# June 2023

# BSBAC BUZZ





# Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month



Alzheimer's And Brain Awareness Month is declared each June by the Alzheimer's Association to help raise awareness about the disease, as well as show support for the millions of people worldwide living with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia.

About Dementia. Dementia is a general term for loss of memory, language, problem-solving and other thinking abilities that are severe enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's is the most common cause of dementia. Dementia is not a single disease; it's an overall term — like heart disease — that covers a wide range of specific medical conditions. Disorders grouped under the general term "dementia" are caused by abnormal brain changes. These changes trigger a decline in thinking skills, also known as cognitive abilities, severe enough to impair daily life and independent function. They also affect behavior, feelings and relationships.

**Signs of dementia can vary greatly.** Examples include problems with:

- Short-term memory.
- Keeping track of a purse or wallet.
- Paying bills.
- Planning and preparing meals.
- Remembering appointments.
- Traveling out of the neighborhood.

Many conditions are progressive, which means that the signs of dementia start out slowly and gradually get worse. If you or someone you know is experiencing memory difficulties or other changes in thinking skills, don't ignore them. See a doctor soon to determine the cause. Professional evaluation may detect a treatable condition. And even if symptoms suggest dementia, early diagnosis allows a person to get the maximum benefit from available treatments and provides an

opportunity to volunteer for clinical trials or studies. It also provides time to plan for the future

**Understanding Alzheimer's.** Alzheimer's is the most common cause of dementia, a general term for memory loss and other cognitive abilities serious enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's disease accounts for 60-80% of dementia cases.

Alzheimer's is not a normal part of aging. The greatest known risk factor is increasing age, and the majority of people with Alzheimer's are 65 and older.

**Alzheimer's worsens over time.** Alzheimer's is a progressive disease, where dementia symptoms gradually worsen over a number of years.

Alzheimer's has no cure, but two treatments — aducanumab (Aduhelm™) and lecanemab (Leqembi™) — demonstrate that removing beta-amyloid, one of the hallmarks of Alzheimer's disease, from the brain reduces cognitive and functional decline in people living with early Alzheimer's. Other treatments can temporarily slow the worsening of dementia symptoms and improve quality of life for those with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Today, there is a worldwide effort underway to find better ways to treat the disease, delay its onset and prevent it from developing.

Some risk factors for dementia, such as age and genetics, cannot be changed. But researchers continue to explore the impact of other risk factors on brain health and prevention of dementia...adopting multiple healthy lifestyle choices, including healthy diet, not smoking, regular exercise and cognitive stimulation, may decrease the risk of cognitive decline and dementia.

Visit www.alz.com for more information.



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# **Upcoming Events**

June 2 @ 3:00pm Line Dance Competition

> June 7 @ 10:00am Brunch Bingo

June 7 @ 1:45pm Book Club

June 12 @ 12:35pm Bunco

June 13, 20, 27 @ 2:15pm Beginning Spanish

> June 14 @ 10:00am Card Creations Class

June 14 - 11:00am-11:00pm Marco's Pizza Fundraiser

June 14 @ 1:00pm Arts & Crafts Series: Patriotic Bandana Wreath

June 15, 22, 29 @ 9:45am
Daytrip to The Falls on the Colorado
Museum w/Lunch at Blue Bonnet
Cafe

June 19 @ 11:30am Membership Connection Lunch

June 21 @ 2:00pm Caregiver's Support Group w/Hope Hospice

> June 26 @ 12:35pm Bunco

June 28 @ 1:30pm Summer Floral Arranging Class

June 29 - 10:30am-9:30pm Panda Express BSBAC Fundraiser



#### "Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it everyday." ~Henri Nouwen

# Note From the Center...

By DeLisa Leopold, Executive Director

Giving is for everyone.

Occasionally we hear someone say, "I wish I could give more," or "I do not have the funds to contribute to the Center." We do not hear anything negative when we hear things like that, but what we do hear is there may be another opportunity for that individual to give.

Giving should not be directly associated with a monetary donation, but with what is possible for each individual, especially when that giving is to a nonprofit organization such as BSBAC.

Did you know that over 6,400 volunteer hours are logged at BSBAC each year? That is the equivalent of three full-time staff members. Our volunteers are crucial to what we do each day. Do you like to meet people and share what you love about BSBAC? The front desk may be the perfect spot for you

to volunteer. Do you love to cook? You would enjoy helping in the kitchen. Or you may be a wonderful addition to the group of volunteers that deliver meals each day to our homebound seniors.

Other ways to give that are not commonly referred to as giving are engaging in our social media by sharing our posts with others or commenting if it is something you were able to engage in or simply just talking to someone about BSBAC. You never know who may need to see a post or hear firsthand all we have to offer. This is a way that gives to BSBAC as well as others.

At the end of the day, we are all here participating in the same mission whether it be as an active member, an occasional visitor, a staff member, or a community supporter. In whichever way each of us can contribute is what makes it all possible.



# June Weekly Activity Schedule



#### **MONDAY**

9:00am Library 9:00am Socializing 9:00am Wood Carving 10:00am Dominoes: Mexican Train (1st & 3rd Mon)

**11:30am** Fellowship Meal

12:35pm Bunco (2nd & 4th Mon) 1:00pm Bridge Foursome (1st & 3rd Mon) 1:30pm Dominoes 2:30pm Table Tennis



#### TUESDAY

9:00am Library 9:00am Socializing 11:00am Mah Jong

**11:30am** Fellowship Meal

1:00pm Bingo



#### WEDNESDAY

9:00am Library 9:00am Socializing 9:00am Bridge 10:00am Brunch Bingo (1st Wed) 10:00am Card Creations (2nd Wed)

**11:30am** Fellowship Meal

12:00pm Knitting/ Crochet/Sewing 1:45pm Book Club (1st Wed) 2:00pm Caregiver Support Group (3rd Wed)



#### **THURSDAY**

9:00am Library 9:00am Socializing 9:00am Wood Carving 10:00am Canasta HF 10:00am Daytrip (2nd, 3rd, 4th Thurs) 12:00pm Poker

**11:30am** Fellowship Meal

**12:30pm** Mindful Meditation **2:15pm** Bible Study



#### FRIDAY

9:00am Library 9:00am Socializing

**11:00am** Fellowship Meal

**12:15pm** Bingo



Allen, Bob Arnold, Kimberly Barr, James Bowman, Fave Brestal, Bill Broglie, Dianne Burton, Regina Cavanaugh, Joyce Challen, Wanda Cheadle, Vicki Childress, Kay Collier, Beth Colvin, Jan Cordes, Charline Delmas, Paul Palinkas. Phyllis Dolan, Hedy Farr, Calvin Flores, Madeline

Fowler, Barbara Fowler, Carolyn Gallovich. Connie Gibbens, Lou Gideon, Shirley Gresham, Peggy Hagen, Linda Hanson, Elaine Hartman, Jim Henke. June Hernandez, Irene Holler, Ruth Hopkins, Robert Izard, Susan Jacobson, Joan Jones. Elizabeth Kelley, Belinda Kimbrough, Percy Kober, James

Lansing, Ruth Larson, Phyllis Lee, Marilu Lenk. Lorna Lewis, Annette Mccutchen, Eilleene Mitchell, Tricia Morgan, Jackie Parchman, Vicki Parker. Richelle Peterson, Beth Pittman, Virginia Pomraning, Lynn Ramirez, Juan Roberts, Sam Rodgers, Mary Rodgers, Sam Ross, Leland Rowland, John

Salkowski, David Shaffer, Pam Sherrill, Jeff Smith. Kathleen Thatcher, Linda Towry, Jo Ellen Trammell, Vicki Vinger, Lynda Wagner, Richard Watts. Nona Watts, Ralph Weiner, Melanie Westgate, Janet Wilson, Cindi Wrav. Bill Young, Paul







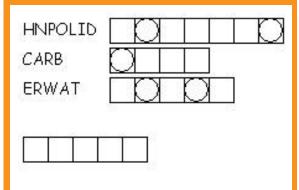
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
*	Hello JUNE		Chicken Noodle Casserole Green Beans Cherry Dream Cake	Green Salad Fruit Salad Macaroni Salad Dessert
Beef Tacos Pinto Beans Dessert	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Green Salad Garlic Bread Dessert	7 Tuna Salad on Croissant Dill Pickle Pasta Salad Dessert	Crescent Beef Casserole Yellow Squash Dessert	Ham & Cheese Sliders Cole Slaw Dessert
BLT Sandwich Chips Dessert	Egg Rolls Fried Rice Dessert	Pizza Salad Dessert	Dorito Chicken Casserole Pinto Beans Dessert	Pulled Pork Sandwich Potato Salad Dessert
Potato Soup Green Salad Fruit Salad Dessert	Salad Trio— Chicken Salad Potato Salad Green Salad Dessert	21 BBQ Drumsticks Black Eyed Pea Salad Peach Cobbler	Red Beans & Rice Green Salad Corn Bread Dessert	Sub Sandwich Chips Balsamic Green Bean Salad Dessert
Frito Pie Fruit Dessert	Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Dessert	28 Chef's Choice Dessert	29 Scalloped Potatoes and Ham Casserole Green Beans Dessert	30 Mexican Spaghetti Salad Dessert

Fellowship Meal is served Mon-Thurs@ 11:30am, Fri@11:00am
(LUNCH IS SERVED FOR A 1/2 HOUR IN THE CENTER)
Suggested Donation \$4 (Donations help make our fellowship meals possible)
Menus are subject to change



# Mumbo Jumbo

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble themfor the final message.



# Bamboozles

The object is to try to figure out the well-known saying, person, place, or thing that each bamboozable is meant to represent. (Solutions below)

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BARBECUE	GEMINI	LONGEST DAY	STRAWBERRY
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FATHER'S DAY	JUNE	PICNIC	VACATION
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# Commonyms

- 1. Story Fortune Bank
- 2. Rough Curtain Fringe
- 3. Cows Goats Coconuts
- 4. Charities Golfers Computers
- 5. Flood Pilot Flash
- 6. Grass Clay Hard
- 7. Cross Head Tail
- 8. Taxes Heat Dough
- 9 Finger House War
- 10. Tooth Ice Guitar

# May Answers

- 1. Chairs
- 2. They have covers
- 3. They come in strips
- 4. Island nations
- 5. Slang for coffee
- 6. Card Games
- 7. They have colonels
- 8. Goats
- 9. Eyes
- 10. Guards







# June Health & Wellness Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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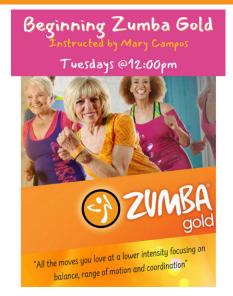
#### **GYM HOURS**

Mon-Thurs: 8:00am - 5:00pm Fri: 8:00am - 3:00pm

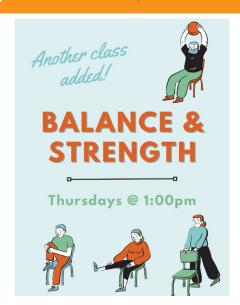
\*Class is FREE for all BSBAC Membes











# Health & Wellness Class Descriptions



#### **ACTIVE AGING STRENGTH**

This class helps improve strength. The instructor will take you through a variety of exercises for a complete workout. Get comfortable using circuit equipment as well as resistance bands, medicine balls, free weights, etc.



#### **BALANCE & STRENGTH**

This class is recommended for members with concerns about balance and loss of upper and lower body strength. Focus will be on functional fitness as well as balance and strength. \*Free to all members\*



#### **BALLET BARRE**

The exercises build gradually, are safe and can be performed by anyone. Muscles become toned and lengthened, posture is improved, and movement becomes more graceful as the student becomes more aware of his/her body.



#### **CHAIR YOGA**

Chair yoga is a gentle practice in which yoga postures are performed while seated and/ or with the aid of a chair. Benefits include improved strength & energy, improved flexibility & balance, and improved concentration.



#### **EASY PACE**

Beginner to intermediate aerobics that includes cardio, marching in place, and basic arm and leg movement patterns. Improves muscle strength, flexibility, endurance, coordination, and balance.





#### **LINE DANCING**

Line Dancing is choreographed to a variety of music with repeating series of steps that are performed in unison. Learn some fancy footwork while challenging your mind to memorize these fun sequences.



#### **RESTORATIVE YOGA**

A therapeutic style of yoga which utilizes props to make it easier for the body to get into certain poses. The focus of this class is relaxation, renewal, effortlessness, ease and a completely supportive environment.



#### YOGA/YOGA MIXED

Slow flowing class of gentle stretching and physical postures using breath to connect mind and body. This is an excellent way for improving flexibility, balance and great for de-stressing.



#### **ZUMBA/ZUMBA GOLD**

Zumba is a dance-fitness class that is set to zesty Latin music like salsa, merengue, mambo, etc. Zumba Gold modifies the moves and pacing to suit the needs of the active older participant.



#### **ZUMBA TONING**

Zumba Toning is perfect for those who like Zumba, but want to put extra emphasis on toning and sculpting to define those muscles. The challenge of adding resistance by using toning sticks (or light weights), helps you focus on specific muscle groups, so your muscles stay engaged.



"Exercise not only changes your body, it changes your mind, your attitude, and your mood."





# Activity Center Happenings















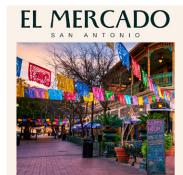








We had a self-care workshop for our ladies last month. They made homemade sugar scrub and did some shopping from Touchstone Crystal Jewelry. Thank you to Jean Larson for donating the sales proceeds back to the Center!



For our June daytrips, members went the El Mercado in downtown San Antonio and enjoyed lunch at Mi Tierra. Be sure to sign up for the trip this month to The Falls on the colorado Museum and lunch at Blue Bonnet Cafe!









# Activity Center Happenings



We had a great time at our 24th Annual Run for the Hills! Thank you to our 2023 sponsors and everyone that participated in this year's event! Be sure to join us next year when we celebrate 25 years of the Run. We'll have more fun and celebrations to commemorate the event. Check out our webpage for drone video of the event provided by Yellow Rose Drones...https://bsbac.com/Run-for-the-Hills. See you next year for our 25th Celebration!























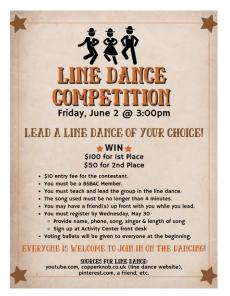








# June Event Flyers







#### SPANISH CLASS

Starting June 13th Tuesdays @ 2:15pm \$10 for 6 week session



Slow paced for Beginners **Writing & Speaking Mouth Formation** Pronunciation **Short Salutations** 



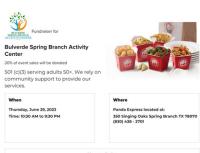
Patriotic Wreath WED, 6/14 @ 1:00PM

> All supplies will be provided. 5 Donation appreciated









follow along in your own vehicle. \*\*\* These trips are for members only.\*\*\*

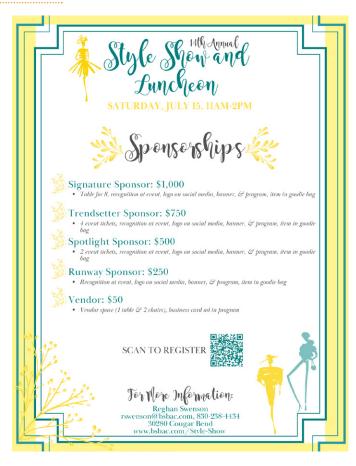






# Upcoming Special Events







#### JUNE REMINDERS

Make time for fun, rest, and love

Authenticity makes you shine

You are worthy of love and attention

Always be kinder than you need to

You always have a choice

Growth is not always visible

Our MindfulLife.com

# News You Can Use



# KNOWthe 10 SIGNS

Memory changes that disrupt daily life

One of the most common signs of Alzheimer's, especially in the early stages, is forgetting recently learned information. For example:

Relying on memory aides (e.g., reminder notes or electronic devices) or family members for things they used to handle on their own.

Typical age-related changes: Sometimes forgetting names or appointments, but remembering them later.

Challenges in planning or solving problems

> Some people may have difficulty concentrating and take much longer to do things than they did before.

Some people may experience changes in their ability to develop and follow a plan or work with numbers

They may have trouble following a familiar recipe or keeping track of monthly bills.

Typical age-related changes: Making occasional errors when balancing a checkbook.

notice any of the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's in yourself or

consult your physician.

Difficulty completing familiar tasks

People with Alzheimer's often find it hard to complete daily tasks such as:



Driving to a familiar location, managing a budget at work, or remembering the rules of a favorite game.

Asking for the same information

over and over.

• Forgetting

dates or

events.

important

Typical age-related changes: Occasionally needing help to use the settings on a microwave or record a television show

Confusion with time or place

People with Alzheimer's can lose track of dates, seasons and the passage of time.

They may have trouble understanding something if it is not happening immediately. Sometimes they may forget where they are or how they got there.

Typical age-related changes: Getting confused out the day of the week but figuring it out later.



Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships



Some people may have difficulty reading, judging distance and determining color or contrast. In terms of perception, they may pass a mirror and think someone else is in the room. They may not realize they are the person in the mirror.

Typical age-related changes: Vision changes related to cataracts. \*6 New problems with words in speaking or writing

People with Alzheimer's may have trouble following or joining a conversation. They may stop in the middle of a conversation and have no idea how to continue or they may repeat themselves. They may struggle with vocabulary, have problems finding the right word or call things by the wrong name.

Typical age-related changes: Sometimes having trouble finding the right word.

Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps

A person with Alzheimer's disease may put things in unusual places.

They may lose things and be unable to go back over their steps to find them again. Sometimes, they may accuse others of stealing. This may occur more frequently over time.

Typical age-related changes: Misplacing things from time to time

Decreased or poor judgment

People with Alzheimer's may demonstrate unusual changes in judgment or decision making.



For example, they may use poor judgment when dealing with money, giving large amounts to telemarketers.

They may pay less attention to grooming or keeping themselves clean.

Typical age-related changes: Making a bad decision once in a while.

Withdrawal from work or social activities

> A person with Alzheimer's may start to remove themselves from hobbies, social activities, work projects or sports. They may also avoid being social because of the changes they have experienced.

Typical age-related changes: Sometimes feeling weary of work, family and social obligations.

#### 10 Changes in mood and personality

The mood and personalities of people with Alzheimer's can change

They may be easily upset in places where they are out of their comfort zone.

They can become confused. suspicious, depressed, fearful or anxious.



#### Typical age-related changes:

Developing very specific ways of doing things and becoming irritable when a disrupted

# News You Can Use



# CARE FOR YOUR

#### 10 WAYS TO PREVENT ALZHEIMER'S

#### **EXERCISE**

Aim for at least 2 1/2 hours of moderate to strenuous exercise per week.





#### **MEDITERRANEAN DIET**

More fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and legumes; less red meat and processed foods.

#### **KEEP LEARNING**

Education at any age is important! Join a class at community college or online.





#### **SOCIALIZE**

Connect with friends and family or join a community group.

#### **GET SLEEP**

Aim to get between 7-9 hours of sleep a night.





#### **MENTAL HEALTH**

Practice self-care activities weekly and seek treatment if needed.

#### **CHALLENGE YOUR BRAIN**

Try something new like walking in a new place or learning a new skill.





#### **CREATE HEALTHY HABITS**

Try to quit smoking and decrease your alcohol consumption.

#### PROTECT YOUR HEAD

Wear your seatbelt and helmet when necessary.





#### **LOVE YOUR HEART**

High blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity strain your heart and brain.





# What's Cooking



#### **Berry Fruit Salad**

from kristineskitchenblog.com

This Berry Fruit Salad is an easy and healthy summer salad. A refreshing honey lime dressing takes this easy fruit salad recipe to a whole new level of deliciousness!

> Prep Time 15 mins

**Total Time** 15 mins

Servings: 6 servings Calories: 104kcal

#### Ingredients

- · 1 pound fresh strawberries
- · 8 ounces fresh blueberries
- · 4 ounces fresh raspberries
- · 4 ounces fresh blackberries
- · 2 cups fresh cherries pitted
- · zest of 1 small lime
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 tablespoon honey

#### \*\*\*\*

#### 5 from 3 ratings

#### Instructions

- 1. Wash and gently dry berries and cherries; place in a large bowl.
- 2. In a small bowl, whisk together lime zest, lime juice, and honey. Pour over fruit and toss gently to combine.
- 3. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Fruit salad is best served the day it is made but will still be good on the second day.

#### Nutrition

Calories: 104kcal | Carbohydrates: 26g | Protein: 2g | Fat: 1g | Saturated Fat: 1g | Sodium: 2mg | Potassium: 306mg | Fiber: 6g | Sugar: 18g | Vitamin A: 100IU | Vitamin C: 61.1mg | Calcium: 31mg | Iron: 0.8mg

# BERRIE types & benefits

#### **ACAI BERRY**

- boosts skin health
- stimulates healthy digestion

- energy booster

#### RASPBERRY

- helps with anti-aging
- 🗸 🕈 antioxidants good for bone health
  - promotes weight loss

#### **GOOSEBERRY**

- aids in digestion
- reduces blood sugar

- promotes hair growth

#### **STRAWBERRY**

- source of vitamin C
- aids in weight management
- maintains healthy skin good for heart health

#### **ELDERBERRY**

- energy boost



#### **BLUEBERRY**

- rich in antioxidants
- reduces belly fat
- \* promotes eye health
- aids digestion

#### **CRANBERRY**



- prevents tooth decay
- anti-inflammatory
- treats urinary tract infections

#### **BLACKBERRY**

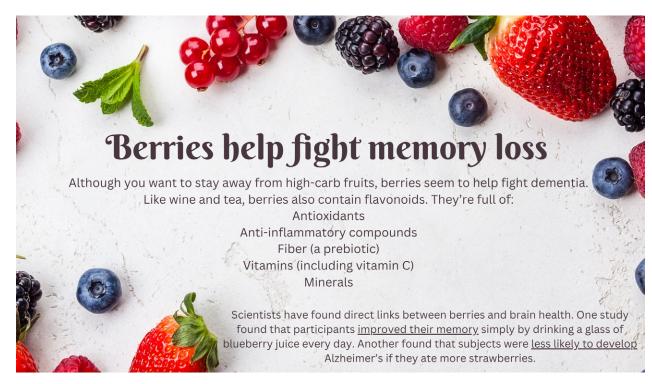
- source of potassium
- effective anti-inflammatory

#### **GOJI BERRY**

- increases energy level
  - detoxifies
  - - boosts immune system
    - healthy hair and skin

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