

## **DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUPS**

I'm often asked if there is a monthly or regularly scheduled support group for American House family members. The answer is yes, but you'll want to inquire about the status of your community's support group before your loved one moves in. Please keep in mind, as a family member, you're going through the same process as your loved one, just in a different way. We're not only here for your loved one, but we're also here for you as well!

I'd also like to point out that recent studies have shown that participating in a dementia support group can have a positive outcome on an individual's mental health, as well as improve the quality of life for people with dementia and their caregivers.

Our Memory Care communities also have access to the CARES dementia training portal that is a Living Well best practice for our care team. We can make it available to you as an educational opportunity for you and your family. Our team can set up a CARES account so you can take this training on your own time to learn all about dementia physiology, communication and behaviors. Our team is always more than happy to answer any further questions you may have once you complete the training sessions. Make no mistake, we're here to help you in any way we can!

### **ALZHEIMER'S IS ON THE RISE**

7.1
MILLION

the estimated number of people aged 65+ with Alzheimer's disease in 2025

40%

from 5.1 million aged 65+ affected in 2015

of the people aged 65+ with Alzheimer's in the U.S., nearly

2/3 ARE WOMEN



barring a medical breakthrough to prevent or cure the disease, by 2050 the number MAY TRIPLE, from 5.1 MILLION to 13.8 MILLION

due to an aging population, estimates show a potential of dementia cases in the U.S.

**DOUBLING** by the year 2060!



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#### **QUICK LINKS**

ALZ.org
alzheimers.gov
alzfdn.org
nia.nih.gov/health/alzheimers-and-dementia

# LIVING WELL

MEMORY CARE EDITION.

MOUNT PROSPECT MEMORY CARE

**APRIL 2025** 

## **RESISTIVE TO CARE**

At times, your loved one may not want to shower, get dressed, take their medicine or just not cooperate. They may do this for many reasons, such as feeling ashamed they need help or experiencing stress for not being in control. A resident is considered resistive if they act verbally abusive before or during daily care, use profanities or howl, stiffen their arms or legs, or scratch or physically push their caregiver.

It's recommended that you be attentive to complaints from team members with injuries to themselves, or the resident, and possible unmet daily care needs due to resistance.



There are steps that can be taken to lessen these kinds of resistance. This could include using simple directions, determining a preferred setting, such as the resident's own room or bathroom, preference for a male or female caregiver for personal care, and observing comfortable levels of touch and pace of interactions. We also offer small group self-care activities like manicures and sensory lemon hand washing as a way to transition to a level for acceptance of care activities, from leisure experience to needed daily care.

### TAKING YOUR LOVED ONE AWAY FROM THE COMMUNITY

Much like your first visit after your loved one moved in, there is no clear-cut answer to taking them off campus for the first time. Each resident is different. If your loved one experienced a smooth transition and visits have been positive, that would be a signal to take your loved out for a getaway. If there have been challenges along the way, you'll want to plan with our care team to discuss what taking your loved one outside the community for the first time may be like. You may want to consider a familiar or low-stimulation environment, and proper support to ensure your time away doesn't cause any confusion or distress.



## **APRIL 2025 EVENTS**

- Sweet Sensations Baking Club
- Gardening Club
- Zumba w/ Elizabeth S. (4/2)
- Music w/ Meg Thomas (4/9)
- Family Night Event (4/10)

- Drum Circle wi/ Alex (4/12)
- Music w/ Chris Minardi (4/19)
- Easter Sunday (4/20)
- Pet Therapy Visit (4/21)
- Music w/ Kenny Phelps (4/26)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	April 2	2025				
LOCATION KEY	01	APRIL FOOLS' DAY	02	03 04	05	
2LI 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Library MCC Memory Care Courtyard AR Activity Room MCG Memory Care Garden B Bistro Courtyard BPA Bistro Patio MCK Memory Care Kitchenete LO Lobby MCL Memory Care Living Roc	Sunroom 11:00a PD Private Dining 1:00p te THR Theater 2:00p	Sweet Sensations Baking Club  Daily Chronicles & Coffee MCS Artist's Studio MCK Hydration Hour MCK Card Games MCK Movie Night MCL	9:30a Sit and Be Fit MCL 10:15a Zumba w/ Elizabeth S. 11:00a Daily Chronicles & Coffee MCL 11:00a Gardening Club MCG 1:00p The Craft Collective: Cherry Blossom Art MCK 2:00p Hydration Hour MCK 3:00p Travelogue MCL 5:30p Movie Night MCL	9:30a Sit and Be Fit MCL 10:30a Bingo MCK 11:00a Daily Chronicles & Coffee MCL 1:00p Popcorn & Perspectives MCL 2:00p Hydration Hour MCK 3:00p Brain Games MCS 5:30p Movie Night MCL	Da Workout with Paxxon MCL 1:00 Da Daily Chronicles & Coffee MCK 3:00 Daily Trivia MCL 5:30	Da Daily Chronicles & Coffee MCL Saturday Bowling MCL Creative Coloring MCK
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