



# Memories Matter!

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*This newsletter is dedicated to all families and friends of St. Anne's Salvatorian Campus.*

Happy July!

This month I have included a flyer on dementia and driving with the mailing of this newsletter.

On August 16 at St. Anne's, Steven Pazynski, Medical Review Supervisor for the Department of Motor Vehicles, will discuss the dilemma of dealing with drivers with dementia. After Steven's presentation, St. Anne's staff will discuss strategies for family members and loved ones on how to handle difficult situations that may arise.

I am asking you to spread the news about this presentation with individuals you know that may need information on this important and timely topic.

This event is open to anyone in Waukesha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine or Kenosha County. If you need additional copies of the flyer, I can get those for you.

## **Alzheimer's in the News ...**

On July 19, the House Appropriations Committee approved an additional \$400 million increase for Alzheimer's and dementia research for the 2018 fiscal year budget. If signed into law, this would be in addition to the \$400 million increase signed into law in May for 2017.

This news is very exciting and so needed. **Let's cross our fingers that this extra money for Alzheimer's research is signed into law.**

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## **Remembering Their Greatness**

Sometimes when we are with our loved ones we can get caught up on the loss we see. What they can't do anymore. Who they were in the past. What new loss I notice this week or month.

This is normal, but I challenge you to look less at what they can't do and more about WHO they are. Remember their greatness. Replace the words "you were" with "you are." Even though they no longer sew, they are still an accomplished seamstress. Even though they no longer sail the ocean, they are still the Captain.

Take a few worthwhile moments to remind them who they are and give them their memories back. At this point in their life it is a blessing to remind them of their greatness and of who they **STILL ARE** despite the dementia they may be experiencing.

*"Look for beauty in everyone you meet and you will find it. Everyone carries divinity within them." -- Author Richard Paul Evans*



## **St. Anne's Monthly Family Caregiver Support Group Meeting**

This month in lieu of our support group meeting we have invited the community to attend a special presentation (see attached flyer):

**Driving with Dementia?**

**Wednesday, August 16**

**6:00-7:30 p.m.**

**Gathering Room**

Our usual support group meetings will resume in September.