



Newsletter Volume 1- First Edition

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Good Day to All,

This is the first edition of our Quarterly newsletter/updates, to and about each of our member organizations.

Alzheimer's/Dementia Rotarian Action Group - Provides information and support to Rotarians as they address dementia and Alzheimer's related issues in their local communities.

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Our Vision and Mission

We are Rotarians and Rotaractors that have extensive leadership experience around Alzheimer's including:

- *Patient, Family, and Community Education* – including statewide and national programs
- *Patient Care* – front line of care including physicians, providers, and family care givers
- *Prevention* – including leading research in the field and large-scale program management
- *Research for a Cure* – day-to-day access with leading researchers working on the treatment, research, and cure for Alzheimer's and dementia
- *Strategic Partnerships and Expertise* – collaboration with national and international organizations

Our Vision

To leverage our members' extensive experience, resources and the Rotary network to support and promote Alzheimer's and dementia-related projects of all sizes at the local Rotary, district, and international level through providing a global platform for collaboration, education, and support.

Our Mission

The Alzheimer's / Dementia Rotarian Action Group (ADRAG) supports its vision by supporting Rotary and Rotaract clubs and districts as they plan and execute meaningful projects and programs centered on Alzheimer's and dementia. This support will take many forms including the education of 1.2 million Rotarians and Rotary leaders on the latest scientific research in the fight to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease and about the disease's devastating impact on communities and families. ADRAG will also promote Rotary and Rotaract projects that work within Rotary International's Disease Prevention and Treatment [Area of Focus](#) among the communities Rotary serves in over 200 countries around the world.

Before we begin must acknowledge and express a huge Thank you to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund (CAF) for providing the leadership, the funds and the personnel to assist this Rotarian Action Group to come into existence. Thank you!!

Our members are: With a little more about each of our Team's organization:



Rotarians Easing Problems of Dementia –

Based in the United Kingdom, Rotarians Easing Problems of Dementia (REPoD) is a joint initiative between members of various Rotary Clubs who have recognized the need for increased support in the community for families affected by dementia.



Purple Angels



REPoD is delighted to support the Purple Angel Campaign and hopes that Rotary Clubs will link up with Angels in their area to raise awareness of dementia and help turn their town into a dementia friendly community. Find out more about [The Purple Angels](#).



**MCCUSKER
ALZHEIMER'S
RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

McCusker Alzheimer's Research Foundation – The McCusker Alzheimer's Research Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation established in 2001 to enhance [medical research into Alzheimer's disease](#) in Western Australia.



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A critical but vulnerable region in the brain, the locus coeruleus (pictured in blue), is subject to damage decades before symptoms of dementia appear, scientists have discovered.

This information appears on McCusker's Facebook Page.



CART

Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust
A project of The Rotary Clubs in Southeast US

Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust – The purpose of The CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) is to collect and provide dollars for leading edge research for the cure/prevention of Alzheimer's disease (AD). A project adopted and funded by currently 15 Rotary Districts and various Rotary Clubs in North America.

DIY Club CART Program (25 min.)

Whether Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART) is new/just beginning in your club, or a long-supported effort, here is a do-it-yourself, ready-to-go CART program.

1) Stream the made-for-TV episode: "[Remembering No More](#)" (22 minutes, free of commercial advertisements) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJpS091Vsso>. **When you watch this program, please send feedback to execdir@cartfund.org.**

2) Q&A using [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about CART. <http://www.cartfund.org/cart/faq>

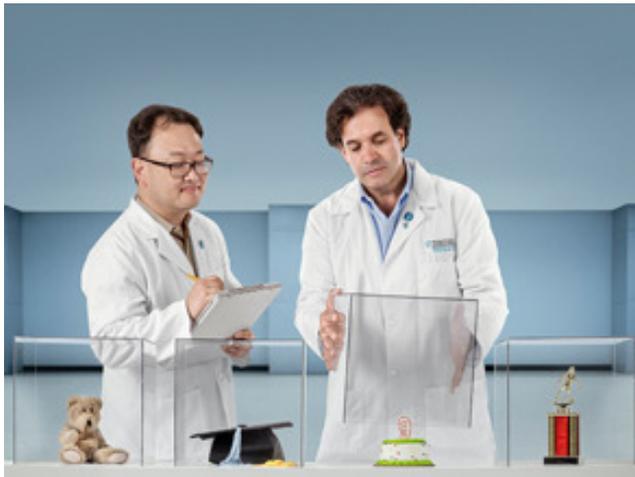
Join our efforts in the prevention and cure for Alzheimer's disease.

The CART Fund collects voluntarily contributions and makes periodic awards to qualified US institutions conducting research for the prevention and / or cure of Alzheimer's disease. Each week at Rotary meetings, participating clubs and individual Rotarians donate funds. CART in turn grants 100% of every donation to research. CART "seed money" grants are highly sought after, as they fill a unique need in the Alzheimer's research landscape.



Cure Alzheimer's Fund – is a non-profit organization dedicated to funding research with the highest probability of preventing, slowing or reversing Alzheimer's disease through venture-based philanthropy.

Drs. Rudy Tanzi and Doo Yeon Kim Receive Smithsonian Ingenuity Award -



Funded by a grant from Cure Alzheimer's Fund, Drs. Tanzi and Kim successfully developed Alzheimer's in a Dish in the fall of 2014. The breakthrough was published in the journal *Nature* and was also featured in an article in the *New York Times*, which called it a “game-changer” in the field of Alzheimer's research. Drs. Tanzi and Kim are now working with Cure Alzheimer's Fund on an initiative that will screen virtually every FDA-approved drug available to test efficacy against Alzheimer's - See more at: <http://curealz.org/2015/12/drs-rudy-tanzi-and-doo-yeon-kim-receive-smithsonian-ingenuity-award#sthash.vZ2VMGV.dpuf>

It is my pleasure to be the editor for the Alzheimer's/ Dementia Rotarian Action Group Newsletter.

I encourage each and every one to send me your updates and input. Let me know what you would hope for me to highlight in our (The A/DRAG's) information-newsletter.

You may be aware that Rotary International now requires that we publish and distribute at least three newsletters per calendar year.

My plan is to do publish this newsletter quarterly on this schedule: Feb (submissions to the editor for entry by January 30th). May (submissions to editor by April 30th), August (submissions to the editor for entry by July 30th) and November (submissions to the editor by October 30th)

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