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## **ROCKERS JOIN DIO CANCER FUND TO RAISE \$36,500 FOR CANCER RESEARCH AT 2nd ANNUAL BOWL 4 RONNIE**

**Celebrity Bowlers Include Tom Morello, Brendon Small,  
Dino Cazares, John 5 and VH-1's Eddie Trunk**

The 2nd Annual BOWL 4 RONNIE Bowling Party, benefiting the Ronnie James Dio Stand Up and Shout Cancer Fund ([www.diocancerfund.org](http://www.diocancerfund.org)), was held on November 4, 2016 at the Pinz Bowling Center in Studio City, California. Hosted by VH-1's Eddie Trunk and attended by 300 rockers, bowling enthusiasts and fund supporters, the event brought in \$36,500 for the Ronnie James Dio Stand Up and Shout Cancer Fund, now in its seventh year of raising awareness and much-needed funding for cancer research.

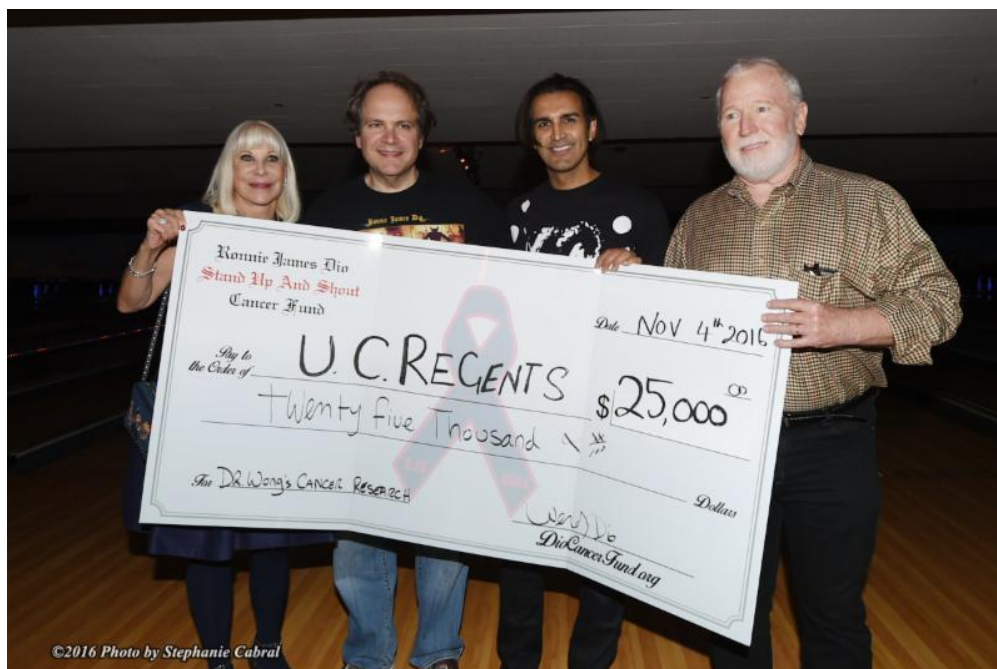


Among the rock musicians in attendance at the event were: Tom Morello (Prophets of Rage), Brendon Small (Dethklok/ Metalocalypse), John 5 (Rob Zombie), Dino Cazares (Fear Factory), Bjorn Englen (Dio Disciples/Tony MacAlpine/Yngwie Malmsteen), Chris Broderick (Megadeth/Act of Defiance), Joey Vera (Armored Saint), Roy Mayorga and Christian Martucci of Stone Sour, Jinxx (Black Veil Brides), Tim "Ripper" Owens (Dio Disciples/Judas Priest), Michael Spencer (Flotsam and Jetsam), Monte Pittman (Madonna), Lizzy Borden, Ira Black (Metal Church, Lizzy Borden), Robert Sarzo (Hurricane), Rudy Sarzo (Dio/Quiet Riot/Whitesnake), Scott Warren (Dio /Warrant), Craig Goldy (Dio), Simon Wright (Dio/AC/DC), David "Rock" Feinstein (Elf/The Rods), actor/ musician Sean McNabb (Lynch Mob/Quiet Riot/Dokken), Christine Devine (Fox

11 News anchor), Damon Fox (The Cult), Chris Hager (Rough Cutt), Marty O'Brien (Lita Ford), Mick Sweda (Bullet Boys), Jeff Scott Soto (Journey/Trans Siberian Orchestra), Joe Colover, Jessie Sanchez and John Hatfield of The Others, Chas West (Lynch Mob/Foreigner/ Bonham), Joe Retta (Dio Disciples/ Sweet), Marc Ferrari (Keel), Joanie Pimentel, Lisa Pimentel and Nicola Belinsky of No Small Children, Howie Simon (Nelson, Alcatraz), Herman Li (Dragonforce), Brann Dailor (Mastodon), singer Ann Boleyn (Hellion), singer Sonia Harley and members of the Barb Wire Dolls. DJ Will provided music throughout the evening.

The event kicked off with open bowling and a VIP pre-party for lane sponsors, celebrities and their guests. The evening included a celebrity bowling tournament, a raffle and a special live auction. 100% of the net proceeds from the BOWL 4 RONNIE will go to the Dio Cancer Fund. At the event, the Dio Cancer Fund presented a check for \$25,000 to further the research of Dr. David Wong, Director of the Dental Research Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Wong is developing a non-invasive saliva test for early

cancer detection. The Dio Cancer Fund already presented Dr. Wong with \$25,000 at their annual Ride for Ronnie Motorcycle event in May of this year. Dr. Wong believes this simple test will become available for medical use within the next three years.



Dio Cancer Fund Founder-President Wendy Dio presents check for \$25,000 to UCLA to further Dr. David Wong's development of a saliva test for cancer detection. From left: Wendy Dio, Bowl 4 Ronnie host Eddie Trunk, Dr. Sandy Kapoor, medical director of the Dio Cancer Fund, and David Akin, clinical coordinator for Dr. Wong's research project at the UCLA School of Dentistry (photo by Stephanie Cabral)

Dr. Sandeep Kapoor, Dio Cancer Fund medical director, explained that UCLA's Dr. David Wong is not kidding when he has said he is going to find a "blueprint" for gastric cancer, the disease that took the life of singer Ronnie James Dio in 2010. Says Kapoor: "The NIH (National Institute of Health) has recently given him a grant to do a 'prospective trial' looking at stomach cancer biomarkers. There is going to be a 'liquid saliva' screening test for stomach cancer that I and millions of other doctors will be able to use in our offices. This simple saliva test might have saved Ronnie's life, and it will be able to save countless lives in the future." Information about Dr. Wong's research is available here: <http://hspp.ucla.edu/wonglab/>

A 6-string Jackson guitar donated by Chris Broderick of Act of Defiance and stage played by him while on tour with Megadeth in 2012 was auctioned to raise additional funds. Among the raffle prizes awarded were a specially-designed bowling ball and a bowling pin featuring the BOWL 4 RONNIE artwork, each accompanied by a Bowling Party donated by host venue Pinz Bowling Center.

In addition to emceeding duties, Eddie Trunk, host on Sirius XM's "Volume" and VH-1's "That Metal Show," captained his own bowling team comprising Tom Morello, Rock Feinstein, Jeff Scott Soto, John 5 and Tim "Ripper" Owens. His team took top honors for the highest celebrity bowling team score. The winner of the newly-minted Dean Schachtel Award-named for the late Dio Cancer Fund board member-for the highest overall bowling score went to Dio Cancer Fund supporter Scott Courtright.

**2016 BOWL 4 RONNIE winners are as follows:**

1st place celebrity team: Eddie Trunk, Jeff Scott Soto, John 5, Ripper, Rock Feinstein and Tom Morello

2nd place celebrity team: Marty O'Brien, Brendan Small, Dino Cazares, Chris Broderick, Howie Simon and Jinxx

3rd place celebrity team: Joe Colover, Jessie Sanchez, John Hatfield (all 3 in the band Others) plus Allie, Carrie, Trina

1st place team: Rhino Records

2nd place team: START/Rock & Rescue

3rd place team: LaPolt Law

1st place celebrity bowler: Marc Ferrari

2nd place celebrity bowler: Damon Fox

3rd place celebrity bowler: David "Rock" Feinstein

Last Place celebrity for lowest score: Monte Pittman

Dean Schachtel Award for Highest Score Overall - Scott Courtright

The Ronnie James Dio Stand Up and Shout Cancer Fund was formed in memory of the legendary rock singer Ronnie James Dio, who lost his life to gastric cancer in 2010. A privately funded 501(c)(3) charity organization dedicated to cancer prevention, research and education, the Ronnie James Dio Stand Up and Shout Cancer Fund has already raised over \$1 million in its short history. Monies raised have been committed to the cancer research work of the T. J. Martell Foundation for Cancer, AIDS and Leukemia Research, the gastric cancer research unit of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, where Ronnie was treated for gastric cancer during the last six months of his life, and other cancer research projects. The recent passing of several high profile musicians to cancer has served to reinforce the commitment of the Dio Cancer Fund to support research and education that furthers early detection, prevention and treatment of prostate, colon and gastric cancers.

**For further information on the Ronnie James Dio Stand Up and Shout Cancer Fund, visit: <http://www.diocancerfund.org>**

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Eddie Trunk's team joins Wendy Dio on the red carpet as they prepare to do battle on the lanes. From left: Eddie Trunk, Damon Fox, Rock Feinstein, Wendy Dio, John 5 and Tom Morello (who brought his own bowling ball). Not pictured: Jeff Scott Soto (Photo by Gene Kirkland)

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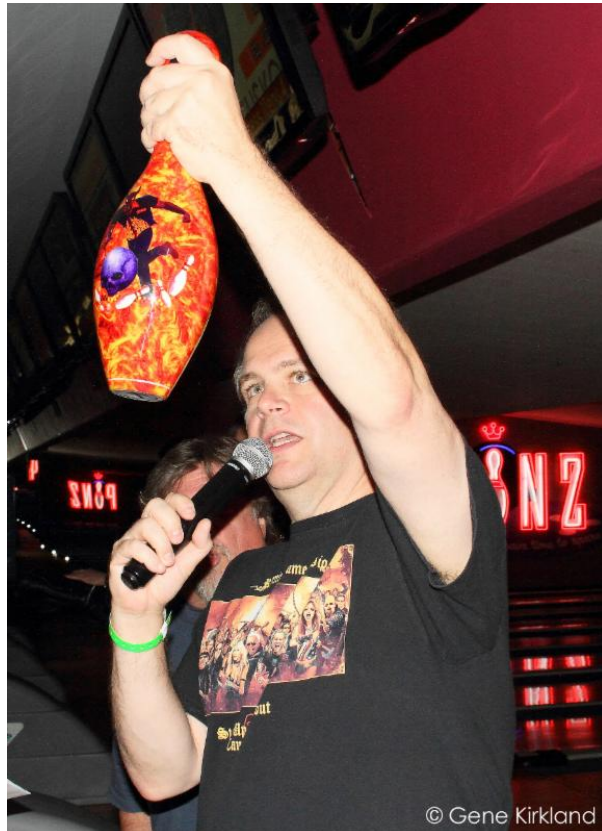
Wendy Dio and Eddie Trunk (Photo by Ute Kromrey)



**Photo by Gene Kirkland**



**Jeni Clark of Upstaging with friend Tiffany Grant won the custom made Bowl 4 Ronnie bowling ball and gave it to Tom Morello as a gift. (Photo by Craig Newman)**



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**Eddie Trunk raffles off a custom bowling pin (Photo by Gene Kirkland)**



**Damon Fox, Rock Feinstein and Wendy Dio congratulate Keel's Marc Ferrari on his 1st Place overall score in the celebrity category (Photo by Alex Klufft)**



**Marty O'Brien and Howie Simon celebrate their 2nd Place Celebrity Team win without teammates Brendan Small, Dino Cazares, Chris Broderick, and Jinxx (Photo by Alex Kluff)**



**Wendy Dio with Scott Courtright who won the newly-minted Dean Schachtel Award for highest overall bowling score. (Photo by Craig Newman)**



**Wendy Dio with Sonia Harley (Photo by Craig Newman)**





**Eddie Trunk's team celebrates its 1st Place victory in the celebrity bowling competition. From left: Rock Feinstein, Jeff Scott Soto, Wendy Dio, Eddie Trunk, Tom Morello, Tim "Ripper" Owens. Not Pictured: John 5 (Photo by Gene Kirkland)**