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Walk to End Alzheimer's 2017

This month, we had a chance to chat with Kara Griffey, the Walk Director at the Alzheimer's Association Oregon Chapter about the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

RSL: Since the Walk started in 1989, it has grown in participation and with funding. What goals are in place for success going forward? KG: "Our goal is always to make sure

that the Walk to End Alzheimer's is reflective of the community, and an opportunity to share the mission, and passion of those touched by the disease. As we move forward, we hope that more people will become story tellers and use the Walk as a platform to spread the awareness this disease deserves, and, by doing so, inspire others to give to the cause. We will continue to rely on the amazing volunteers in the community that put on their local Walk, and to grow the volunteers leading this effort so we can continue to reach more and more people, and a diverse group of people."

RSL: How would you describe the Walk's interest and participation? KG: "The Walk to End Alzheimer's is one of the fastest growing events of its kind in the nation, seeing positive growth nationally, and locally. As more Americans are faced with the challenges of this disease, more people are interested in getting involved and making a difference in the trajectory of this disease, and that is fantastic! We look forward to seeing many new faces this year at all our Walks across the state and are working hard to recruit new teams with diverse backgrounds."

To read even more from this interview, visit blog.radiantseniorliving.com!

RSL: What are some of the Alzheimer's Association's nationwide efforts that we can support beyond the Walk? KG: The Alzheimer's Association is the leader in terms of care, support, research, and advocacy efforts, working globally and locally to advance all areas forward. There are many ways for people to get involved with us, whether by becoming an advocate and helping advance public policy, or volunteering to facilitate one of our local support groups and enrolling in TrialMatch[®]. TrialMatch is a free clinical trial matching service that helps us ensure that research is moving forward for treatment, prevention, and a cure. Be sure to visit alz.org/oregon for more information!

RSL: Any parting message you would like to pass on? KG: "Get involved in any of the ways mentioned above! Whether you are 1 or 100, there is a way to participate to help end this disease. Let's show the world our purple passion and that together we can do better today than we did yesterday. We are on our way to meeting the first survivor of this disease and that is something to be excited about, be hopeful about, and mobilize together around."

Support the Walk!

- Date: Saturday, September 16 Time: 7 am to 10 am **Location:** America the Beautiful Park
- Colorado Springs, CO

QUESTIONS ABOUT EARLY ALZHEIMERS



first small signs memory loss can be frightening for families. Confusion often sur- • rounds this stage expe-

rience. However, the National Institutes of Health makes note of three important things for families and caregivers to know about early Alzheimer's.

- Consult a physician, even though it's not always possible to make a firm diagnosis on the first visit. A physician can help rule out In the long run, a diagnosis of early Alzheiother causes and assist with navigating the mer's Disease, while frightening, can promaze of additional tests that will lead to a vide the patient, and his or her caregivers proper diagnosis. with a base from which to move forward.

"I've read for 80 years. No favorite. I put one down and pick up another one" -Ben (resident)

> "Almost any mystery" -Nancy (staff)

- Noticing the it may be appropriate to seek out the advice of a specialist, or get a second opinion. Diagnosing the specific cause of of memory loss is not a precise science, but early diagnosis can lead to better planning, and possibly use of medications to slow the disease process and improve symptoms.
 - Get information—seek out a support group, contact the Alzheimer's Association and do your own research. Planning is an important activity at this stage of the disease and information is key. This is an important time to take care of financial planning as well as health planning for a time when your loved one can no longer make independent decision.

International Literacy Day takes place on September 8. In honor of it, we have discussed our favorite books. A few of them are shared here!

Some Stand Out September Days

September 2 VJ Day WWII

September 4 Labor Day

September 10 Grandparents Day

September 11 Patriot Day

September 14 Cream Filled Donuts Day

September 18 Rice Krispies Treat Day

September 15 National POW/MIA Recognition

September 21 International Day of Peace

September 25 White Chocolate Day

September 22 Autumn Begins

September 28 Strawberry Cream Pie Day

September 29 International Coffee Day



September 19 is Talk Like A Pirate Day! "Argh, mateys!"

It's a brave new world for most of us trying to understand the role played by social media today. New Dawn is excited to be a part of this exciting technology in many ways:

- Follow us on Facebook! New Dawn Springs offers great Colorado information, as well as glimpses into our activities and events.
- Connect with our residents on Skype. Our IN2L system (It's Never Too Late) allows us to set up a skype connection for each of our residents. We can also Facetime with families, or send pictures and videos
- Take advantage of "My Page". Also a part of the IN2L system, "My Page" allows families to share photos and • events with their resident in a private and secure system. "My Page" also permits staff to get to know each individual resident by exploring areas of interest unique to them.
- Check out the display boards in each

Our Favorite Books

"The Bible" -Terri (resident)

"Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom" -Tomas (staff)





We've been sharing more and more on our Facebook page recently and would love to have you join the conversation! LIKE our Facebook page today!

www.Facebook.com/NewDawnColoradoSprings

Social Media World



Coming soon—Radiant Senior Living is currently piloting an electronic documentation system making it even easier to follow the health needs of each resident.

We LOVE this new world!

Find us on Facebook!

September 2017

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