



Deane Kanaly

**Deane Kanaly, Alzheimer's friend and supporter, dies at 76**

E. Deane Kanaly, long-time friend of the Alzheimer's Association, died of cancer this August. Deane served on the Board of Directors for the Alzheimer's Association, and established the Chapter's Houston Advisory Council. He provided on-

going leadership to the Chapter for many years. Deane and Ginger Kanaly were the honorees for the Chapter's first Gala in 2005. In addition to his generous support of the Alzheimer's Association, Deane was instrumental in establishing the Palmer Drug Abuse Program, the Foundation for Financial Literacy, and served as a president of the Houston Zoo. With Deane's passing, the Chapter has lost a great friend. In his honor, the Chapter staff have contributed a leaf to the Chapter's Memory Tree.

**RESEARCH** from cover

*Would your research have clinical application for AD treatment?*

The current AD therapies try to correct the deficiency of ACH by blocking its breakdown. The problem with these therapies is the long-term neuron fatigue resulting in loss of drug effectiveness. Our greater understanding of the ACH pathway may facilitate development of drug therapies that would be more effective for a longer period of time.



Lanice Chappell

**New in Brazos Valley**

Please join us in welcoming Lanice Chappell, the new Outreach Coordinator for the Brazos Valley Regional Office. The office is housed in, and generously provided by, the Brazos Valley Area Agency on Aging. If you're in the area, please stop by!

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concern about the information leaking, and at one point called from the shower, explaining that it was the only place she could have a private conversation. The caregiver reported that my mother was perhaps a bit paranoid.

Mother's charge card bill appeared with a \$1500 charge. Then another \$500. To our dismay we learned that Mother and her charge card had been used by Dora to purchase items for Dora's household. We can only begin to guess how many other items Dora purchased for herself over those six months with Mother's charge card. What precautions could we have implemented to secure the family's resources and restrict access to confidential information? If you have an in-home care provider, what precautions have you taken? Perhaps you should consider taking steps now. Call the Chapter's HELpline at 713-314-1313 for hiring tips.

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Your local voice for Alzheimer's news and information.

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**Alzheimer's Association Research Award Funds Local Study**

The Alzheimer's Association announced this year's research awards. Locally, we were thrilled to learn of the \$240,000 award to Baylor researcher Hui Zheng, PhD. Dr. Zheng was the recipient in 2003 of an Alzheimer's Association Zenith fellowship. We met with Dr. Zheng to learn of her new research.



Hui Zheng, PhD

*What is the focus of your research?*

Our lab is studying the communication between neurons. This cross-talk requires AcetylCholine (ACH). There is a loss

paper describing the role of APP *in vivo* in the *Journal of Neuroscience* in

of ACH in Alzheimer's disease. We're interested in the pathway and the process of ACH production and reabsorption. Specifically, we're continuing to study the role of plaque-forming Amyloid Precursor Protein (APP) in the pathway of ACH. The Zenith Award funded our research which confirmed the role of APP in learning and memory within the central nervous system.

We published the first

2005. We will continue with this research by defining the specific role of APP within the ACH pathway.

*What is the design for this study?*

Our research will study the function of APP in two ways. During the Zenith project, we developed genetically altered mice which lack APP in their cholinergic neurons. Using these mice, we will learn about the role of APP by studying the ability of neurons to communicate while manipulating externally added APP. That communication will be measured by recording the changes in electrical current passing between neurons. We will also study the role of APP in the ACH pathway. We will label choline with a radio-isotope marker, then track its recycling by the neuron as we manipulate the presence of APP.

Through the combination of *in vivo* and *in vitro* studies during this project, we believe we will gain significant insight into the role of APP in the loss of ACH observed in Alzheimer's disease.

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**Alzheimer's Conference:**

*New Directions for a 100 Year-Old Disease*

Currently there are 24 million people with dementia worldwide, and the numbers are increasing at the rate of one new case every seven seconds. By 2040, the world will face a reality of over 80 million people with dementia.

management and the identification of community resources. Evidenced-based models of care including assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and technology, will be integrated throughout the conference.



As a commemorative effort to mark the one hundredth year since Dr. Alois Alzheimer first described Alzheimer's disease, the Alzheimer's Association, co-hosted by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, will present the Ninth Annual Schlicting Education Conference entitled, "Dementia Management: New Directions for a 100 Year-Old Disease." This year's conference will focus on innovative approaches to dementia care

The conference will be held on **Friday, November 17, 2006, 8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at St. Dominic Center, 2409 East Holcombe Blvd. at Almeda.** The cost of the conference is \$75 (\$95 with CEU's). Members will receive a discount. Continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks will be provided. A conference registration form is located online at [www.alztex.org](http://www.alztex.org). For more information, contact the Alzheimer's Association at 713-266-6400.

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**Get Ready for  
Memory Walk 2006!**

## New Research Content on Website

By: Salman Ahmed

Along with the fresh, new design of our website, we've added some highly useful information on the research process. Three new pages have been posted, each with a unique focus related to clinical trials.

**"The Research Process"** is a walk through the entire journey of a new medical treatment from the first idea to the final approval. It details the progress that a treatment must make through initial laboratory testing and then human trials. Also covered are the various review agencies that oversee the process.

**"Trial Participant Rights"** is essential information for anyone who wishes to participate in a clinical trial. This section begins with a brief mention of the risks involved in clinical trials and then proceeds to give a more in-depth look at participant protection agencies. Also included is a summary of the information required from researchers in the "Informed Consent Process," which is meant to help potential participants be more educated about a trial before volunteering for it.

**"Major Research Initiatives"** highlights exciting new Alzheimer's research studies from around the world.

**"Research Opportunities"** is another new area of our website where you can access a table of the current Alzheimer's clinical trials being conducted in our area and also a fact sheet on a few things you should know before entering a clinical trial. As soon as we learn of new clinical trials being offered, we will update the list.

Please note that on the clinical trials table, the short segments provided are an oversimplified version of the full clinical trial information. For expanded information, use the provided ID number and enter it at [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov). This site is a great resource for anyone searching for clinical trials for any disease, anywhere in America. Another option is to contact the researchers directly to fully understand any clinical trial and potential risks or benefits before deciding to participate.

We welcome any comments, suggestions, or questions about our expanded research information. [www.alztex.org/research/](http://www.alztex.org/research/)



Salman Ahmed

*It has been a pleasure joining the Alzheimer's Association as an intern from Rice University this summer. I hope you enjoy, and more importantly, benefit from the new research content on the Chapter's website. I thank Teri Miller for all her help in putting it together and the entire staff for their guidance.*

*If you haven't already been by the Chapter office, I invite you to drop in. Everyone is so much fun to learn from and spend time with!*

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## Mission Statement

**To eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.**

## Educational Opportunities

### September 2006

#### The Basics of Alzheimer's Disease

Tuesday, September 12, 2006  
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Alzheimer's Association  
2242 West Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030

Thursday, September 21, 2006  
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Crosby Community Center  
409 Hare Rd, Crosby, TX 77532

Target Audience: Persons with dementia and their care partners

#### Partnering with Your Doctor Workshops

Monday September 18, 2006  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Texas Cooperative Extension Service  
210 South Rusk, Wharton, TX 77488

Tuesday, September 26, 2006  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Service Center  
2105 Avenue M, Bay City, TX 77414

Target Audience: Persons with dementia and their care partners

#### Maintain Your Brain Workshop

Tuesday, September 19, 2006  
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or  
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Crosby Community Center  
409 Hare Rd, Crosby, TX 77532  
Workshop Cost: \$5\*

Target Audience: Adults concerned about staying fit from the neck up.

### Fall Series: Legal and Long-Term Care Planning Issues

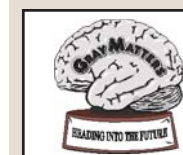
Thursday, September 14, 2006 - *Planning for Incapacity: The Basics*

Thursday, September 28, 2006 - *Changes in Medicaid Laws and VA Benefits*

Thursday, October 12, 2006 - *Long-Term Care Planning and Placement*

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Alzheimer's Association  
2242 West Holcombe Blvd. Houston, TX 77030  
Cost: \$15 per session / Three-part series - \$30\*

Target Audience: All persons affected by Alzheimer's and related dementia.



## Grey Matters Lecture Series: Living with Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI)

Presented in Partnership with the Health Museum

*This interactive educational series is designed for persons concerned about memory loss and those who have been identified as having memory problems greater than normally expected with aging, but do not show any other symptoms of dementia.*

Monday, October 9, 2006	What is Mild Cognitive Impairment?
Monday, October 16, 2006	Healthy Foods for the Brain
Monday, October 23, 2006	Traditional and Integrative Approaches to Medications
Monday, October 30, 2006	Meditation and Yoga Techniques
Monday, November 6, 2006	Innovative Memory Tips
Monday, November 20, 2006	Facing Fears and Frustration - Living with MCI

2:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
McGovern Theater, Health Museum  
1515 Hermann Dr., Houston, TX 77004  
Cost: Entire Series, \$75 or \$15 per lecture\*



### Lunch and Learn: Helping Families Cope with Advanced Alzheimers

Wednesday, September 20, 2006  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.  
Sheltering Arms Senior Services  
3838 Aberdeen Way  
Houston, Texas 77025  
Cost: \$5\*

### October 2006

#### Basic Dementia/Respite Care Training

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
October 3 -17, 2006 *En Español*  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Alzheimer's Association  
2242 West Holcombe Blvd. Houston, TX 77030

Target Audience: Respite care providers and family care partners

#### The Basics of Alzheimer's Disease

Tuesday, October 10, 2006  
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Alzheimer's Association  
2242 West Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030

Target Audience: All interested individuals

#### Maintain Your Brain Workshop

Tuesday, October 24, 2006  
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Alzheimer's Association  
2242 West Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030  
Workshop Cost: \$5\*

Target Audience: Adults concerned about staying fit from the neck up.

### November 2006

#### Lunch and Learn: Adapting to Behavioral Changes Associated with Dementia

Wednesday, November 8, 2006  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.  
Sheltering Arms Senior Services  
3838 Aberdeen Way  
Houston, Texas 77025  
Cost: \$5\*

### Join us for our 9th Annual Schlichting Education Conference Dementia Management: New Directions for a 100 Year-old Disease

Friday, November 17, 2006  
8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

St. Dominic Center  
2401 Holcombe Blvd. at Almeda  
Houston, TX 77021

Target Audience:  
• Healthcare professionals  
• Family Caregivers  
• All those affected by Alzheimer's and related dementias

A conference registration form is located online at [www.alztex.org](http://www.alztex.org).

**For more information about any of these programs, contact the Alzheimer's Association, 713-266-6400 or visit our website: [www.alztex.org](http://www.alztex.org).  
\*Ask about member discounts for educational programs.**

## Changes in Medicaid Law

By: Christina Leshner

Many seniors today face the challenge of paying for long-term care for a loved one. Medicaid, unlike Medicare, will pay for nursing home care on a permanent basis. However, recent changes in Medicaid law make qualifying for nursing home benefits more difficult.



The Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) passed on February 8, 2006 greatly reduced the ability to make gifts to family members in order to qualify for Medicaid. If a gift to a family member is made, the penalty period (the time period where the person cannot qualify for Medicaid) does not begin when the gift is made. The penalty now begins when the person who made the gift is in the nursing home and meets all of the Medicaid requirements.

Texas also has passed the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program (MERP). MERP requires that the state of Texas file a claim against the estate, many times a homestead, after a person who has received Medicaid nursing home benefits dies. Only people who applied for nursing home Medicaid after March 1, 2005 need to worry about the estate recovery. There are some exemptions to estate recovery such as:

- A surviving spouse
- A child under 21 years of age
- A surviving child of any age who is blind or disabled
- An unmarried adult child residing continuously in the Medicaid recipient's homestead for at least one year prior to the time of Medicaid recipient's death

In addition to these exemptions, there is an "undue hardship waiver". The undue hardship waiver states that Medicaid will not try to recover from family members if they meet certain poverty guidelines.

The Deficit Reduction Act and the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program are complicated and confusing. If your loved one is receiving Medicaid or thinking about applying for Medicaid, it is important that you speak with an elder law attorney to decide the best option for your family member.

To find more about the changes in Medicaid law and the impact on your long-term estate planning, please join us at the Alzheimer's Association for a three-part Fall Series on Legal and Long-Term Care Issues, beginning September 14, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. (See the Education Calendar on page 7 for details.)

*This article is for educational purposes only and is not intended to be legal advice. You should consult an attorney for advice regarding your individual situation.*

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## Sundaes on Sunday: Recognizing our Volunteers

As a non-profit organization, the Alzheimer's Association relies on volunteers to fulfill our mission throughout our service areas. Volunteers serve on the Board, run support groups, staff the HELpline, speak at educational programs, distribute literature, and inform the public at Health Fairs. Volunteers also run our Memory Walks, help raise funds, and perform many clerical tasks around our office.

The Chapter honored our volunteers at our "Sundaes on Sunday" recognition party on July 23, 2006. Eating sundaes, listening to music, receiving awards, watching improvisational theater, what could be better than that?

Richard Elbein, CEO, presented the following awards:

**Dr. Richard Taylor** - *The Witness To Courage Award*

**Marcia Shaw** - *The Bob Busch Award*

**Connie Assiff** - *The Outstanding Community Outreach Partner Award*

**The Greater Houston Builders Association** - *The Outstanding Community Partner Award* - Accepted by GHBA representative, Ron Martin.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have served throughout the years. We also invite anyone who wishes to



*The Bob Busch Award was presented to the outstanding volunteer of the year, Marcia Shaw. Marcia embodies the spirit of volunteerism. She is generous with her time and her spirit. Marcia is dependable and has been a warm, sympathetic, caring voice to HELpline callers.*

volunteer with us to call Ann Marie McDonald at 713-314-1332 or visit our website at [www.alztex.org](http://www.alztex.org).

Special thanks to Randall's, Target, and the Holcombe Barnes & Noble for their generous donation of items for the party. Massive Improv, a local improvisational theater group, provided the entertainment. Live music, performed by Andrew Nepomunceno and Alex Wei (both Bellaire High School students), greeted guests as they arrived. An additional thank you to Andrew for volunteering at the Chapter office this summer.

## One Family's In-Home Care Experience Demonstrates Need to Take Precautions

Our family learned the perils of in-home care providers first-hand. While I am embarrassed by our foolishness, I am compelled to share the experience so others can take additional precautions.

We realized in the early Spring that Mother needed 24-hour in-home care. She was experiencing significant loss of mobility, preventing her from attending to many of her Activities of Daily Living (ADLs). In addition, while she was perfectly clear some of the time, other times she seemed to be in a deep fog with no memory or recall and real lapses in judgment. The need for a service provider was pressing with a short window in which to hire someone.

Using the Respite Care list from the Alzheimer's Association, we interviewed potential providers. My parents chose Dora (not her real name), an independent contractor with more than 15 years experience and several clients of more than five years each. She seemed perfect!

Professional and knowledgeable, Dora was great with Mother. We breathed a sigh of relief, knowing Mother was in competent hands. Dora was great at communicating with us: notifying us whenever mother was unstable, needing special

assistance, had appointments, or had spoken with friends or relatives. It seemed great.

My first twinge of concern came over a paycheck. Dora was paid with an out-of-town bank check. Without saying a word to anyone, Dora packed Mother into the car and drove to Mother's local bank. Within an hour Dora had cash in her hands after depositing the check in Mother's account by having Mother write her a check for the same amount and then cashing the check at the window. Through the process Dora learned Mother's account balance and appeared to have ready access. My family didn't share my concern.

Another twinge came when I learned that Dora had Mother's password for her email account – to help Mother access her account. Dora also helped Mother with her charge card when they went shopping. I worried about security, as well as the lack of checks and balances. Then there was the mail, which Dora gladly reviewed before readying it for the family.

Dora shared bits of conversations she'd overheard between Mother and Father. She did the same for Father about my conversations with Mother. Dysfunctional family dynamics were heightened by those "helpful" tidbits. Mother expressed

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FUNDING OUR MISSION

Greater Houston Builders Association BENEFITS Chapter



The Greater Houston Builders Association (GHBA) has supported the Alzheimer's Association for years through the annual Benefit Homes Project. Each year several homes are built with donated materials and services by members of the GHBA. When the homes sell, the majority of the proceeds are divided between the Alzheimer's Association and Texas Children's Cancer Center.

Two homes were constructed this year for the Benefit Homes Project. Proceeds from the project were presented to the Chapter at the builder/developer appreciation luncheon honoring Land Tejas Companies, which donated the homesite in Park Lakes, and Pioneer Homes/ MHI, which built the home. Since the Benefit Homes Project began 26 years ago, approximately \$3 million has been raised for charity.



Attending the GHBA appreciation luncheon (from left) are Courie Stegall, Project Co-Chair; Dr. Ernest Fruge with Texas Children's Cancer Center; B.J. Weidenfeld, Community Manager for Land Tejas; Randy Bayer, President of the GHBA; and Richard Elbein, CEO, Alzheimer's Association.

Thank You!

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Houston AWARE to Host Family Portrait Luncheon

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Family Portrait Luncheon will be held Thursday, November 16, 2006 at the Westin Oaks. Sponsored by Houston AWARE (Alzheimer's Women's Auxiliary for Resources and Education), this luncheon will feature a celebrity speaker who has been personally touched by Alzheimer's disease.

Houston AWARE has raised over \$1,500,000 during the past six years; serving more than 15,000 individuals this year alone. AWARE supports the mission of the Alzheimer's Association by funding programs and services for individuals with Alzheimer's, their families, and care partners.

A heartfelt thank-you to this year's Luncheon Co-Chairs Lisa Hightower and Susan Boggio, as well as AWARE President JoAnne Graham.

Tickets to the Luncheon start at \$150, and tables of ten start at \$1,500. For more information, call 713-266-6400.

Leave a Legacy of Chapter Support

Our programs and services are made possible through the generosity and commitment of people like you. Consider leaving a legacy of support by making a planned gift to the Alzheimer's Association that allows you to combine your charitable giving goals with your estate and financial planning goals.

The Alzheimer's Association offers you a variety of planned giving arrangements, including charitable gift annuities, trusts and bequests. Contact our Development Department to discuss your options: 713-314-1331.

Have you remembered the Alzheimer's Association in your will or trust?

Here is sample bequest language you can take to your attorney:

"I give to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association (the Alzheimer's Association Houston and Southeast Texas Chapter), whose chapter office address is 2242 W. Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030-2008, \_\_\_\_\_ (insert either a specific dollar amount or a percentage of my estate ) for its \_\_\_\_\_ (unrestricted use, list a specific program, research purposes)."

This year the Chapter has been the beneficiary of bequests from the following individuals: Roberta Jarboe, Daniel B. Lovejoy, Ina LeJune McGinnis, and Kathleen Traylor.

Take a walk for Alzheimer's

It is that time of year to get out and walk at one of the seven Memory Walks scheduled throughout the chapter service area. This national event is held annually to raise awareness and funds to support local programs and services. We invite you to participate in a walk, organize a team of your own, volunteer to help at a walk, or just come out and support our walkers! You can register to participate or support a walker at a particular Memory Walk online at [www.alztex.org/memwalk](http://www.alztex.org/memwalk). For more information, contact Ana Guerrero at 713-314-1343, or email: [ana.guerrero@alz.org](mailto:ana.guerrero@alz.org).



Local Memory Walks

- 9/9 **Katy/ West Houston:** Cinco Ranch High School, 7 a.m. Registration, 8 a.m. Walk, Fee: \$25 adults, \$10 child, \$5 dogs
- 9/30 **Beaumont:** Crockett St. Entertainment District, 9 a.m. Registration, 10 a.m. Walk, Fee: \$25 adults, \$10 child, \$5 dogs
- 10/7 **Brazos Valley:** Central Park in College Station, 7:30 a.m. Registration, 8:30 a.m. Walk, Fee: \$20 adults, \$15 college students with ID, \$10 senior, \$7.50 child/young adult, \$5 dogs
- 10/7 **Tomball/ Northside:** Texas Sports Medicine Center, 7: 30 a.m. Registration, 8:30 a.m. Walk, Fee: \$25 adults, \$10 kids (18 and under), \$5 dogs
- 10/14 **Baytown:** Bayland Park, Walk is from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Fee: \$15 walker
- 10/28 **Houston/ Fort Bend:** AMC First Colony Theatres, 7 a.m. Registration, 8 a.m. Walk, Fee: \$30 adults, \$10 child, \$5 dogs
- 11/4 **Galveston County/ Bay Area:** Mall of the Mainland in Texas City, 8 a.m. Registration, 9 a.m. Walk, Fee: \$20 adults, \$10 child, \$10 seniors, \$5 dogs

Special Thanks to Our Houston Memory Walk Sponsors:



Coming Up!

Serve up Memories to Savor

The "Little Old Ladies" from Silverado Senior Living have compiled their third annual cookbook, *Memories to Savor*, a compilation of 150 recipes from caregivers across the USA. Last year they raised \$13,000, and this year they are once again generously donating all proceeds to benefit the Alzheimer's Association's Research Grant Program. If you are interested in buying a cookbook or would like more information, please visit [www.alztex.org/giving/cookbook/](http://www.alztex.org/giving/cookbook/) or call 281-277-1221. Cookbooks are \$15 each, plus \$3 each for shipping and handling.



Run for a Reason and Benefit the Alzheimer's Association



The 2007 Chevron Houston Marathon invites you, on January 14, 2007, to be a part of Houston's largest single-day sporting event. With over 20,000

participants, 200,000 spectators, and 5,000 volunteers, this event is sure to be a Texas-sized race benefiting many local charities.

In its 35th year, the Chevron Houston Marathon has a goal to raise \$1 million for charities affiliated with their "Run For A Reason" program. Visit their website [www.chevronhoustonmarathon.com](http://www.chevronhoustonmarathon.com) and choose to "run for a reason" for the Alzheimer's Association. Last year the committed individuals who ran for our Chapter raised over \$15,000.

Working for a Good Cause

It's that time of year again for the annual Community Health Charities (CHC) workplace giving campaign, which allows employees to donate to the local charity of their choice through their workplaces. The Alzheimer's Association is an active participant in CHC. Companies can participate in both United Way and CHC campaigns. Companies wanting to learn more can visit [www.healthcharities.org](http://www.healthcharities.org) or call Griff Godwin at 713-314-1303.