

## Thank You and Status Update

*I want to thank everyone in NEKAAL for their support and understanding during my husband's illness. John had surgery for suspected pancreatic cancer on July 10, went into septic shock on July 19, wasn't expected to make it to July 20, but the ICU staff at St. Francis pulled him through. After 36 days in the hospital and 7 weeks in rehab he came home on October 3. He is still on a feeding tube, and there are still some issues to work out, but he's gaining weight, strength, and stamina, and is starting to make snide comments again, so the future is looking pretty good!*

*During this time, my NEKAAL activities have been put on the back burner. So, to the several board members who picked up the Open House duties for me, Thank You! To the membership who have done without an updated website or Sky Highlights in The Observer, thank you for your patience. To all of you who sent cards, messages and prayers during this ordeal, you will never know how much it meant to me to receive them. I thank you from the bottom of my exhausted heart.*

*Sincerely,  
Janelle Burgardt*