### GREATER HARTFORD, CT Scleroderma Foundation Support Group

Lucy Robbins Welles Library 2nd Floor 95 Cedar Street Newington, CT 06111 1:00 p.m.

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### 2014 Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma Walks

Syracuse, NY

Hartford, CT

June 8, 2014 | 9 a.m.

June 14, 2014 | 9 a.m.

June 15, 2014 | 9 a.m.

Riverside Park 96<sup>th</sup> St.

June 21, 2014 | 9 a.m.

June 21, 2014 | 10 a.m.

June 22, 2014 | 9 a.m.

Westhill High School

Poughkeepsie, NY

Vassar College

Eastern Hills Mall

Stamford, CT

**Buffalo, NY** 

Blue Back Square

Manhattan, NY

**Onondaga Lake Park** 

**Binghamton, NY** June 1, 2014 | 9 a.m. Otsiningo Park

Long Island, NY June 1, 2014 | 9 a.m. Wantagh Park

Albany, NY June 1, 2014 | 6:30p.m. Crossgates Mall

> Rochester, NY June 7, 2014 |9 a.m. Seneca Park

Plattsburgh, NY June 8, 2014 | 9 a.m. Beekmantown Town Hall Park

Ridgefield Park, NJ June 8, 2014 | 9 a.m. Overpeck Park



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## 2014 Education Forums

April 12, 2014 Hospital for Special Surgery 535 E 70th St. New York, NY 10021

May 4, 2014 Hofstra University 1000 Fulton Ave Hempstead, New York 11550

> June 6, 2014 Yale University West Campus 141 Frontage Rd. Orange, CT 06477

August 9, 2014 Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center 621 10th St Niagara Falls, NY 14301

September 13, 2014 Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences 106 New Scotland Ave Albany, NY 12208

> September 27, 2014 Norwich, CT Location TBD

October 11, 2014 African American Health Awareness Day Rochester Airport Marriott 1890 Ridge Rd. W Rochester, NY 14615

> October 25, 2014 Rutger's University 56 College Ave New Brunswick, New Jersey

> November 23, 2014 HSS – Research Forum Hospital for Special Surgery 535 E 70th St. New York, NY 10021

## What is Scleroderma

Literally, scleroderma means "hard skin"; however, the disease is better defined as being characterized by a hardening of the body's connective tissue. Approximately 300,000 individuals in the United States are affected by the disease, African-Americans more frequently so and at an earlier age. Scleroderma is a chronic, autoimmune disease which, while currently having no cure, has several new treatment options that improve quality of life and life expectancy.

## DEAR FRIENDS,

Each of our meetings will feature open discussion, a guest speaker or DVD presentation on topics that provide information and skills needed to help cope with chronic illness. We hope you will join us as we provide an atmosphere of camaraderie and mutual support.

> Your Tri- State Volunteer, Ruth Saphirstein

## TRI-STATE SUPPORT GROUPS OFFER

- · Mutual support to people with scleroderma.
- An opportunity to talk with others who have gone through similar health challenges.
- A chance to share experiences, practical suggestions, and ways of coping.
- A welcome place to get information and learn from others in a warm and caring atmosphere.
- Educational information provided by the Scleroderma Foundation.

# TRI-STATE'S THREE-FOLD MISSION:

#### Support

To provide education and emotional support to people with scleroderma and their families.

#### Research

To stimulate and support research designed to identify the cause of and cure for scleroderma, as well as improve methods of treatment.

#### **Education**

To enhance the public's awareness of this disease.

### 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE

March 15
April 19
May 17
July 19
October 18
November 15
December 20

#### **June is Scleroderma Awareness Month**

Find out how to get involved at sclerodermatristate.org