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Spouse's Illness Affects Partners Health

A spouse's hospitalization due to dementia raises a husband's risk of death by 22 percent and a wife's by 28 percent, reports the New England Journal of Medicine. This exceeded the risk linked to hospitalization for several types of cancer, heart disease, stroke, lung disease and serious fractures. It was the largest for any health condition except a psychiatric illness.

"For years, the Alzheimer's Association has maintained that the impact of Alzheimer's extends far beyond those diagnosed with the disease," says Sam Fazio, Ph.D, Alzheimer's Association director of medical and scientific affairs. "This study clearly documents the devastating effect of hospitalization or death from dementia on a partner."

The study, believed to be the largest ever on the effect of spouse illness on a partner's health, followed 518,240 couples between the ages of 65 and 98 who were enrolled in Medicare. For nine years, beginning in 1993, investigators documented

hospitalizations and deaths from a range of health conditions. They found when a spouse is hospitalized or dies, the partner's risk of death increases significantly. Although the period of greatest vulnerability occurs within the first 30 days, risk remains elevated for up to two years.

While the study did not identify reasons for the increased risk, researchers pointed to increased stress, lack of social support and less-healthy eating habits, such as poor eating and excess drinking.



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Healthy Habits Can Help You Stay Sharp!

Ask any adult over the age of 50 about memory loss and you are likely to hear a lot of complaints. Starting in mid-life, the brain's ability to remember names, multi-task or learn something new starts to go downhill.

There's no 'smart pill' to ward off this decline, but experts say that lifestyle factors such as physical activity, challenging hobbies and lots of friends or social engagements might keep the brain more nimble and fit as it ages. Marilyn Albert of Johns Hopkins University says seniors who adopt healthy habits might also lower their risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. "We're learning now that there are things people can do to lower their risk," says Albert, spokesperson for the Alzheimer's Association.

10 TIPS TO STAY ACTIVE

1. Play games, do puzzles.
2. Organize a dinner or a book or video discussion group
3. Travel someplace new with a friend or family member.
4. Enroll in a course! Give your brain something new.
5. Browse the hobby section at a bookstore to find a new interest.
6. Correspond with friends and family by mail and e-mail.
7. Consider part-time work.
8. Volunteer in your community!
9. Start a journal. Record your thoughts, dreams and ideas.
10. Write a memoir or trace your family history.

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Education Opportunities Across the Chapter

DEMENTIA SPECIALIST

Recommended for direct-care staff, the Dementia Specialist Program offers the most up-to-date knowledge and techniques to those caring for persons with dementia. The program promotes state of the art person-centered care. Fee required.

August 2 & 16

8:30-4:30 pm

NCTC - Antigo

312 Forrest Ave., Antigo

September 18 & October 16

8:00-4:30 pm

Maryhill Manor

501 Madison Ave., Niagara

October 4 & November 9

8:30-4:30 pm

North Central Healthcare

1100 Lake View Drive, Wausau

October 18 & November 15

8:00-4:30 pm

NWTC-Green Bay

2740 W. Mason Street, Green Bay

November 10 & 17

8:00-4:30 pm

FVTC-Appleton

1825 Bluemound Drive, Appleton

November 9 & December 7

8:00-4:30 pm

NWTC-Sturgeon Bay

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"A CARE PACKAGE-THE MORE WE KNOW, THE BETTER WE CARE"

A Care Package is a free 5-part series that addresses various aspects of care giving for persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Stress, grieving losses, legal issues, working with doctors and other professionals will be discussed. Other topics include memory issues, warning signs and symptoms.

August 10, 17, 24, 31, and September 7

9:30-11:30 pm

Hatch Public Library, 111 West State Street, Mauston

August 9, September 13 and October 11

Sessions #3 - 5

1:30-3:30 pm

First Evangelical Free Church

1110 Cass Street, Prairie du Chien

September 5, 19, October 3, 17 and 31

11:00-1:00 pm

Tweeten Health Services

125 5th Avenue SE, Spring Grove, MN

Light lunch will be provided.

SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

Development



Raising funds for memory walk can be fun!

For many, registering for Memory Walk is the easy part! You go to the website, enter a little information and you're done. But many people are uncomfortable when it comes to fundraising.

Here are some proven, fun and creative ideas to get you started!

1. Put a Memory Walk message on your home answering machine; ask people to sponsor your efforts.
2. Start a letter writing campaign. Mail letters to your family, friends and co-workers. Be sure you include your personal fundraising goal.
3. Sell candy bars to your co-workers. Promote your local walk by adding a sticker to each bar announce the walk date.
4. Have a mini-Memory Walk at your church, school or business before the actual event.
5. Ask your employer to match the dollars you raise. Check to see if your company has a matching gift program.
6. Fill a jar with an exact number of pennies or candies and charge co-workers to guess the amount. The person guessing the exact number or closest to it wins a prize.
7. Give up a 'vice' for a week. Give up coffee, smoking or chocolate and donate the money you would have spent to Memory Walk.
8. Host a brat or hot dog sale at your local grocery store. Many stores match the dollars you raise.

Raising funds doesn't have to be scary. Remember you are asking for the Alzheimer's Association, not for yourself. The minute you limit who you ask, you limit the amount you raise. **Happy fundraising!**

Know Your Charity

The following organizations **ARE NOT** affiliated with the Alzheimer's Association:

- Alzheimer's Foundation of American - AFA
- Alzheimer's Society
- Friends of Alzheimer's
- Leeza's Place

Look for our logo to be sure your donations go to support local programs and services. **alzheimer's association**

How planned giving benefits both your favorite charity and your estate

One of the most popular estate planning techniques is planned giving; or making a contribution to a qualified organization such as the Greater Wisconsin Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Not only do these planned gifts support the Chapter's services, they also may provide attractive tax and estate planning benefits.

The donor may receive an immediate income tax deduction, and with a properly structured gift, could realign their investment portfolio without paying capital gains tax on appreciated property.

To whom can you give?

You are free to give your property to whomever you choose; however, to retain the tax advantages associated with planned giving, your gift must be made to a qualified organization. The vast majority of donations are made to charitable organizations.

What can you give?

You can contribute almost anything to a qualified organization. The deduction limits are more restrictive for gifts other than cash, but you are free to give almost any property of value to the organization you choose.

What are some popular gifting strategies?

In addition to making an outright donation of cash or stocks, there are a number of different gifting techniques you might consider.

- You can give life insurance. This allows you to give a large future gift at a relatively modest cost.
- A charitable remainder trust allows you to retain an income interest in a future gift.
- With a charitable lead trust, you can give the income to the charitable organization and retain the principal for your heirs.

Whatever gifting strategy you choose, planned giving can be very rewarding. It's wonderful to see your gift at work and to receive the tax benefits as well.

For more information on making a planned gift to the Alzheimer's Association, contact Kathy Davies at kathy.davies@alz.org or 715-344-2929.

Caregiver Corner

Memory Care Connections a continuous circle of care

"Memory Care Connections" is a 3-year Administration on Aging-funded project, through the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. The program is a joint effort between several of the counties served by the Greater Wisconsin Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and other community resources, including Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute and affiliated memory loss diagnostic clinics.

In the Eau Claire outreach area the counties of Chippewa, Dunn, Barron and Eau Claire form one workgroup. In the Green Bay outreach area a similar group is working in Door and Kewaunee counties. The purpose of the grant is to provide early identification of memory loss, Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, and to make community links between persons affected and local provider networks in order to provide timely and coordinated treatment and support.

For more information on Memory Care Connections, memory screening or to set up an appointment for a home or office visit, contact:

- Eau Claire County Dept. on Aging **715-839-4735**
- Chippewa County Dept. on Aging **715-726-7777**
- Dunn County Office on Aging **715-832-4006**
- Barron County Office on Aging **715-537-6244**
- Kewaunee County **920-388-0626**
- Door County **920-493-0339**

Tri-County Caregiver Conference in Cable October 3, 2006

The 5th Annual Caregiver Conference, "Caregiving: The Gift of a Lifetime," will be held at Telemark in Cable, WI on October 3rd, 2006. It is sponsored by the Caregiver Support Network of Ashland & Bayfield Counties. Caregivers, health and home care professionals and community members are invited to attend. The keynote speaker will be Connie Goldman, from National Public Radio. Also featured is Ben Wolfe, Grief Counselor with St Mary's. Topics on depression, pain management, and the symptomatic behaviors will be addressed by area physicians and professional staff.

Pre-registration is required by September 19th. A fee of \$15 includes lunch and materials (\$25 after the deadline). Call the Ashland County Aging Unit to register and to obtain scholarships if you are a family caregiver. Call 715-682-4414 or toll free at 888-682-7672.

Alzheimer's Association Introduces New Online Tool: CareFinder

CareFinder is an interactive online tool developed by the Alzheimer's Association in partnership with the Administration on Aging and Eldercare Locator. It is designed to provide an online option for education, resource availability and future planning, and works nicely in combination with the use of the Alzheimer's Association's Helpline and Care Consultation services.

CareFinder is divided into the following sections:

- Welcome to CareFinder • Planning Ahead • Care Options
- Coordinating Care • Support & Resources

CareFinder has been designed especially for use by persons with dementia and family care partners. One unique component is the Personal CareFinder, where the user is asked to input information on individual function, stages of dementia, preferences in care and any other special needs. The tool then generates a confidential and personalized printout that provides specific questions to ask a provider or health care facility when searching for new or different care.

In the Care Options section users can click on "Screening Care Providers" to view the current state survey history on a specific nursing home. The site does not currently feature assisted living facilities, due to the vast differences in definitions of assisted living across the United States.

To view and use CareFinder, visit the Alzheimer's Association



Outagamie County Human Services Memory Walk Team hosted a rummage sale on June 10, 2006 raising over \$1,000! These girls added \$80 to the total at this lemonade stand.

Making a planned gift to the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Wisconsin is easy. Call us at 1-800-272-3900 to learn how!

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WOOD COUNTY

• 2nd Thursday of the month at Centralia Center, 220 3rd Ave. S., Wisconsin Rapids 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Lonnie Cole: 715-421-8900

• Last Thursday of the month at Marshfield Area Respite Care, 205 E. Third, Marshfield 7:00 p.m.

Marilyn Seidl-Kramer: 715-384-8478 Ext. 8478

IRONWOOD, MICHIGAN

• 4th Monday of the month at Friendship House 6:30 p.m.

Larry Wilczewski: 906-932-7410

Specialty Support Groups

ADULT CHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

4th Monday of the month at Aurora Health Center, 855 N. Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Sue Oaks: 920-685-6331

SPOUSAL SUPPORT GROUP

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

4th Tuesday of the month at Valley VNA, 201 E. Bell Street, Neenah 10:00 a.m.

Becky Reichelt - 920-727-5555

EARLY STAGE SUPPORT GROUPS

BROWN COUNTY

3rd Tuesday of the month at Santa Maria Nursing Home, 430 S. Clay, Green Bay 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Cathy Rekitzke or Tricia Plate: 920-432-5231

FOX VALLEY AREA

1st Wednesday of the month, Menasha Public Library, 440 1st Street 2:00-3:00 p.m. — R.S.V.P.'s necessary

Becky Reichelt: 920-727-5555

MANITOWOC COUNTY

1st Tuesday of the month at Manitowoc Aging Resource Center, 4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Jan Lettenberger: 920-683-4100

— Volunteers Needed —

The Green Bay Outreach Office is looking for dedicated volunteers to help count Memory Walk pledges in September and October, 2006. Volunteers must be able to count and balance donations. You decide the days and the hours that you can volunteer. Your schedule can be daily, weekly or any days that you choose!

Why Caregivers Need Support Groups

In a classic 1996 study by Dr. Mary S. Mittleman (New York University Medical Center), it was found that caregivers who received strong support were able to keep their family members at home nearly one year longer than those who did not have this support. Moreover, these supported caregivers were 35percent less likely to place their loved ones in a nursing home. Why do support groups work?

- They help remind caregivers that they are not alone - others are facing and meeting the same challenges.
- They give participants a chance to say what they are feeling - including anger, exhaustion and guilt — without fear of being judged.
- They help members learn new strategies and inform them about area services.
- They foster friendships and support networks.

Consider attending one of the support groups listed in this newsletter. For more information, contact Kim Marheine at kim.marheine@alz.org or 920-727-5555.

— By Kim Marheine

Letters We Get

This note accompanied a generous memorial gift from a Mosinee family to our Rhinelander office . . .

“Four years ago, mother died. We knew Dad had a problem and you helped us so much. You gave me a hug at that workshop in Antigo several years ago. The personal connection of understanding was so comforting and I remember choking up that day. I never forgot it. I knew then you were an organization we could count on. Thank you for all you do and for just being there!”

New Richmond Students Wash Cars for Memory Walk

New Richmond High School students took part in a ‘Service Learning Day’ on May 18 holding car washes to support Memory Walk in New Richmond. They raised \$605.52! New Richmond’s Farm & Home store and Holiday Station were host sites. In addition, Bernard’s Northtown, a local Memory Walk sponsor, provided a number of cars for washing!

Students researched Alzheimer’s as part of the project and distributed information flyers about Alzheimer’s disease and the upcoming Memory Walk. Many times during the event customers shared their personal experiences with the students about a loved one touched by Alzheimer’s disease. A small fundraiser became a true learning experience! Plans are to make this Memory Walk Car Wash an annual part of the schools Service Learning Day.



Highlights

Spring Event Highlights in Pictures!



Eau Claire Local Leadership Council members who made the Eau Claire Recognition Event a success! (L-R) Sister Monica Mae, Lyn Collins, Linda Dekan, Bob Morgan, Don Parkhurst and Ken King

Outstanding Family Caregiver Award honors Marsha Moe at the Amethyst Ball in Superior on June 2. (L-R) Beth Aker (daughter/granddaughter), Grandmother Clarise and Marsha Moe

Thank-you to everyone who sponsored and attended our spring events across the Chapter!

Special thanks to these UW - La Crosse students who completed a Safe Return Promotions Campaign to support this effort in La Crosse.



Mary Patros (center) was the lucky lady to kiss 'Rosie' the pig at Hogs 'n Kisses in La Crosse!



La Crosse Open House - April 2



Enjoying Rhythm & Brews in Wausau April 21

'Open Gym' Raises \$300 for the Alzheimer's Association



The 6th Grade Class at St. John The Baptist School in Howard creatively raised \$344 by organizing an 'open-gym' during an early-release day. The students organized sporting events for the day which included basketball, hockey and a dance. Parents donated concession items to sell during the event. According to Mrs. Engels, "The students were motivated by the class patron saint, St. Anthony (Catholic Patron Saint of Lost Things.). The class wanted to donate their money to an organization related to this. The Alzheimer's Association appreciates the hard work and support of Mrs. Engel's class.



Raffle Winners at May Day Memories & Melodies in Rhinelander - April 29 (L-R) Judy Anderl, Barb Bauknecht & Dorothy Harding on behalf of Trudy Trem: Bernie & Joanne Dart

Caregiver Support Groups

For information on these support groups, please call 1-800-272-3900

ADAMS COUNTY

• 4th Tuesday of the month at Moundview Memorial Hospital & Clinics, 402 W. Lake Street, Adams - 11:00 a.m.
Nira Fisher: 608-339-8372

ASHLAND COUNTY

• 2nd Wednesday of the month at Ashland Senior Center - 3 p.m.

Patti Helm: 715-794-2270

Kris Nevala: 715-682-8172

BARRON COUNTY

• 2nd Tuesday of the month at Bethany Lutheran Church, 35 W. Messenger St. in Rice Lake - Noon

Jill Keefer: 715-537-5691

Gloria Vaughn: 715-537-6244

BAYFIELD COUNTY

• 2nd Wednesday of the month at Washburn Public Library - 6:00 p.m. Summer-call first.
Linda Pepping: 715-372-8160

BROWN COUNTY

• 1st Monday of the month at DePere Community Center - 5:30 p.m.

Jean Howard: 920-391-1820

• 1st Wednesday of the month at Bethany United Methodist Church - 10:00 a.m.

Jan Lillich: 920-866-1188

Monica Johnson: 920-494-5231

• 3rd Tuesday of the month at Brown County Aging Resource Center - 6:30 p.m.

Ann Goluke: 920-448-4311

BUFFALO COUNTY

• 4th Wednesday of the month at Buffalo Co. Courthouse in Alma, 407 So. Second Street, 3rd floor - 1:00 p.m.

Ann Keller/Lola Longyhore: 608-685-4412

BURNETT COUNTY

• 3rd Wednesday of the month at Capeside Cove, 23926 4th Ave. S., Siren - 4:00 p.m.

Call 715-934-2222

CALUMET COUNTY

• 3rd Wednesday of the month at Chilton Community Center, 42 School St., Chilton - 4:15 p.m.

Marlene Schneider/Vickie Vande Yacht: 920-898-4296

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

• 3rd Tuesday of each month at Our House,

105 Marrs St., Chippewa Falls - 2:00 p.m.

Kelly Rivard: 715-723-6037

Gerry Mann: 715-723-9241

CLARK COUNTY

• 2nd Tuesday of each month at Neillsville Senior Center, 602 Oak Street - 1:30 p.m.

Mary Sladich: 715-743-5144

• 2nd Thursday of each month at City Hall Community Room, Colby - 10:30 a.m.

Diane Kroepflin: 715-223-2352

CRAWFORD COUNTY

• 2nd Wednesday of the month at Faith Evangelical Free Church, 1110 Cass St., Prairie du Chien - 1:00 p.m.

Kathy Leard: 608-326-0235

Lori Bagniowski: 608-784-5011

DOOR COUNTY

• 1st Monday of the month at Meadows of Scandia, 286 Smith, Sister Bay - 1:30 p.m.

JoAnn Thomas/Carrie Kostreva: 920-854-2317

DOUGLAS COUNTY

• 4th Wednesday of the month at Memory Lane, 2231 Catlin, Superior - 1:00 p.m. 715-394-2587

DUNN COUNTY

• 2nd Thursday of the month at Christ Lutheran Church, 1306 Wilcox St., Menomonie - 1:00 p.m.

Margaret Strauss/Becky Nelson: 715-232-1116

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

• Last Thursday of the month at United Methodist Church, 337 Lake St. - 1:30 p.m.

Angela Hite: 715-832-6696

Betty Rossiter: 715-772-4432

• 2nd Thursday of the month at the Alzheimer's Association office, 1227B Menomonie Street - 6:30 p.m.

Joyce Sobotta: 715-878-4474

FLORENCE COUNTY

• 3rd Thursday of the month at Families Ties Adult Day Ctr., 800 Crystal Lake

Iron Mtn., WI - 1:30 p.m. 906-774-8032

FOREST COUNTY

• 3rd Friday of the month at Crandon Court House 200 E. Madison - 10:00 a.m.

Terese Poe: 715-478-3351

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

General Support Group

• 4th Tuesday of the month at Caestecker Public Library, 518 Hill St., Green Lake - 2:00 p.m.

RSVP's necessary to Veronica Marks: 920-294-4070

HOUSTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

• 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm

LaCrescent Health Care, 101 S. Hill Street, LaCrescent, MN

Kori Petersson: 507-895-4445

Tina Heyer: 608-788-7730 OR 507-895-8254

• Last Tuesday of the month at Valley View Nursing Home, 510 E. Cedar - Houston, MN 4:00 p.m.

Judy Munsen/lone McManimon: 507-896-3125

JACKSON COUNTY

• 3rd Thursday of the month at Pine View Care Center, 400 County Rd. R, Black River Fall - 2:30

Rozanne Ruzic 715-284-5396

• Last Friday of the month at L.O. Simenstad Nursing Center, 301 River Street, Osceola - 1:30 p.m.,

Tanya Tober: 715-294-5644

JUNEAU COUNTY

• 2nd Monday of the month at Juneau Co. Adult Day Ctr., 220 E. LaCrosse St., Mauston - 1:30 p.m.

Heidi Randall: 608-847-9366

KEWAUNEE COUNTY

General Support Group

• 3rd Wednesday of the month at Luxemburg Community Center, 206 Maple St., Luxemburg - 10:00 a.m.

Michelle Dax: 920-388-0626

LA CROSSE COUNTY

• Last Wednesday of the month at Hillview Health Care, 3501 Park Lane - 1:15 p.m.

Lynn Dettinger: 608-789-4800

• 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at Village on Cass, 225 S. 24th St. - 3 p.m.

608-791-9505 - new members call ahead

• 2nd Thursday of the month at Gundersen Lutheran Clinic, Educ. Ctr., Family Practice Conference Room, 2nd floor,

3100 S. Kinney Coulee Rd., Onalaska - 6:00 pm

Lori Bagniowski: 608-784-5011

• 2nd Tuesday in Feb., May, Aug., Nov. at Lakeview Health Care, 902 E. Garland, West Salem - 1:00 p.m.

Theresa Helgeson: 608-786-1400

4th Monday of the month at Bethany Riverside 2575 S. 7th Street - 5:00 pm

Pastor Friedrich: 608-775-8200

LANGLADE COUNTY

• 3rd Tuesday of the month at Antigo Community Ctr., 411 Superior - 2:00 p.m.

Linda Mezei: 715-627-6232

• 3rd Tuesday of the month at Eastview Medical Rehab., 729 Park St., Antigo - 1:00 pm

Dept. on Aging - 715-627-6232

LINCOLN COUNTY

• 3rd Tuesday of the month at Golden Age Nursing & Rehab., 720 E. Kings Rd., Tomahawk - 7:00 p.m.

Paula Fischer: 715-551-9408 (cell)

• 4th Thursday of the month at the Tomahawk Library - 2:00 p.m.

• 4th Tuesday of the month at Merrill Health & Human Services Bldg. - 2:00 p.m.

John Wanserski: 715-536-1466

Donna Winker: 715-536-0311

MANITOWOC COUNTY

• 2nd Thursday of the month at Holy Family, 333 Reed Ave. - 2:30 p.m.

Dorree Fietz: 920-320-8606

• Last Wednesday of the month at Manistowoc Healthcare Ctr., 2021 South Alverno Rd. 6:30 p.m.

Jan Lettenberger: 920-683-4100

Ann Bonde: 920-683-2735

MARATHON COUNTY

• 1st Tuesday of the month at Ministry Healthcare, Saint Clare's Hospital, Weston 7:00 p.m.,

Shelly Kafka: 715-675-4440

• 4th Thursday of the month at Good Shepard Church in Wausau - 5:30 p.m.

Karen Kwitek: 715-355-0812

• 3rd Tuesday of the month at Marathon County Adult Day Services, 1000 Lakeview Drive, Wausau - 3:30 p.m.

Mary Roberts: 715-261-6070

MARINETTE COUNTY

• 2nd Tuesday of the month at Luther Manor, 831 Pine Beach Rd., Marinette - 6:00 p.m.

Gerri Draz or Denise Delgoffe: 715-732-0155

• 3rd Wednesday of the month at Marinette Senior Ctr., 1803 Ludington - 10:00 a.m.

Mary Jo Ruleau: 800-990-4242

• 4th Wednesday of the month at Marinette Co. Elderly Services, Hwy 141, Crivitz - 10:00 a.m.

Jenny Staidl: 800-990-4242

• 3rd Monday of the month at Maryhill Manor, 501 Madison Ave., Niagara - 6:00 p.m.

Bob Sauld: 800-990-4242

MARQUETTE COUNTY

• General Support Group

• 2nd Tuesday of the month at St. John the Baptist Church, 277 East Montello St., Montello 6:30 p.m.

Call *Nancy Charles: 800-854-5376*

MINNEAPOLIS COUNTY

• 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Keshena Sr. Center, Hw. 47 & Hwy. 55, Keshena - 5 p.m.

Michelle Hoffman: 715-799-5240

MONROE COUNTY

• 3rd Tuesday of the month at Rolling Hills, 14345 Co. Hwy. B - 6:00 p.m., Sparta

Christine Snowberry: 608-269-8800

• 4th Tuesday of the month at Morrow Memorial Home, Parkview Apts. Recreation Room, 315 S. Spring St., Sparta - 1:30 p.m.

Kari Arch: 608-269-3168

OCONTO COUNTY

• 1st Monday of the month at Caring Tree Adult Day Center, 512 Caldwell Avel, Oconto Falls - 6:00 p.m.

Lynn Meyer: 920-846-3444 X1436

ONEIDA COUNTY

• 3rd Thursday of the month at Oneida County Senior Center, 1103 Thayer Street, Rhinelander 1:00 p.m.

Ellen Ward: 715-362-2979

• 3rd Monday of the month at Reiter Center, Three Lakes - 1:00 p.m.

Barb Bauknecht: 715-546-3538

Dorothy Harding: 715-546-3022

• 1st Wednesday of the month at K-Care, Lake Tomahawk - 5:00 p.m.

Kim Leigh Abigail Tucker: 715-356-2911

• 1st Thursday of the month at Dr. Kate

Caregiver Support Groups

For information on these support groups, please call 1-800-272-3900

Convalescent Ctr., Woodruff - 1:30 p.m.

Joan Hauer: 715-356-6540

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

• 3rd Tuesday of the month at Liberty Hall, 800 Eisenhower, Kimberly - 6:00 p.m.

Sandy Spangle: 920-739-4466

PIERCE COUNTY

• 2nd Friday of the month at Wellhaven Apts., 119 Union St., River Falls - 9:30 a.m.

Nancy Sailer: 800-372-2333

Donna Miller: 715-425-6588

Spring Valley - *Betty Rossiter: 715-772-4432*

If interested, call for date and time.

POLK COUNTY

• Last Tuesday of the month at Polk Co. Office Bldg., 100 Polk Plaza, Balsam Lake - 1:00 p.m.

Diane Voltz: 715-485-8413, Christi Hendricks: 715-268-7107

PORTAGE COUNTY

• 2nd Thursday of the month at Lincoln Center, Stevens Point 5:30 p.m. - Alzheimer's Group

Dana Cyra: 715-346-1401

• Last Wednesday of the month - Family Caregiver Support Group at Lincoln Center, Stevens Point - 4:00 p.m. 715-346-1401

PRICE COUNTY

• 3rd Thursday of the month at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, Park Falls - 5:00 p.m. - "Brown Bag"

• 3rd Thursday of the month at Pleasant View Nursing Home - 1:30 p.m.

Barbara Lofthus: 715-339-3943

RUSK COUNTY

• 2nd Thursday of the month at Ladysmith Senior Center, 825 E. 3rd St., Ladysmith, - 1:30 p.m.

Deb Klund: 715-532-2299

SAWYER COUNTY

• 2nd Tuesday of the month at 15618 Windrose Lane, #100, Hayward Call: 715-934-2222

ST. CROIX COUNTY

• 1st Tuesday of the month at The Deerfield, 1127 W. 8th, New Richmond - 1:00 p.m.

Nancy Sailer: 715-381-4364

SHAWANO COUNTY

• 2nd Thursday of the month at Shawano Public Library, 128 S. Sawyer - 1:30 p.m.

Marjorie Papendorf: 715-526-1995

Keith Finul: 715-526-6660

• 4th Monday of the month at Shawano Public Library, 128 S. Sawyer, Shawano - 5:30 p.m.

Marjorie Papendorf: 715-526-1995

Keith Finul: 715-526-6660

TAYLOR COUNTY

• 4th Monday of the month at Memorial Health Ctr. - 1:30 p.m.

Diane Niggemann and Judi Fillmore: 715-748-1491

• 3rd Thursday of the month at Rib Lake Health Center - 2:00 p.m.

Tiffany Annala: 715-427-5291

TREMPEALEAU COUNTY

• 1st Tuesday of the month at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Trempealeau - 4:30 p.m.

Cyndi Schultz: 608-637-7484

Lori Bagniowski: 608-784-5011

VERNON COUNTY

• 4th Monday of the month at Bethel Home, 614 S. Rock, Viroqua - 1:00 p.m.

Tracy Lampman: 715-545-3171

VILAS COUNTY

• 2nd Monday of the month at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Eagle River - 1:00 p.m.

Kathie Wick: 715-479-6717

• 1st Monday of the month at Aspirus Lillian Kerr Healthcare Center, Phelps 1:00 p.m.

Audrey Rabe: 715-545-3317

WASHBURN COUNTY

• 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at Spooner Health System, Education Room, Spooner 6:00 pm. Call first: 715-934-2222

WAUPACA COUNTY

• 3rd Tuesday of the month at WI Veteran's Home, King - 1:30 p.m.

Beth Boehleinor / Deb Passehl: 715-258-1499

• General Support Group

• 2nd Wednesday of the month at Little Wolf Town Hall, E5325 Cty. Rd. N., Manawa - 4:30 p.m.

Peggy: 715-258-6275

• General Support Group

New London - Call *Kathy Rusch: 920-982-5354*

WAUSHARA COUNTY

• 2nd Tuesday of the month at Wautoma Courthouse Conf. Room - 1:30 p.m.

Sheila Koca: 920-787-041

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

• 2nd Monday of the month at

Research News

Memory Awareness & Community Screenings

Recognizing the growing visibility of community-sponsored memory screenings promoted by organizations outside of the Alzheimer's Association, a work group was convened to make recommendations regarding responsible activities in this area.

It is the position of the Alzheimer's Association that there is insufficient evidence of benefit to recommend memory screening in adults who report no problems with memory, particularly when screening is not provided with education regarding the numerous factors affecting memory, many of which are physical and would not be detected in a typical community screening. Coupled with this is the concern that most community screenings are not provided by a physician or specifically educated health care professional, resulting in potentially missed concerns for Mild Cognitive Impairment, or in giving erroneous recommendations with no guaranteed follow up to the individual's primary health care provider for further advanced testing. Typical screening tools used by community-based screenings can be misleading and problematic for non-English speaking adults or for those with either a very high or a very low educational background.

The Alzheimer's Association does support the development of tools that aid in earlier and more accurate detection of Alzheimer's disease. Additionally, the Alzheimer's Association currently funds several research studies to improve detection of Alzheimer's, especially in diverse communities. The Alzheimer's Association recommends several alternatives to community-based testing, including the following:

- If you suspect you or someone you care for has a memory problem, please see your primary health care provider as soon as possible. If you are dissatisfied with the provider's testing procedures or resulting diagnosis, ask for a referral for a second opinion to one of the many memory diagnostic clinics throughout Wisconsin.
- It is important to identify the actual cause of memory loss

in order for the person to receive appropriate treatment. Some aspects of memory loss can be related to treatable physical problems, and require lab work and other evaluation to detect them. They are frequently treatable and reversible if detected early. These require the oversight of your primary health care professional, and are not detected in a community-based memory screening.

- If you are a community provider, senior community center, church or mealsite, and are considering hosting a memory screening in your community, call the Alzheimer's Association for a community education program as an alternate event. Alzheimer's Association staff are well prepared to speak to a variety of topics around memory loss, assessment, treatment and support, including the latest information on maintaining brain health.
- Call the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900, to speak with staff about your memory concerns, and to receive written resources about memory loss.
- The Alzheimer's Association works closely with a number of professional entities that conduct memory loss assessment and support, including diagnostic clinics and special programs provided through the Administration on Aging. Call your local office or toll-free at 800-272-3900 for a listing of local resources and support.

Perhaps the most important aspect of receiving an accurate diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia is the provision of ongoing support. The Alzheimer's Association can assist persons diagnosed with links to their individual communities for support through Care Consultation and support groups, information about community programs and access to health care providers, and 24-hour assistance with day-to-day issues and questions.

For more information about having memory loss evaluated or to receive written resources, please call your local Alzheimer's Association office, or toll-free at 800-272-3900.

News and Research Highlights

The following are excerpts of recent media releases about research and other critical issues. For more information about a specific article visit the Alzheimer's Association's website at www.alz.org or call 1-800-272-3900.

Federal Huperzine A Study: The Alzheimer's Association, 04-21-06. A federally funded clinical trial of Huperzine A, an herbal supplement, is currently underway to determine its potential treatment for mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease.

Physical Performance Linked to Future Mental Ability: Seattle Post-Intelligencer, 05-23-06.

A Seattle-based research team examines the impact of using physical performance indicators such as grip strength, balance and walking in determining dementia development as well as the impact on physical activity in preventing or delaying onset.

NICE Not Playing Nice with Alzheimer's: MSNBC, 05-30-06.

The United Kingdom's National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE), has suggested that availability to the drugs used to treat Alzheimer's should be limited, indicating they are not cost effective. Conflicting studies indicate the costs associated with treatment to be far lower than the costs of no treatment at all, attributing non-treatment to premature institutionalization.

Survey of Baby Boomer Attitudes on Alzheimer's: The Mature Market, 06-01-06.

A survey of baby boomers indicates that "Boomers" are thinking more about how Alzheimer's disease may affect their aging and quality of life.

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Public Policy

House Appropriations: Alzheimer's Research Cut, Care Programs Restored

On June 13, the House Appropriations Committee voted to cut funding for medical research — including research on Alzheimer's — below last year's level. The Labor/HHS/Education bill approved by the House Appropriations Committee (no bill number at this time) will cut the federal government's investment in Alzheimer research by \$7 million, down to \$645 million for 2007. We are obviously deeply disappointed in the Committee's failure to increase funding for Alzheimer research. The Alzheimer's Association is truly appreciative of the ongoing efforts of our advocates. We have not yet lost the battle to increase funding for Alzheimer research. The Senate must still take action and we will continue the fight the cuts approved by the House.

On a more positive note, the Labor/HHS/Education bill approved by the House Appropriations Committee restores funding for three key Alzheimer care programs — the Alzheimer's Call Center, the CDC Brain Health Initiative and Alzheimer State Matching Grants Program to 2006 funding levels. The Call Center received \$1 million, the CDC Brain Health Initiative is funded at \$1.6 million and the State Matching Grants were restored to \$11.8 million. The president proposed to eliminate funding for all three of these programs. This is a tremendous victory for Alzheimer families, especially given the extremely difficult

budget environment. It is clear that the voices of Alzheimer advocates were heard by the members of the House Appropriations Committee.

Next steps

The entire House will need to approve the Appropriations Committee bill. We do not know the exact date of the vote but it will likely happen in the next few weeks. We will continue to keep you apprised of the vote schedule and our strategy for the floor debate.

In addition, we are awaiting the release of the Senate Appropriations Committee schedule. As of this writing, it is not clear when the Senate will start working on their version of the bill that funds Alzheimer research and care programs.

Action

Despite the disappointing news about research funding, it is critical that we thank the members of the House Appropriations Committee for restoring the funding for the Alzheimer care programs (Call Center, Alzheimer Matching Grants to States and CDC Brain Health Initiative). Advocates from districts represented by the members of the House Appropriations Committee have been sent a special Alert asking them to send "thank you" e-mails with a mention of our disappointment about the cuts in funding for research.

— Contributed by Rob Gundermann,
Wisconsin Chapter Network
Public Policy Director

2nd Annual

Palliative Care Conference: Moderate-Severe Stage and End-Stage Dementia

**October 11 - 12, 2006
Radisson Paper Valley – Appleton
Sponsored by: Theda Care Behavioral Health
and the Alzheimer's Association**

The goal of palliative care for persons with dementia is to optimize quality of life through a timely, dignified, and peaceful manner for as long as life remains. Presented by Dr. Abhilash Desai, Director of Theda Care's Alzheimer's Center of Excellence, this two-day conference highlights approaches that impact the quality of care for all persons affected by dementia. It will address emotional health, spiritual needs, creativity, and care strategies to support care partners. Any interested family and professional caregivers are invited to attend. For additional information please contact Becky Reichelt at the Fox Valley Outreach Office at 920-727-5555.

Alzheimer's Association staff attend the Governor's signing of the Family Care and Guardianship Bills in Green Bay - May 8, 2006.



(L-R) Linda Schwarz, Outreach Specialist; Jan Lillich, GW Board; Tracy Wertel, Administrative Asst.; Diane Dixon, Finance & Technology Director; Gov. Doyle, John Fritz, Outreach Specialist and Mary Bouche, Executive Director.

Caregiver's Corner

Fall Conferences Across the Chapter

Designed for family and professional care providers, these one-day conferences share the most current information about Alzheimer's disease care, treatment and research strategies. Each conference offers a full day of keynote speakers, workshops and exhibits. Choose a location nearest you. **Call 1-800-272-3900 for a full brochure.**

18th annual

Eau Claire Fall Conference

Friday, November 3, 2006
8 am - 4 pm

Plaza Hotel & Conference Center
Eau Claire, WI

Featured speakers include:

- Drs. Kim & Gail Petersen
- Attorney Mary Beth Gardner
- Dr. Persing
- Nancy Sailer-Abrahamson

For information 715-835-7050

17th annual

La Crosse Fall Conference

Thursday, November 2, 2006
8 am - 4 pm

Best Western Midway Hotel
La Crosse, WI

Featured speakers include:

- Drs. Kim & Gail Petersen
- Jennifer Enright-Ford - WI DOT
- William Keane

For information 608-784-5011

8th annual

Rhineland Fall Conference

Friday, October 13, 2006

8 am - 4 pm
Reiter Center
Three Lakes, WI

Featured speakers include:

- Dr. Abhilash K. Desai
- Camille Wade Maurice

For information 715-362-7779

2nd annual

Wausau Fall Conference

Thursday, November 2, 2006

8 am - 4 pm
Fairfield Inn by Marriott
Weston, WI

Featured speakers include:

- Abhilash K. Desai, MD
- Doug Cybela, Ph.D.
- Karen Stobbe

For information 715-848-1221

Sports & Entertainment Auction

Saturday, September 9, 2006

Onalaska American Legion Hall • 721 Sand Lake Road • Onalaska, WI

Silent Auction 10 am - 1 pm • Live Auction starts at 12 noon

Over 100 items up-for-bid for the **WHOLE** family along with food, sports demonstrations and music all day long. Autographed items by Barry Alvarez, Tony Gwynn, Brian Urlacher, Bart Starr, Doug Flutie and Damian Millwer.

All proceeds support the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk in La Crosse

For information, contact Kathy Lucey at 608-788-6759

Three State Conference Award Winners From Greater Wisconsin Chapter!

Outstanding Special Service Award

Linda Dekan • Mondovi, WI.



Linda is a key volunteer in the Eau Claire area. She chairs the planning committee for the largest Memory Walk in western Wisconsin. Linda is a member of the GW Board of Directors.

Outstanding Advocacy Award

Keith Finuf • Shawano, WI.



Keith is a tireless advocate for persons with Alzheimer's disease dedicating his life to improving, care and quality of life. Few local or state legislators have missed Keith's message.



Outstanding Family Caregiver Award

Richard Solboe Family • Green Bay WI.

Richard Solboe and his family struggle with Pick's disease. His wife, Audrey passed away from the disease and now three of his five children face the daily challenges of this related dementia. This family shows true compassion, grace & dignity.

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(Donations received March 2006 through May 2006)

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A Message from the Executive Director

**Highlights from the Public Policy Forum
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"A Call to Congress: Make Alzheimer's A National Priority" - this was the theme for the 18th Annual Public Policy Forum in Washington, DC in June. Ten advocates from Wisconsin, including four of us from Greater Wisconsin, joined over 350 advocates from across the U.S. to tell Congress that we cannot afford to ignore Alzheimer's disease. It is a true national public policy issue.

While as advocates we work year-round to provide support and raise awareness, this three-day event was our chance to come before key legislators to convey the urgency of Alzheimer's and the impact it has on the daily lives of millions of Americans.

Our message to Congress - "Make Alzheimer's A National Priority" - focused on increasing support for Alzheimer's research by \$60 million, making Medicare work for beneficiaries with Alzheimer's disease, further assist Alzheimer's families struggling with long-term care and continued support for proven Alzheimer's programs including:

- National Alzheimer's Call Center providing 24 hour, 7 day per week Helpline support,
- Brain Health Initiative with the Centers for Disease Control to develop evidence-based public health strategies to promote brain-healthy lifestyle choices
- Safe Return which provides support to successfully return home safely those individuals with Alzheimer's that wander away from home
- Alzheimer's State Matching Grants, which support state innovations to enhance health and long-term care services for people with AD and their families.

Note: For an updated status on these programs see the Public Policy article on page 11.

My favorite part of the forum, is when we gather for the candlelight vigil on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial honoring loved ones affected by Alzheimer's. Mary Kay Baum, from Wisconsin, shared her thoughts of dealing with Alzheimer's from an early-stage perspective. Singer, Coretta Davis from the Pennsylvania Chapter provided a moving song she wrote about her personal relationship with Alzheimer's disease.

Every year the Public Policy Forum is instrumental in communicating our message to the federal government. Equally important, are our community efforts here at home that depend on local advocates like you. If you are not currently registered with our Advocacy Network and would be interested in writing letters, attending hearings and working on other public policy activities, please email me today at mary.bouche@alz.org. I would love to hear that you are also interested in "Making Alzheimer's A Priority."

Mary B. Bouche
Executive Director

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Washington, DC**

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Report: Early Onset Dementia: A National Challenge, A Future Crisis: The Alzheimer's Association, 06-06-06.

This new report urges the federal government to support research into determining how many persons may have early onset Alzheimer's disease, which occurs before age 65, noting that current policies do not address or fund associated unique needs.

Report: Alzheimer's May Affect Younger Age Group: Bloomberg News, 06-07-06.

Based on a report by the Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's disease and dementia may affect more than 500,000 ages 55-64, challenging the stereotype that Alzheimer's is a disease of older adults.

Working Can Boost Your Health, Keeping You Active and Sharp: U.S. News & World Report, 06-12-06. Examines the benefits of work on mental and physical health, suggesting that working toward mental stimulation, social connectedness and physical activity.

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