

# alzheimer's association®

## e-advocacy ALERT

Winter/2010

Central Illinois Chapter

### Public Invited to Attend Legislative Breakfast in Peoria, Quincy and Dixon

Protecting and maintaining Medicaid access for persons with Alzheimer's disease is one of three priorities to be examined at a Legislative Breakfast to be held at each of the office locations.

**Location:**

**Wednesday, January 6**  
**Peoria Office**  
**606 W. Glen Avenue**  
**7:30 - 9:00 a.m.**  
**309.681.1100**

**Attending:**

**Senator David Koehler**  
**Rep. David Leitch**  
**Rep. Michael Smith**  
**Rep. Donald Moffitt**  
**Rep. Jehan Gordon**

**Friday, January 22**  
**Rock River Office**  
**92 S. Hennepin Avenue**  
**Dixon, 10:00 a.m.**  
**815.285.1100**

**Senator Tim Blivins**

**Tuesday, January 26**  
**Quincy Office**  
**Quincy Senior Center**  
**639 York Street**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**217.228.1111**

**Senator John Sullivan**  
**Rep. Jil Tracy**  
**Rep. Richard Myers**

The Central Illinois Chapter will share its 2010 Illinois Public Policy Priorities with representatives of their legislative districts. They are:

1. Move the State's Alzheimer's Disease Plan forward.
2. Raise the awareness of Alzheimer's disease, the incidence and age.
3. Ensure that funds are available for those with dementia throughout the continuum of care.

Please call your local office to make reservations.

### A World Without Alzheimers Begins with Your Voice

Advocacy Forum - March 7 - 9, 2010 - Washington, D.C.

As the growing Alzheimer population continues to strain an already fragile healthcare system, our legislators must understand the urgent need for adequate care and services, and the critical federal research funding necessary to prevent, treat and cure Alzheimer's disease. Come to the Alzheimer's Association Advocacy Forum in Washington this March - so they can hear this from you.

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### Meet our 2010 Chapter Champions

"There is life ahead of you after a diagnosis of Alzheimer' disease," says 2010 Chapter Champion Ruth Frig of Oglesby, shown here with her husband, Bob and minature collie Shannee Doodle.

As Champions, Ruth and Bob will be attending Chapter events to help educate the public about the issues facing individuals with the disease. 'Pain, fear, frustration and depression are more destructive than the disease itself," says Ruth. "Because we reached out and became educated about the disease and support services, we now have hope, courage and a positive attitude."

### Save the Date!

**March 24th, 2010**

### Alzheimer's Disease Advocacy Day

### Springfield, IL

Help us speak with one voice to enhance access to care, support and services for people with dementia and their families.

We'll be taking a bus to Springfield. Join us for information, lunch, and a visit with our state representatives to communicate our message.

*Stay tuned for more info!*