

# In Praise of Lyme Activists

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Lyme Activists have accomplished a great deal over the years. In the public mind, Lyme is no longer simply the "Classic" that the Allen has trumpeted for 30 years. Countless cases of Lyme that would never have been diagnosed on Steere's watch, thousands of lives that would have been ruined, have been diagnosed and treated successfully. Not just doctor's, but the entire layer of healthcare professionals beneath them, and the general public, have had their eyes opened by the hard and dedicated work of the activists.

Those of us whose lives have been ruined by Steere and his rheumatological evil spawn know who did it, if not why.

The problem of disseminated illness is not yet solved--Steere has yet to admit it exists-- but the early diagnosis and treatment of the illness is far more common than if the patient activist leaders--mostly all woman--had never acted.

As well, the existence of "Lyme-like" illness caused by other Borrellia has been recognized on a nation wide basis.

Weisman and Dirlman really have nothing useful to contribute--not in the laboratory or the courtroom, and certainly not here.

They can smartass and insult until their mouse dies--they accomplish nothing, that is their fate in professional life.

The pathos of their efforts is numbing.