

Alzheimer's/Dementia
Rotary Action Group
A/DRAG





Rotary Action Groups

- Help Rotary clubs and districts plan and carry out community development and humanitarian service projects in their area of expertise.
- RAGs are organized by Rotarians and Rotaractors who are proficient, and have a passion for service, in a particular field.



A/DRAG Vision

- We are Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors that have extensive leadership experience related to Alzheimer's disease, including:
 - **Patient, Family, and Community Education** – including statewide and national programs
 - **Patient Care** – front line of care including physicians, providers, and family care givers
 - **Prevention** – including leading research in the field and large-scale program management
 - **Research for a Cure** – day-to-day access with leading researchers working on the treatment, research, and cure for Alzheimer's and dementia.
 - **Strategic Partnerships and Expertise** – collaboration with national and international organizations.



A/DRAG Mission

- We support Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Clubs as well as districts as they plan and execute meaningful projects and programs centered on Alzheimer's and dementia. This support includes:
 - Educating 1.2 million Rotarians and Rotary leaders on the latest scientific research in the fight to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease and about the disease's devastating impact on communities and families.
 - Promoting Rotary, Rotaract and Interact projects that work within Rotary International's **Disease Prevention and Treatment Area of Focus** among the communities' Rotary serves in over 200 countries around the world.



A/DRAG Members

- **Rotarians Easing Problems of Dementia (REPoD)** – Based in the United Kingdom, REPoD is a joint initiative between members of various Rotary Clubs who have recognized the need for increased support in the community for families affected by dementia.
- **Cure Alzheimer's Fund** – is a non-profit organization dedicated to funding research with the highest probability of preventing, slowing or reversing Alzheimer's disease through venture-based philanthropy.
- **Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART)** – The purpose of CART is to collect and provide funding for leading edge research for the cure/prevention of Alzheimer's disease (AD). This project has currently been adopted and funded by 22 Rotary Districts and various Rotary Clubs in North America.



A/DRAG Members (Cont)

- **Music Mends Minds (MMM)** - is a nonprofit that creates musical support groups for patients with Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's, traumatic brain injury, stroke, and PTSD.
- **The Alzheimer's Association (AA)** - founded in 1980 by a group of family caregivers and individuals who recognized the need for an organization that would unite caregivers, provide support to those facing Alzheimer's and advance research into the disease.



REPoD



Rotarians Easing Problems of Dementia (REPoD)

Primary Focus - offer practical support for families living with dementia and in social isolation.

- REPoD provides respite support for caregivers of AD patients with Memory Cafes.
- REPoD involves the whole family affected by dementia by providing resources, assistance and education to help the families cope.

www.repod-int.org



Cure Alzheimer's Fund

Cure Alzheimer's Fund

Primary Focus – Fund research with the highest probability of preventing, slowing or reversing Alzheimer's disease.

- High power fund raising organization created in 2004.
- To date, the fund has raised over \$110 million for research.
- Has funded 474 grants as of May 2020.

www.curealz.org



CART



Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART)

Primary Focus – Fund leading edge research to prove theories that lead to follow-on funding.

- 22 CART Districts in Eastern United States.
- \$9.2 Million raised and granted in 55 research grants as of May 2020.
- 100% of all donations go to research.

www.cartfund.org



Music Mends Minds



- [Music Mends Minds \(MMM\)](#)

Primary Focus – Provide opportunities to apply music therapy to enrich the quality of life for dementia patients and their families and caregivers.

- Create music groups.
- Offer social opportunities and fight depression and isolation.
- Educate the public on the positive impact of music on the minds of AD, Parkinson's, and PTSD patients.

www.musicmendsminds.org



Alzheimer's Association



The Alzheimer's Association (AA)

Primary Focus – Provides accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. High power fund raising organization created in 2004.

- Nationwide Organization.
- Highly organized funding and education network.
- Nationally known brand.

www.alz.org