



Alzheimer's Project

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Americans Fear Alzheimer's More than Heart Disease, Diabetes, or Stroke, But Few Prepare

(NAPS) – Americans fear Alzheimer's disease more than any illness other than cancer – and for older people, concerns about Alzheimer's outrank even cancer. More than a third of all Americans know a family member or friend who has Alzheimer's and nearly two-thirds of Americans believe they will have to provide care for someone with Alzheimer's

These are some of the results from a January 2006 MetLife Foundation/Harris Interactive poll of American adults. The survey, found in "MetLife Foundation Alzheimer's Survey: What America Thinks," included questions about how people view Alzheimer's disease, what they now about it and what they are doing to plan for a future that may include the deadly disease.

A progressive brain disorder, Alzheimer's gradually destroys a person's memory and ability to reason, communicate and function. Currently, 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, and the Alzheimer's Association estimates that these numbers will grow to as many as 16 million by 2050. Increasing age is the greatest risk factor for Alzheimer's. One in 10 individuals over 65 and nearly half of those over 85 are affected.

The survey results underscore not only the fears that people have about this illness, but also the disturbing fact that few are prepared to face a future that may include Alzheimer's.

Key findings from the poll are summarized in a report available at www.metlife.org. They conclude:

1. Americans fear Alzheimer's disease. When people were asked to name the disease they are most afraid of getting from a list of illnesses, one out of five picked Alzheimer's, while only 14% worried about heart disease and 13% were concerned about stroke. Only cancer topped Alzheimer's. Adults aged 55 and older fear getting Alzheimer's even more than cancer.

2. Americans know little about Alzheimer's. While virtually all of those surveyed were aware of the diseases (93%), almost three-quarters (74%) said they knew only a little or nothing at all about Alzheimer's.

3. One-third of Americans said they have direct experiences with Alzheimer's disease. One in three Americans (35%) has a family member or friend with Alzheimer's

4. Most Americans are concerned that they will be responsible at some point for caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease. More than three out of five people worried that they would have to provide care for someone with the disease in the future.

Most Americans recognize the need to create a plan to address the possibility of Alzheimer's disease but very few have taken

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BWS Toasts Glazier "You're the Top"

The Bronx Westchester South Division recently held – a celebration to honor IPDLG Jack Glazier of the Hartsdale Club, located at the Greentree Country Club in New Rochelle, NY.

Distinguished Immediate Past LG Jack Glazier was honored by the Bronx West Division with the prestigious Kaiser award on February 13th at the Greentree Country Club in New Rochelle. International Trustee Tom DeJulio presented the award. He was joined by Immediate Past Gov. David Rothman and Governor Joe Corace.

A brightly costume chorus of dancers and singers highlighted the evening with a tribute to Jack titled "You're the Top" from Anything Goes. DPLG Rocco Riti (Yonkers Club) and Ursaline H.S. Key Clubber captivated the audience with their amazing toe tapping and featured, Broadway style of singing. Another Kiwanian displaying outstanding talent was DPP Vickie (E Yonkers Club), who was also a dance captain. The highly spirited and colorful Kiwanian Chorus included Pres. Lucille DeBellis, Ed Drake, and DPP Iris McLee, and West Co. Legislator, the Honorable Lois Bronz (Hartsdale Club); LG Elect Palma Volino, DPLG Ron Volino, and Annette Volino, (The entire Volino family performed.) and DPP Susan Brucculeri (Fordham Club) was the very gifted assistant choreographer to the production number. For the second consecutive year, Choreographer Gillian Munsayac contributed profoundly to the success of the memorable Broadway hit honoring Jack. Jack presented a red rose to every performer. DPP Claudia White, and Division Public Relations Chair (Hartsdale Club) was Chorus director.

Kudos to DP Secretary Suzanne Willis (Hartsdale Club) and IP BWS Secretary Millie Radonjic (Parkchester Club) for their positions as co-chairs of the event, who were

Aktion Club Updates

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The East Aurora Aktion Club sent \$250.00 and three boxes of hygiene related items to the ARC of Greater New Orleans. They are on a mission for the next couple to years to collect hygiene items at our monthly meetings to send to New Orleans for displaced folks.

The annual bowling tournament netted \$250 which was donated to the Fish Organization which distributes food and clothing to the needy.

East Aurora Aktion Club is in the process of making up birthday bags for fish. The bags will contain cake mix, candles, wrap, frosting and all the goodies necessary to make a birthday bash. Fish will let them know on a monthly basis how many they need and the Aktion Club will supply them.

East Aurora Aktion Club planted flags at veteran's graves at the local cemetery as well as, plant and flowers. They then enjoyed lunch at a local restaurant.

West Hempstead Court

The West Hempstead Court Aktion Club was officially installed at their charter nite and installation on June 6th. Each member received an official pin and Certificate of Election. Special refreshments were served and everyone was proud to have a bite of the delicious rainbow cookie "K" cake.

Oceanside Sailors

The Oceanside Sailors Aktion Club recently had their officer elections. They challenged the West Hempstead Court Aktion Club to a bowling match. Recently, they decided for their first service project, to make cards with

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New York District Trustee Thomas E. DeJulio and PG David Rothman present PLG Jack Glazier the prestigious Kaiser Fellowship Award with the help of Hartsdale President Lucille DeBellis.

assisted by Pres. Lucille DeBellis (Hartsdale Club). Each table was decorated with a crystal vase containing a dozen long-stemmed red roses reminding us of Valentine's Day. The music provided by DJ David Weinstein enticed Kiwanians onto the dance floor.

Other participants in the program were: Dr. Marty Becker (Hartsdale Club), DPLG Rosemary DeJulio (Fordham Club), Master of Ceremony DPLG Rocco Riti, Claudia White, PLG Bob Rubinstein (Riverdale Club), the Honorable Lois Bronz (West Co Legislator), Pres. Lucille DeBellis (Hartsdale Club). The Kiwanis Club of Hartsdale, Home Club of Jack (the honoree), sponsored the BWS Divisional event. Dennis Rosa of Morris Park is current Lt. Governor of the Bronx Westchester South Division.



(l-r) Governor Joe and BWS LG Dennis Rosa present the prestigious Kaiser Fellowship Award to Morris Park member Robert Ruggiero.



Kiwanian Herb Shaw (back) and East Yonkers DPP Vickie Volina react to lead performer Bronx Westchester South DPLG Rocco Riti (Yonkers) in "You're the Top," to honor Jack Glazier." The performance was directed by Claudia White, Hartsdale Club.



East Yonkers DPP Vickie Volino, Herb Shaw (back), DPLG Rocco Riti (center), Ursaline High School Key Clubber and choreographer Gillian Munsayac are having a great time.