of the range of transmission or missed the program, you can listen live via the web at <http://yourday.clemson.edu> or via a MP3 file that will soon be posted in the MEDIA INFORMATION section of the NVF Website [http://nvfi.org/pages/media_info.php].

NVF COMMUNITY: The national symbol of the United States can also have Vitiligo!!! As reported online, "A bald eagle with rarely seen leucestic feathers roosts in a tree near Beaver Dam (in Arkansas). The eagle was seen during the annual Army Corps of Engineers eagle count at Beaver Lake."

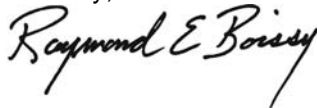
Information provided by Gisela Erf, Ph.D. (Professor at the University of Arkansas & NVF Member)



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These new information and programs highlight the great strides the NVF has accomplished in the past few months. These accomplishments have been successful in part by your generous and sustained support & contributions. I personally wish to thank you.

Sincerely,



President
National Vitiligo Foundation