ALZHEIMER’S FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST 2014

Thank you to everyone who attended our fifth annual Alzheimer’s Fundraising Breakfast on June 5. I am happy to report that we raised over $190,000. We tried a new venue this year, the Harriet Island Pavilion, which proved to be a great choice for this absolutely gorgeous day.

Mr. Bill Sands, our emcee, welcomed our 385 guests to the event before I reviewed the research progress we made this year. A patient from the Center for Memory & Aging Lee and his wife Donna spoke about their experience with the Center for Memory & Aging and their journey with Alzheimer’s.


Dr. Leah Hanson

Save the DATE
2015 Fundraiser Breakfast is Wednesday, June 3 at the Nicollet Island Pavilion.

If you would like to support our work call 651-254-2743 or visit www.healthpartners.com/memoryloss.

Ask the Experts: Learn, Meet and Connect Speaker Series.
Email memoryloss@healthpartners.com to reserve a place.

January 15
Beyond the Basics of Alzheimer’s: New treatments, approaches, research
Dr. William Frey, Il.
Breakfast/Reg. 7:30-8 AM
Presentation 8:00-9:00 AM

January 22
Update on Parkinson’s disease
Dr. Julia Johnson
Roseville Keystone Community
Check-in/lunch noon-12:30 PM
Presentation: 12:30-1:30 PM

February 9
Get To Know Us Session
Regions Hospital; 640 Jackson St, St. Paul; 10:00-11:00 AM
RSVPBrittanie.A.Aune@HealthPartners.com or 651-254-3864

February 19
Healthy Brain
Dr. Leah Hanson
Sholom Homes; W 7th–St. Paul
740 Kay Ave. St. Paul
Check-in/breakfast: 7:30 AM
Presentation: 8:00-9:00 AM
The Center for Memory & Aging 2014 All-Staff Retreat

Our annual retreat was held this August once again at the American Academy of Neurology. The 2014 recognition awards were announced. The groups discussed on-going research, developing new projects and long term strategic planning. This annual event helps to build a cohesive team where we can be collaborative, innovative and creative which is a key to success in research.

CMA Group Photo—All Staff Retreat 2014

Drs. Rosenbloom, Hanson and Barclay discuss accomplishments and goals for the coming year.

CMA 2014 Staff Awards

Team Spirit: Veronica Perry, LPN & Kimberly Thom, CMA
Excellence in Clinical Practice: Maria Pyle, RN
Impact in Research: Anna Forsberg, BA

Autumn Feast for a Cause

On October 23 Chef Patrick Nickelson and SilverCrest Properties sponsored a five course gourmet dinner at the Summit Place in Eden Prairie for a fundraiser for CMA. Chef Patrick was having this dinner as a team building activity while we were raising money for an adult Down syndrome pilot study. Approximately 60 people enjoyed a beautiful meal while we raised $7,510.00. We are very excited because from the fundraiser dinner and a generous match, two patients can be enrolled in the study. Our goal is to enroll 12 patients in 2015. We are still looking to raise another $62,000!

To Donate call 651-254-2743 or go to www.healthpartners.com/memoryloss.
Are you interested in participating in research?

HealthPartners Center for Memory & Aging now has clinical trial opportunities for people across the spectrum of memory loss.

Mild Cognitive Impairment:
We are currently recruiting patients to test the effects of a drug thought to lower beta-amyloid production and see if it can slow progression of the disease over 2 years.

Mild to Moderate Alzheimer’s Disease:
We anticipate starting recruitment of patients with mild to moderate Alzheimer’s disease for three different trials in January 2015. Studies will include a 6 month trial of intranasal insulin, a 78 week trial of a beta-amyloid lowering agent, and a 6 month trial of a drug thought to enhance the effect of Aricept.

Moderate to Severe Alzheimer’s Disease:
We are currently recruiting patients to study whether a drug can reduce symptoms of agitation and aggression in patients with moderate-to-severe Alzheimer’s disease.

For more information on any of these studies or to be notified about future clinical trial opportunities please call 651-254-7936 or email memoryloss@healthpartners.com.

Call for Arti sts: Artist for Alzheimer’s
To be featured as our 2015 Artist for Alzheimer’s contact Ann.m.brombach@healthpartners.com for more information. If art is selected, it will be featured in our newsletters, on our greeting cards used as covers for invitations and then hung in the lab.

Interested in making an appointment?

Tuesdays at the St. Paul Specialty Clinic, the HealthPartners Center for Memory & Aging offers a Diagnostic Clinic Day where patients can see a neurologist, neuropsychologist, geriatric psychiatrist, physician assistant and nurse all at one visit.

To make an appointment call 651-254-7000 and press option 1.

How to Donate

Secure on-line donations to support research on the treatment and prevention of Alzheimer’s disease and other memory disorders can be made at www.healthpartners.com/memoryloss or by clicking 3086.thankyou4caring.org/memory-and-aging-donations. If you have questions, wish to discuss a planned gift or special bequest, call 651-254-7000 and select option 2. Gifts made to the Center are processed through Regions Hospital Foundation, a charitable organization that as part of its mission raises funds on behalf of HealthPartners Center for Memory & Aging and other programs in patient care, medical research and education.

Visit us at www.facebook.com/fightmemoryloss!
Summer Internship Program

The HealthPartners Center for Memory and Aging offer undergraduate students an opportunity each summer to work as research interns in a neuroscience research lab with scientists/physicians on clinical or pre-clinical projects relating to Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, or other neurodegenerative diseases. Acceptance is competitive with 30-40 hours per work week is required.

Interns experience the scientific process while working in a neuroscience research lab. They have the opportunity to contribute to Alzheimer’s and other neurodegenerative disease knowledge base with the potential for co-authorship on a scientific publication and possibly a recommendation. They are read literature in the project areas, assisted with drug development trials for Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s disease participated in behavioral data collection, surgery, analysis, manuscript preparation, conduct cognitive assessments of participants and code assessment results.

In the past year, our interns represent colleges such as; Macalester and St. Olaf Colleges, Butler University, University of Connecticut, and Middlebury College. Former interns have attended various medical schools including the University of Minnesota, University of Michigan, University of Illinois and New York Medical College. Some continued in secondary education such as the M.D./Ph.D. program at the University of Chicago, pharmacy school at Texas Tech, the neuroscience Ph.D. program at University of Colorado and the nursing program at the University of Minnesota. Others continued in scientific research at the VA in San Francisco and Massachusetts General Hospital, while others are hired as paid research assistants in our lab.

Email memoryloss@healthpartners.com to apply by March 31, 2015 or for more information.

Thank you to those who contributed to the events!!

The third Winnebago Walk/Run Ride Event was held on June 28 in Winnebago, MN during which $3,390 was raised for our Center.

The 21st Annual Ride for the Mind was held on June 21 which raised $1,000 for our Center.

Thank you to our Wonderful 2014 Breakfast Sponsors!

Linda and Ken Holmen, MD
St. Croix Hospice LLC
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Reading Corner

Read our latest Published Papers:

A Single-Dose Pilot Trial of Intranasal Rapid-Acting Insulin in Apolipoprotein E4 Carriers with Mild–Moderate Alzheimer’s Disease


Intranasal deferoxamine engages multiple pathways to decrease memory loss in the APP/PS1 model of amyloid accumulation.


Intranasally-administered deferoxamine mitigates toxicity of 6-OHDA in a rat model of Parkinsons disease.


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