



Melissa Neumann: Patient & LLP Board Member



Melissa and two of her pilots_ Bob B._ left_ Chicago, with a degree in
and Gary R.

A patient who LifeLine Pilots has flown for nearly 10 years; Melissa Neumann now brings a unique perspective to LLP in serving as a member of the Board of Directors.

In 2000, Melissa graduated from Concordia University, Athletic Training & Sports

Medicine & a minor in Business Management & Marketing.

Challenges arose as she approached her career path with the diagnosis of Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, a rare connective tissue disease affecting & deteriorating the patient's joints. After six failed surgeries on her shoulder, Melissa and her mom traveled the country to find doctors who could assist. Finally, surgeons at Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital, Denver, would be able to help.

But what about the expense of repeated travel from Illinois to Denver? A friend had heard about LifeLine Pilots. Melissa phoned LLP, and "within an hour my next trip to Denver was all set up," notes Melissa.

Thanks to LifeLine Pilots, Melissa has been able to travel to all the appointments, surgeries, & treatments with the limb preservation specialists at Presbyterian St. Luke's whenever the need arises.

"Without LifeLine Pilots and my surgeons at Presbyterian St. Luke's, I literally would have lost my arm 10 years ago," she adds.

"I consider all my pilots, such as Gary R. and Bob B., and everyone at LLP as family."

Today, Melissa is an auto insurance underwriter at State Farm Insurance Companies, Bloomington, IL, a company which encourages volunteer service.

That's a perfect match for Melissa, who has a strong passion for helping others. In addition to being an LLP board member dedicated to expanding the organization, she regularly offers to help out in the LLP office.

35th Anniversary Celebration!



The popular country-rock band Feudin' Hillbillys and a hog roast with potato bar & fixings will headline an anniversary celebration like none other!

It's March 19 at a hangar at the Greater Peoria International Airport.

Sponsorship packages range from \$20,000 to \$5,000, and any contribution of any size that you could make would be used wisely and appreciated greatly!

For more information and tickets, contact the LLP office, 309-229-0400, or email Mike Peifer, michael@lifelinepilots.org

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