



Presenting our June newsletter...



Member Tom Blue poses with Rocco

Dear Friend of the ADC,

Last week, we held the Fifth Annual Generations Gala. It was a great success, raising almost \$60,000 towards our operating expenses. These dollars are the most difficult for us to raise, and we count on them to pay our dedicated staff, take care of our facility, purchase program materials and launch new therapeutic activities.

Our friend, Loren Fisher, generously donated his time and talent to put together several videos that were shown at the Gala. We are grateful for the countless hours that he allocates for video shoots and editing. They make a wonderful addition to the program and help outline the contributions of the honorees. He also puts together a video to tell the stories of our caregivers. This year's was exceptional and I hope you will take the time to look . If you are reading this online, [click here to view the video](#).

The summer is here and we have a full calendar of activities planned for the next three months, including our annual Family Picnic on July 8th. If you haven't been before, I encourage you to come out and join us. We are also looking forward to celebrating all of the fathers in our program on Friday, June 18th at our Father's Day Social.

See you at the ADC!

Sincerely,

Diann Robinson
Executive Director



Happy Father's Day!

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The 2015 Generations Gala was held on May 28th

On Thursday, May 28th, we held our Fifth Annual Generations Gala at The Palace at Somerset Park. Members of the community enjoyed an evening of entertainment and fine dining in support of the Center and its mission. The Gala marks the first of our two major fundraising events for the Center. Thanks to generous donors we surpassed our goal and raised almost \$60,000, from sponsorships, journal advertisements and ticket sales, to fund our operations. Keep reading this newsletter for more information on our second major fundraiser later this year.

We would like to thank all of the community members who attended-- our generous sponsors and advertisers, and our planning committee. Thank you to Gala Chair Ken Scherer and congratulations to Honorees Carolina Wine Brands and Doris Zampella. (For photos from the Gala and from all of the events below, please check out our Facebook page.)



Pictured above: Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli; Honorees Doris Zampella of E. A. Boniakowski Insurance Services, Rich Scelfo and Lucy Lombardi-Molinaro of Carolina Wine Brands; and Assemblywoman Donna Simon and ADC Executive Director Diann Robinson.

For those of you viewing this newsletter online, please click below to see the video that was put together in honor of our individual honoree, Doris Zampella.

<https://youtu.be/oehpC-Z9ITQ>

Please click below to see the video in honor of Carolina Wine Brands.

<https://youtu.be/3YlxF7PBKQ>

Thank you to our sponsors who committed to the success of the evening.

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Save the Date for our Getting Better With Age Wine Tasting

Our 17th Annual "Getting Better with Age" Wine Tasting will be held on Friday, October 23th at 6:00 p.m. at the Basking Ridge Country Club. Once again, we are partnering with Rich Scelfo and Lucy Lombardi-Molinaro of Carolina Wine Brands who will present a sampling of wines from their portfolio. We will also have live and silent auctions comprised of specialty high-end experiences and items. Are you interested in helping us plan? Are you willing to help recruit people to attend the event? Are you willing to make 8-10 contacts with businesses for journal ads or product donations? Please email hilary.kruchowy@adultdaycenter.org if you are interested in helping. Our next planning meeting is on Monday, June 15th.

The Caregiver Support Group will meet on June 6th

Please join us on June 6th for a special presentation by the Somerset County Office on Aging and Disability Services, titled "Medicare & Medications Made Affordable." The talk will cover the basics of Medicare and how to get the most from your Medicare dollars. The speakers will help you to discover the best options for you, and cost-saving programs for which you may be eligible. There will be counselors available after the program to answer your questions and to assist you in filling out the applications for the program for which you qualify.

Please RSVP to Stacy or Diann if you are planning to attend the support groups. They can be reached at [\(908\) 725-0068](tel:908-725-0068).

The schedule for 2015 has been set for these Saturdays:

June 6th	October 3rd
July 11th	November 14th
September 12th	December 12th

Meetup Group to Exhibit at the ADC

Our late spring exhibition titled "Second Annual Exhibition of the Somerset County Meetup Group" curated by Loren Fisher features 37 works from 31 photographers. The exhibit will be on view through July 31th, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday June 6th and Saturday, July 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Artists included in the exhibit are Julie Barlasov, Susan Powell and Susan V. Fiedler, of Highland Park; Constance Prince, Yardley, PA; Daniel Carbone, Branchburg; John Sandstedt, Dayton; Maryann Martin, Suzanne Schatz, Paul Goldberg and Denis McGrath, Somerset; Khurt Williams and Noa Margolin, Princeton; Andrea Blasko, Flora Scheck and William Woodall, Bedminster; Denise Nehila, Flemington; Terence Lyons, Monroe; Liselotte Wuenn, Richard Kent and Charlotte Farlow, Morristown; William Dreitlein, New Providence; Raymond Ferreira, Middlesex; Wendy Nielsen and Sriram Gullapalli, Piscataway; Bridget Bilodeau, Belle Mead; Jacob Kurdsjuk, Washington; Susie Moody, Belford; Pierre Ezantus, Maplewood; Chandra Hari, Hillsborough; Jacob Kurdsjuk, Washington; Susie Moody, Belford; Sharon Piech and Loren Fisher, Somerville. Most works are available for purchase. Please contact Hilary Kruchowy for more information at hilary.kruchowy@adultdaycenter.org or [908-725-0068](tel:908-725-0068).



Bridget Bilodeau of Belle Mead is shown here with her photograph "Little Buddy"

ADC Staff and Members Celebrated Rocco and Molly's Birthday

Last month we celebrated the birthdays of our beloved ADC dogs, Rocco and Molly. Molly belongs to MaryAnn Royce-Koehler, our craft director, and she turned 4. She comes to work with Maryann Tuesday through Friday and loves to interact with members. New members find peace taking Molly for a walk outside. Rocco, who turned 5, recently came to live with Stacy Scelfo, our social worker. Rocco keeps Stacy company in her office while she is meeting with members and their families and loves to be with Molly.

Molly and Rocco are our informal therapy dogs. Research has shown that animals can stimulate social interaction and ease agitation in dementia patients. When a member has Rocco or Molly with them, they show reduced agitation, get physical activity by tossing a ball or taking them for a walk, and just seem happier after interacting or watching a trick. This month therapy dog, Karuso, began bi-weekly visits with his human, Gennethe.



Pictured left to right: Maryann Royce-Koehler with Molly; and Stacy Scelfo with Rocco

Consider a tribute gift for Father's Day

If you aren't quite sure what to get your father for Father's Day, perhaps a gift in his honor would be something he would appreciate. ADC invites you to give a "Tribute Gift" to our Promises Kept Campaign. This campaign is our pledge to provide for the financial stability of the Center, and is allowing us to offer quality day care services to all who need them. A tribute gift is an appropriate and lasting way to turn your fond memories and love for your family member into a memorable tribute.

When you give a tribute gift:

- * The person you are honoring will be notified that a gift has been made; the amount is not specified.
- * The honoree and contributor will be listed in our annual report.
- * An acknowledgment will be sent, thanking you for your tax-deductible gift.
- * We will use the gift to underwrite a portion of our general operating budget, allowing us to offer our services to everyone who needs them.

To give a tribute gift, please contact Hilary Kruchowy at [\(908\) 725-0068](tel:9087250068), or email hkruchowy@adulthoodcenter.org. Secure online donations can be made at www.adulthoodcenter.org. Our Federal Tax ID number is 222-111-573.



Pictured left to right: Caregivers Elizabeth Castaneda, Edna Castaneda, and Elena Castaneda with member Carlos Castaneda

Ann Glass Celebrates Her 99th Birthday

Later this month, Ann Glass will celebrate her 99th birthday. In May, her daughter visited from out of town to celebrate with staff and members. Activity Assistant Cheryl Dolida and staff put together a birthday card-scroll that highlighted events from the past 99 years juxtaposed with highlights from Ann's life. It was quite a thoughtful project that was appreciated by Ann and her family. (Check out our Facebook page for more photos.)



Ann Glass is pictured with her family.

All About Us II

Our current staff project is putting together our second "All About Us" exhibition. The staff has been broken into three teams and we have divided up our member list. Each staff member is in charge of contacting five members. We are asking members and their families to send in a photograph of an important time or person in their life as well as couple of facts about his or her life. This is a follow-up to our exhibition in 2013. We hope to have the exhibition up in early August.



One of the photographs submitted for the exhibition: Member Adalgisa on her wedding day

Report on Fundraising for Our Mural Project

Thank you! Since we announced the spring appeal in March, we have received donations from volunteers and caregivers. With a recent donation in memory of a recently deceased member, we have achieved our goal. The artists have been hired and we will be starting on the mural early in July.

Liberty Mutual Volunteers Spent the Day With Us

Volunteers from Liberty Mutual celebrated Mother's Day at the ADC last month. The team helped with our programs at 11:00 a.m. including a discussion about mothers, making a craft and playing a trivia game. They stayed for lunch and spent time interacting with our members. After lunch, they danced and helped to serve the special Mother's Day cake.



Thank you volunteers from Liberty Mutual.

Save the Date for the Caregiver Coalition of the United Way of Northern New Jersey Fall's Conference

Save the Date for Saturday, November 14th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bridgewater. The Caregiver Coalition's special events committee is putting together an entertaining and educational program that will include a motivating keynote speaker and eldercare references. We will share the official program once it is firmed up.

June Programs

This month's programs will feature pet therapy, summer and Father's Day. We will welcome entertainers Gary Morton and Clifford Seay. The June birthday party will be celebrated on June 26th and we will welcome volunteers from Esurance, L'Oreal and Janssen.

List of activities:

June 5th - Caregiver Café
June 5th - Welcome Clifford Seay
June 9th - Creative Notions
June 10th - Tae Kwon Do with Master Kim
June 10th - Emotions with Gary
June 10th- Art Therapy with Ann
June 11th - Beach Blast with Beachcomber Bill
June 12th - Welcome Volunteers from L'Oreal
June 12th - Caregiver Café
June 12th - Old-Fashioned Candy Social
June 15th - Van Trip to Hoofman Farm
June 16th - Somerset County Recycling
June 17th - Patio Time with Gary Morton
June 18th - Director's Tour
June 19th - Van Trip to Jumbo Palace
June 19th - Father's Day Social
June 19th - Dan on Piano
June 22nd and June 23rd - Welcome Volunteers From Esurance
June 23rd and June 25th - Welcome Volunteers from Janssen
June 24th - Tae Kwon Do with Master Kim
June 26th - Monthly Birthday Party
June 30th - Horticultural Connections
July 3rd- ADC will be closed in honor of July 4th
July 8th - Family Picnic

Regular Features**Caregiver Café is open!**

The Caregiver Café is hosted by Linda Lee, a Center caregiver and volunteer, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Stop by and meet other caregivers who are facing the same challenges as you. This month the Café will be open on June 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th.

RSVP for a Third-Thursday Tour

Please join Executive Director Diann Robinson on a Third-Thursday Tour this month on June 18th. Upcoming dates for 2015 include July 16th and August 20th. If these dates don't work, give us a call and let us know when you are available.

Become a "Birthday Buddy" (Sponsors needed for the fall)

Each month, usually on the fourth Friday, we celebrate members' birthdays. The responsibilities of the sponsor include purchasing and wrapping gifts (minimum value of \$15, usually for 7-8 members), bringing a sheet cake and sugar-free cookies, and joining us for the party on the designated date from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. If your budget allows (\$100-\$125), you are asked to consider sponsoring an outside DJ who will play the members' favorite songs and keep the party moving. Sponsors present the gifts and join in on the overall celebration and dancing. If we don't have a sponsor, the ADC purchases the birthday gifts. If you aren't able to participate as a group, would you please consider a gift card to Walmart, Target or Kohls? Any amount is greatly appreciated.

To publicize the event, we take photographs at the party and send out press releases to the local papers. We put photos on our Facebook page, which currently has over 400 followers, and we include the story in our e-newsletter that currently has nearly 650 active addresses.



Kiran and Shyam Sethi were the sponsors of the May birthday party

*** About the newsletter**

Please email Hilary Kruchowy at hilary.kruchowy@adulthoodcenter.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 650 names on our list. Thank you.

*** "Like" us on Facebook!**

We update our Facebook pages two or three times a week with news of what is happening at the center. Please "Like" us and check out our photographs. It is a great way to see what your loved one is up to and how they are spending their day. To date we have over 400 likes!

*** Mission**

The Adult Day Center of Somerset County, a compassionate community of acceptance, is a non-profit agency committed to providing extraordinary day care services for the elderly and disabled residents of Somerset County, and support for caregiving families.

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