WHAT'S HAPPENING

March 2018

The following are highlights of upcoming educational and awareness events of the Alzheimer’s Association — Heart of America Chapter

**FAMILY SERIES • ST. JOSEPH, MO •** This course began in February, but you are welcome to attend one or both of the remaining sessions, March 6 and March 13
This 6-session course focuses on the most common topics about caring for someone with Alzheimer’s or other dementias. Come for whichever topics are of interest to you. First Christian Church, 927 Faraon Street, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

**UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO DEMENTIA-RELATED BEHAVIOR • March 3**
When language is lost, some behaviors can present real challenges for caregivers to manage. Join us to learn how to decode behavioral messages, identify common behavior triggers, and learn strategies to help intervene with common challenges. Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 4525 NW Button Road, Topeka, KS. 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

**MINDS IN MOTION NELSON-ATKINS MUSEUM OF ART TOUR • KANSAS CITY, MO • March 7**
The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, in partnership with the Heart of America Alzheimer’s Association, provides free gallery tours for those with memory loss and their caregivers. This tour, called Do the Twist, will be a conversation about the portrayal of the human body throughout history. Compare and contrast the stiff poses of Egyptian and Mesopotamian art to the later more natural forms of Greece and Rome. 4525 Oak St. 1:00 p.m.

**EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE A DEMENTIA**
Thursday, March 15
Join us to explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer’s. Learn how to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage of the disease. First United Methodist Church, 415 North Pine, Pittsburg, KS. 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

**JAM SESSION • PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KS • March 22**
An informal jam session for musicians with early stage memory loss and musicians who are caregivers. Alzheimer’s Education Center, 3856 W. 75th Street. 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. For more information contact Karen Clond at 913-831-3888 or email kclond@alz.org.

**MEMORIES IN THE MAKING® • March 22**
This innovative art program provides persons with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias a means of creative expression through watercolor. This is open to the public, but space is limited. Please call prior to attending. Alzheimer’s Education Center, 3856 W. 75th Street, 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. For more information contact Karen Clond at 913-831-3888 or email kclond@alz.org.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? We want you on board!
Check out the many ways you can volunteer for our chapter at alz.org/kansascity.

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This month we have a need for volunteers to help deliver our Alzheimer’s Awareness Guides to medical and dental offices. If you can help, contact Katherine Rivard at krivard@alz.org or call 913.831.3888.