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 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.

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The Bronx Westchester South Division recently held — a celebration to honor PLG 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. PLG Rocco Riti (Yonkers Club) and Ursaline H.S. Key Clubber presented the award.

Survey: What America Thinks,” included a question about Alzheimer’s. One in 10 individuals over 65 can expect to develop Alzheimer’s. Currently, 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer’s, 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.

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Aktion Club Updates

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Kiwanians Bob Rubinstein (Riverdale Club) and Ursaline H.S. Key Clubber present the prestigious Kaiser Fellowship Award to Morris Park member Robert Ruggiero.

New York District Trustee Thomas E. DeJulio and PLG 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).

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East Aurora Aktion Club is in the process of making up birthday bags for fish. The bags will contain cake mix, candies, 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, plants 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.

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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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