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> Our mission is to create and sustain comfortable, caring environments for those who depend on us.

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# **The Farmington Times** June 2023 Newsletter



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## Alzheimer's & Dementia Awareness & Updates

Follow your doctor's instructions and consult with them before changing your diet, exercise routine, or supplements.

Summer solstice on June 21 is a notable date this Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month. The Alzheimer's Association observes it as the day with the most light, and the day we fight, encouraging fundraising toward an end to Alzheimer's. Our community hopes to bring awareness not only to this year's Longest Day, but also to this important month with facts and updates.

#### Facts About Alzheimer's

- More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's.
- 1 in 3 seniors pass with Alzheimer's or dementia.
- Alzheimer's and dementias cost the U.S. \$321 billion in 2022.
- The difference between Alzheimer's and dementia is dementia is an overall term for a particular group of symptoms (difficulties with memory, language, problem-solving, and other thinking skills) while Alzheimer's disease is one cause of dementia.

#### **Updates and Research Studies**

- Few Americans know about mild cognitive impairment, which can be an early stage of Alzheimer's. MCI causes cognitive changes that the affected person and those in their life can notice, but doesn't affect the ability to carry out everyday activities. Learn more at alz.org in a Special Report.
- Various studies indicate that keeping strong social connections and staying mentally active may lower the risk of cognitive decline and Alzheimer's.
- There seems to be a strong link between head trauma and future risk of cognitive



**The Longest Day:** Consider taking part in a fundraising activity to support an end to Alzheimer's. The options for activities are great: from board games, gardening, and bowling to Yoga or having a cookout, and beyond! You can register for a creative fundraising activity at act.alz.org.

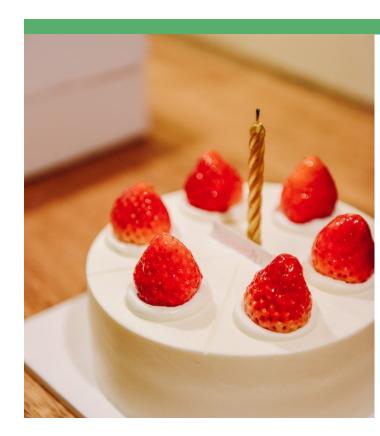
decline. Help fall-proof your living space by reducing poor light, loose rugs, and clutter.

- Some conditions known to increase the risk of cardiovascular disease like high blood pressure, diabetes, and high cholesterol increase the risk of developing Alzheimer's.
- Regular physical exercise and heart-healthy eating may help to protect the brain. Two recommended diets include The Dash Diet and Mediterranean Diet.
- A current clinical trial by DIAN is testing if antibodies to beta-amyloid can reduce beta -amyloid plaque in the brains of people with certain genetic mutations and reduce, delay or prevent Alzheimer's symptoms. Another trial, A4 by the Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study, is testing if antibodies to beta-amyloid can lower Alzheimer's disease risk in people 65-85 at high risk for the disease.

We hope all of this information has been helpful toward broadening awareness of Alzheimer's during this important month.







Special Moments







Happy Birthday to our Staff & Residents:

> Ruth F: June 19 Glen S: June 19 Joe H: June 26 Fawn W: June 12 Mario C: June 16 Ryan B: June 29

# June 2023 Highlights



**Observes: Men's Health, Headaches & Migraines, PTSD, Safety** Celebrates: Zoos & Aquariums, Fruit & Veggies, Camping, Dairy, Great Outdoors, Iced Tea, Roses, Papaya, Turkey, African American Music, LGBTQIA Pride

01 Nail Polish Day; Olives Day; Pen Pal Day 02 Donut Day; Rocky Road Day; Rotiss. Chicken Day 17 Apple Strudel Day; Eat Your Veggies Day 03 Egg Day; Chocolate Macaroons Day; Trails Day 04 Cancer Survivors' Day; Cheese Day; Corgi Day 05 Veggie Burger Day; World Environment Day 06 D-Day; Eyewear Day; Gardening Exercise Day 07 Chocolate Ice-Cream Day; Oklahoma Day 08 BFF Day; Positivity Day; World Oceans Day 09 Donald Duck Day; Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day 10 Egg Roll Day; Iced Tea Day; Rose' Day 11 Children's Day; Corn on Cob Day; Outlet Shop Day 12 Men's Health Week; Jerky Day; PB Cookie Day 13 World Softball Day; Weed Your Garden Day 14 Flag Day; Strawberry Shortcake Day 15 Photography Day; Smile Power Day

16 Fudge Day; World Tapas Day 18 Father's Day; Go Fishing Day; Turkey Day 19 Juneteenth; Garfield the Cat Day; Watch Day 20 American Eagle Day; Ice Cream Soda Day 21 First Day of Summer; Peaches & Cream Day 22 Chocolate Éclair Day; Onion Rings Day 23 Detroit-Style Pizza Day; Hydration Day 24 Pralines Day; Summersgiving 25 Catfish Day; Strawberry Parfait Day; Beatles Day 26 Beautician Day; Choc Pudding Day; Coconut Day 27 Ice Cream Cake Day; Onion Day; Pineapple Day 28 Alaska Day; Parchment Day; Paul Bunyan Day **29 Almond Buttercrunch Day; Waffle Iron Day 30 Meteor Watch Day; Social Media Day** 

### **Our Executive Director's Corner**

Dear residents, family members, and friends,

I cannot adequately express how excited I am to see Spring arrive! Our strawberries and tomato plants are growing as fast as the smiles on the residents and team members faces! It is so wonderful to see everyone going on walks in the sun. We are looking forward to summer BBQ's and more. Make sure you like us on Facebook so you can keep up on all the fun activities we have in store!

Warm Regards,





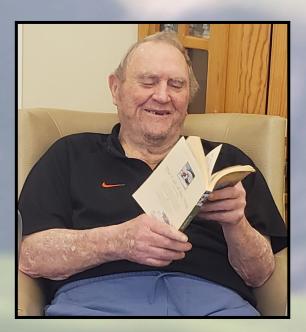
**Staff Spotlight:** Vanessa Y

Vanessa is our team member of the of the month! She is a treasured Caregiver on the Farmington Square team.

On her days off, Vanessa likes to spend time with her kids by taking them to the park and watching baseball games.

Vanessa loves to cook for family and friends. She enjoys interactions and conversation with the residents.

We are delighted to have you with us, Vanessa!



### **Resident Spotlight: Glenn S**

This month, we're honoring Glenn as our resident of the month!

Glenn is very social. He likes to joke around and be funny.

Glenn prefers to read while drinking coffee every morning, he likes fried foods, meat, gravy, potatoes, fresh vegetables, black coffee, and fruit roll-ups. He likes to share stories about the past and good memories with his daughters.

We are so happy to have Glenn here at Farmington Square!

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