

May Update from the ADC

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Your Monthly Update from the ADC

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Monthly News From the ADC

Welcome to the 2021 May edition of the ADC monthly newsletter!

The ADC has been offering our *Distance Programming* for over a year now and more than anything, we want to return to in-person services. The State of New Jersey has not yet issued re-opening guidelines for adult day care programs like the ADC, but we are hopeful that they will be coming soon. Our senior staff have been reviewing guidance issued by the CDC in March as we continue to prepare for welcoming our members back.

In the coming weeks, current families will be receiving some of the necessary paperwork for their loved ones to return to the ADC in-person. We are working hard to be prepared for our eventual re-opening. Until then, we will continue to support our ADC families.

Please take the opportunity to read through this update. Our Getting Better with Age Wine Tasting will be held on Thursday, June 17th. We recently kicked off our Project RESPECT spring appeal that is raising funds towards our phased reopening, our pivot to hybrid programming and gradual return to in-person attendance. We thank you in advance for your support.

We welcome your feedback and invite you to get to know us better!

See you at the ADC!

Sincerely,

Diann Robinson
Executive Director



Getting Better with Age 2021

Join us on Thursday, June 17th either in person at the Raritan Valley Country Club, or virtually, for our 23rd annual Getting Better with Age Wine Tasting fundraiser. For the first time we will be exploring the wines of Spain. Rich Scelfo of Carolina Wine Brands has invited Sergio Soriano from Baron de Ley to lead the tasting. To learn more, please visit our website, event page or contact our Director of Development at (908) 725-0068 for more information.



Investors Foundation awards grant

The Investors Foundation recently awarded a \$1,000 grant to the ADC. The funds are helping the ADC to continue Distance Programming while it is closed to in-person member attendance. Specifically, the funds are underwriting home delivery of activity care packages. Thank you to Antie Celli, Investors Bank, Assistant Vice President Branch Manager for visiting the ADC for this photo opportunity.



Project RESPECT Spring Appeal

The ADC has kicked off its spring appeal "Project RESPECT." A gift to this campaign will underwrite our planned re-opening this summer and help us to transition from distance programming back to in-person attendance. It will ensure that we can continue our Distance Programming until we re-open our doors, underwrite our temporary transitional hybrid model, and safely resume in-person attendance. It will help us to fulfill our mission of meeting the needs of our local families who are looking for day care for their aging loved ones with Alzheimer's or dementia. Click [here](#) to read our appeal letter or [here](#) to donate on-line. If you have any questions about how you can help, please call our Development Director Hilary Kruchow.



The ADC and Somerset County Office on Aging Celebrated Older Americans Month

May is National Older Americans Month and this year's theme is "Communities of Strength." In recognition of OAM, the ADC hosted a Drive-Through Celebration. We partnered with the Somerset County Office on Aging and Disability Services for the event. County representatives handed out Emergency Preparedness Care Packages.



Bridgewater Garden Club announced as 2021 Ventantonio Volunteerism Award winners

The ADC has announced the Bridgewater Garden Club as the winner of the 2021 Ventantonio Volunteerism Award. The Bridgewater Garden Club is being recognized for their dedication to the upkeep of the therapy garden. Volunteers have spent countless hours cleaning, weeding and pruning making the therapy garden one of our most valued treasures. The Ventantonio Volunteerism Award was named in memory of Bridgewater residents Jim and Anita Ventantonio. The couple made generous contributions of financial resources and leadership to the ADC and to the greater Somerset County community. Jim served on the ADC Board of Trustees for several years and subsequently served as legal counsel when ADC was a tenant at the People Care Center. Anita sat on the Board of Trustees from 2012 – 2015 and served as Chair.

[Register now for our Getting Better with Age Wine Tasting Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.](#)

May Activities at the ADC

Our weekly schedule is shared on Friday afternoons on our website, Facebook page, and by email. We are looking forward to our monthly birthday drive by on May 26th and our Parking Lot Bingo sponsored by NJ Eastern Star on May 28th. To participate, please email [Diann](#).





April Birthdays at the ADC

As we have shared before, birthdays are a big deal at the ADC! We are missing our Friday afternoon socials and monthly birthday parties. Here are some photographs from our [April](#) Birthday Celebration. The staff met at the ADC and travelled to visit our members at home. We loved seeing our members and making them feel special. We look forward to celebrating again this month on Wednesday, May 26th. If your loved one has a May birthday and would like a visit, please

email [Stacy](#).

Caregiver Resources and Education

The **Caregiver Coalition of the United Way of Northern NJ** has an upcoming "Munch and Learn" program on June 9th at 11:30 a.m. The topic is Medicare Fraud: How to Protect Yourself and the featured speaker is Charles Clarkson with Senior Medicare Patrol. He will give advice on how to protect yourself against Medicare fraud, abuse, and waste. This presentation will also review the most current Medicare scams, including Covid-19 vaccine scams. To register click [here](#).

Alzheimer's NJ is offering a program called "Bring Back the Joy." This is a free virtual workshop that will provide caregivers with practical tips and tools on how to use music to connect with a loved one with dementia, manage challenging behaviors, and improve communication. Facilitator Jan Maier, RN, BSN, MPH, will also share information on the latest brain science and research that identifies cognitive and emotional benefits of engaging individuals with dementia through music. Click [here](#) for more information.

Alzheimer's NJ is offering a virtual [program](#) called Managing Behavior Changes in Alzheimer's Disease on June 8th at 1:00 p.m. To learn about this program and other, please review this [flyer](#).



About the newsletter

Please email Hilary Kruchowy at hilary.kruchowy@aduldaycenter.org if you have any suggestions about future features. Please feel free to forward the newsletter to your friends and colleagues. We are trying to build our mailing list. Currently there are more than 1,000 names on our list. Thank you.

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We update our [Facebook](#) pages two or three times a week with our schedule for the week and news of what is happening at the Center. Please "Like" us and check out our photographs. To date we have over 800 followers.

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