



## **Newsletter Volume 1- Fifth Edition**

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**Good Day to All,**

This is the fifth 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.

### **A/DRAG Officers**

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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.

## Member Updates

From Member at Large:  
Past Governor Dick Pratt

**Bill, thank you for running the message below. The newsletter increased knowledge of, and interest in the TV broadcast.**

**Past Governor Dick, you are welcome, here is a re-cast of that message.**

Bill—I understand that you had a chance to watch our recent TV program reflecting what our small club here on Martha's Vineyard has accomplished and continues to work on---A review of that show in the upcoming newsletter should interest and excite those fortunate enough to get the next issue--!!--- -As a reminder---For those who would like to see and enjoy the show---**Please follow these instructions for access -----Google MVTV.ORG---hit "review on demand"---in the box provided type in ROTARY and there you have it--!!--It's 36 minutes of GOOD Rotary stuff— Any questions let me know**

Dick Pratt

Dear Past Governor Dick,

I did indeed watch your programming. I recommend that all of our Readers take the opportunity to go to your broadcast site, **Google MVTV.ORG**---hit **“review on demand”**---in the box provided type in **ROTARY**. They will enjoy the visit and learn ways to help get our “message” out to more Rotarians and “Not-Yet Rotarians”. Thank you for sharing your message. A/DRAG Editor Bill

## Rotarians Easing Problems of Dementia

<http://repod.org.uk>



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.

What is a Dementia Friends Champion?

A Dementia Friends Champion is a volunteer who encourages others to make a positive difference to people living with dementia in their community. They do this by giving them information about the personal impact of dementia, and what they can do to help.

It's easy to get involved. Dementia Friends Champions will attend an [induction](#), receive support when they need it, and be part of over 10,500 volunteer Dementia Friends Champions creating [dementia friendly communities\(external link\)](#) together.

‘Becoming a Dementia Friend Champion has undoubtedly been one of the most positive and exciting things I've done’ – **Jane Gilby, Dementia Friends Champion**

"My background is in adult education, and if I'm honest I can be quite critical of training sessions. This training was fantastic; I couldn't fail to be enthused. The message of Dementia Friends came across really strongly and everyone was so enthusiastic. It's a fantastic idea, and I think it will make a real difference to the lives of people with dementia. Getting the message out there that dementia is a condition, not just part of the ageing process, is so important, and I'm looking forward to being part of helping to improve people's day-to-day lives." **Jeff Williams, Hampshire**

You don't need to have any particular experience or skillset to be a Dementia Friends Champion, but you do need to understand what's involved so please read the rest of the information in this section carefully.

Read on to find out more about the [Champions induction](#) or search for your nearest course using this url link.

[right. https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/WEBRegisterChampion](https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/WEBRegisterChampion)

# ***Breaking News (McCusker Alzheimer's Research Foundation) is Re-named: We are now: Australian Alzheimer's Research Foundation.***

McCusker Alzheimer's Research Foundation

<http://alzheimers.com.au> is now:



The McCusker Alzheimer's Research Foundation Inc. was established in 2001, and was renamed the Australian Alzheimer's Research Foundation in 2016. Many generous and committed individuals and organisations have been part of the history of the Foundation.

## **The Beginning**

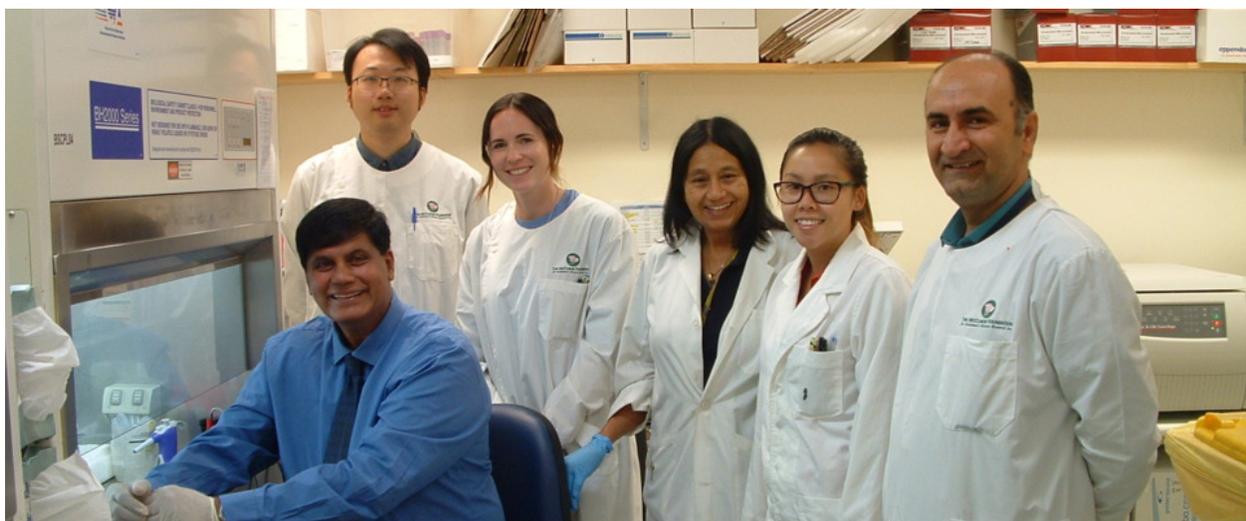
The Foundation's story begins in the early 1990s when Ralph Martins first established a research laboratory at Hollywood Repatriation General Hospital. Sir James McCusker provided vital funding through the University of Western Australia (UWA) to support student research projects under Professor Martins' supervision which allowed for the significant expansion of Alzheimer's research. To meet the growing needs of the research activities, the Foundation purchased a new building in 2010 with funding support from LotteryWest for use as a research laboratory. A suite in the Hollywood Medical Centre also became the new administrative centre.

## **A NEW NAME**

Leading up to 2016, the Foundation had a period of rapid growth, followed by review and consolidation. This growth saw the Foundation substantially increase its turnover; sponsor clinical trials in its own right; and start to build a national presence, particularly through membership of the national Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Mental Health, as well as the establishment of clinical trials in Sydney. Recognising this growth and following careful consideration, in early 2016 the Board adopted an exciting new strategic plan. This plan charted a new direction for the Foundation, building on its current base. Recognising the past as well as future opportunities, and following considerable discussion with patron Malcolm McCusker QC and the McCusker family, the Board proposed the Foundation change its name. This would enable the Foundation to readily meet new goals and strengthen its reach.

The McCusker family were very much in favour of the change and continue their support of the Foundation and Professor Ralph Martins. This change was proposed and adopted at the Foundation's AGM held on 28 April 2016.

From 1st December 2016 the Foundation become the Australian Alzheimer's Research Foundation.



Our central research team includes: **DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH**

***Ralph Martins AO***

**Chair of Alzheimer's and Ageing at Edith Cowan University**

**Professor Ralph Martins' research is conducted under the auspices of Australian Alzheimer's Research Foundation and the Centre of Excellence for Alzheimer's Disease Research and Care.**

**CONSULTANT GERIATRICIAN** *Assoc. Prof. Roger Clarnette MBBS, FRACP, PhD* Medical Director, Clinical Trials Division

**Research leaders:** *Assoc. Prof. Giuseppe Verdile BSc, PhD*  
**Deputy Director of Research Medical Research Scientist (Curtin University)**

***Kevin Taddei BSc (Medical Science)* Deputy Director (Research Management), Molecular Research Scientist (ECU)**

***Assoc Prof Simon Laws, Deputy Chief Scientific Officer***  
**CRCMH, Medical Researcher (ECU)**

**POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHERS**

***Dr Hamid Sohrabi, Dr Stephanie Rainey-Smith, Dr Tejal Shah***

# Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART)



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 19 Rotary Districts and various Rotary Clubs in North America. One hundred percent (100%) of donated funds go to cutting edge Alzheimer's disease research. As of May 2016, the CART Fund has awarded *\$5.8 million dollars in 34 grants* to recognized US research institutions. All administrative expenses of the Fund are paid from interest earned from invested contributions.

**Do It Yourself Rotary 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.**

**Stream the made-for-TV episode: "[Remembering No More](#)" at this Youtube url link:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJpS091Vsso>  
(22.5 minutes, free of commercial advertisements).**

**After watching this program, please send feedback to [execdir@cartfund.org](mailto:execdir@cartfund.org).**

**Exciting news, the same award winning team from “Life in The Carolinas” Syndicated TV Production Company edited their award nominated “Special” to a 15-minute version. The link is: <https://youtu.be/6xKSeQm4cXQ>**

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

One of the main aspects of CART, is that we identify, fund and promote great young researchers.

The follow on funding is a major part of our aims.

Read another success story here.

Follow-on Funding from Regulation A+ Tier II SEC  
Qualified Offering



The CART Fund is pleased to announce follow-on funding for the research project begun by Chuanhai Cao, MPH, Ph.D. with a 2014 CART Grant.

Alzamend Neuro has licensed Cao's patented mutant peptide for use in immunotherapy from the University of South Florida. Alzamend aims to support the continuing research by the team at the USF Health Byrd Alzheimer's Institute and develop and commercialize their results into meaningful solutions.

The funding for Cao's continued research will come from a Regulation A+ Tier II SEC Qualified Offering launched by Alzamend Neuro Inc. Reg. A+ Tier II rules allow for the solicitation of the general public as well as traditional investors and financial institutions. Learn more at <http://www.AlzamendRegA.com>.

Chuanhai Cao, MPH, Ph.D. is Associate Professor at the University of South Florida Health Byrd Alzheimer's Research Institute (USF).

### **About Alzamend Neuro, Inc.**

Alzamend Neuro, Inc. is a Delaware corporation registered in the State of Utah. The mission of Alzamend Neuro is to support the full product development life cycle of treatment and cures for Alzheimer's believing that strong support of research is the foundation for true innovation. Providing current hope through the commercialization of existing patented intellectual property and know-how while simultaneously funding future hope through advanced research and development. Learn more about

this Regulation A+ Tier II Offering online at <http://www.AlzamendRegA.com>.



Cure Alzheimer's Fund

<http://curealz.org>

## Our Mission

To fund research with the highest probability of preventing, slowing, or reversing Alzheimer's disease.

Cure Alzheimer's Fund is registered as a 501(c)(3) public charity under the name, "Alzheimer's Disease Research Foundation," and proudly meets all twenty [Standards for Charity Accountability](#).



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **How can I make a donation?**

Donations are gladly accepted by [mail](#), by telephone and [online](#). For other ways to donate, click [here](#).

## **Is Cure Alzheimer's Fund a nonprofit organization?**

Yes. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization designated by the Internal Revenue Code with federal tax ID #52-2396428.

## **Is Cure Alzheimer's Fund the same thing as the Alzheimer's Disease Research Foundation?**

Yes. Our official name is the Alzheimer's Disease Research Foundation, and our doing-business-as name is Cure Alzheimer's Fund.

Checks made out to either of these names will be accepted.

## **How much money has the foundation given to research so far?**

To date, we have funded more than \$45 million in research, either directly or through partnerships.

## **How much of the money donated actually goes to research?**

100 percent of all donations support research. The administrative costs of Cure Alzheimer's Fund are underwritten by the organization's Board of Directors.

## **How can I apply for a grant?**

In general, we do not accept unsolicited proposals. With our limited resources, we try to keep the focus on a narrow

range of research as described in our Research Roadmap. For further details, please visit our [Grant Inquiries page](#).

**Can I make a donation in memory or in honor of someone?**

Yes. It's a wonderful thing to do. To make a memorial or honorarium gift, simply include the name of the deceased or honoree and anyone you wish to be notified of the gift when making your donation. Find existing memorial pages under [Our Community](#). To set up a memorial donation page, please contact [info@curealz.org](mailto:info@curealz.org) or call us at (781) 237-3800.

**Do you have a minimum donation?**

Our [online donation form](#) accepts amounts \$10 and over. If you wish to donate less than \$10, we are happy to accept your gift by [mail](#).

## From the Desk of A/DRAG Chairman and Past Governor David Clifton:

Dear Rotarians and A/DRAG members,

It has been an exciting and busy year for all involved with A/DRAG. I wish to point you to some upcoming exciting events: Rotary International Convention June of 2017 in Atlanta.

A/DRAG applied for and received acceptance/approval from RI for a Breakout session. Look for A/DRAG listing in the Convention Bulletin.

A/DRAG applied for and is awaiting approval for a location in the House of Friendship. Find our location in the Convention Booklet. Come visit us.

A/DRAG applied for a meeting room to conduct our Annual Board Meeting at the RI Convention Site. You are welcome to attend. Find our information and location in the Convention Bulletin.

Thank you for your wonderful support for A/DRAG efforts.

Dave

## From the Editor

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 requires that we publish and distribute at least three newsletters per calendar year.

My plan is to publish this newsletter quarterly on this schedule: Feb (submissions to the editor for entry by January 30<sup>th</sup>). May (submissions

to editor by April 30<sup>th</sup>), August (submissions to the editor for entry by July 30<sup>th</sup>) and November (submissions to the editor by October 30<sup>th</sup>)

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