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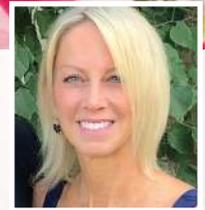
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DEAR RESIDENTS,

It's that time of year again, when the school year is winding down and calendars are full of noteworthy events, such as Mother's Day, weddings, proms, graduations, awards nights, and field days. Everyone is anxious for summer, and that goes for me as well!

This month, we feature the Pritchett family. Young families like AJ, Erin, and daughter Ellie are Batavia's future. They bring a lot of energy and passion, and they are happy to have chosen Batavia as their home. You can read about them on p. 6.

Also in this month's issue, you will find information on the Batavia Woman's Club and how to become a member, some useful advice from a few expert contributors, and a calendar full of things to do this spring.

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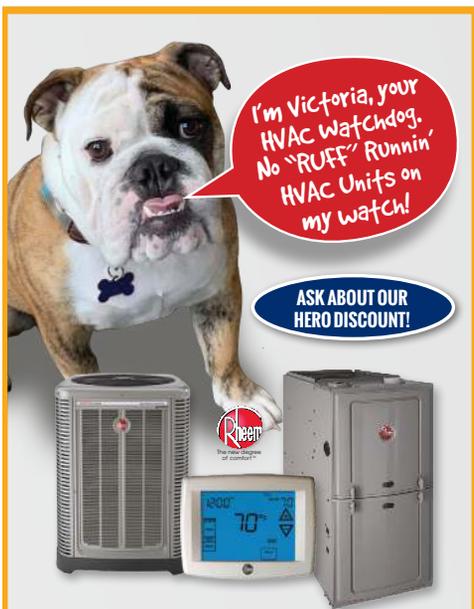
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Batavia Woman's Club



Lending a Helping Hand

BY LEIGH ANN KLAUS | PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE BATAVIA WOMAN'S CLUB

When it comes to their mission, members of the Batavia Woman's Club (BWC) believe Audrey Hepburn said it best: "As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands – one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." These words reflect what BWC is all about – enhancing the lives of others through community service and giving, all while having fun and making friends in the process.

In 1892, 12 Batavia women formed the Woman's Colombian Club and met regularly in each other's homes. Five years later, they changed the name of their group to the Batavia Woman's Club. These women were interested in learning more about social, environmental, and other issues affecting women and children. Over the last 133 years, the club has grown substantially and expanded its reach but still stays true to its roots. "Our success in aiding the community is directly related to our club members who give their time and energy," says Cynthia Kieckhefer, BWC president.

Now, with more than 85 members throughout the Fox Valley and beyond, the club has its "hands" in numerous efforts in and around the community, including the following:

- Charity luncheon and fashion show – Past events have benefitted Mutual Ground, Rise from the Ashes, CASA Kane County, CHIP IN, Valley Sheltered Workshop, and others.
- Plant sales for scholarships – Money raised helps middle school students attend STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) summer camps.
- Special event fundraising and service – Things like a garage sale and other

fun events have raised money for the Batavia Depot Museum and the Batavia Flag Day Monument, as well as Tri-City Family Mental Health Services.

- Community service – BWC is always willing to lend a hand when needed.
- Supporting local charities – Local groups such as Mutual Ground, the Batavia United Way, Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry, Lazarus House, Fox Valley Hands of Hope, and others have been the focus of the club's efforts in the past. "The BWC is always ready and able to step up to the plate to help these groups when called upon," says Cynthia.

The BWC holds monthly dinner meetings on the first Monday of the month, which usually include a speaker or presentation. But it's not all business – club members like to socialize and have fun as well by holding events throughout the year. If you are interested in learning more about the Batavia Woman's Club, send an email to bwc1892@gmail.com and arrange to attend a general meeting, or visit the club's website at www.bataviawomansclub.org.





THE PRITCHETT FAMILY BELIEVING IN FATE

BY LEIGH ANN KLAUS
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When AJ and Erin Pritchett purchased their home in Batavia, they believed it was their destiny. They had been renting the top floor of a house on South Water Street for a few years but were thinking about buying something of their own. Then, when they returned home from their honeymoon in 2020, they noticed a “for sale” sign in the front yard of the house next door. They leaped at the opportunity. “We felt it was fate, as we love our neighborhood and community,” they share. “And it was the easiest move of all time, as we just walked everything over with a dolly!”



AJ and Erin are the kind of people everyone wants as neighbors. Energetic and personable, they view events in their life as opportunities to meet new people, try something new, or just have fun. High school sweethearts, the two have known each other since middle school. They both attended Lisle High School – AJ graduated in 2013 and Erin in 2104. AJ then joined his dad and went to work in the family business, Great Guys Cleaning & Concierge, which provides carpet cleaning and air duct cleaning services. He has been there for about 10 years and says he is proud to grow the business into a well-known and respected name in the Fox Valley community.

Erin attended North Park University in Chicago and earned a bachelor's degree in music performance. While in college, she was captain of the dance team as well as a member of the opera production program, gospel choir, and chamber singers. After college, she got a job coaching the dance team at Metea Valley High School in Aurora. She has now been the head coach for eight years and has loved the challenge of growing the program from the ground up, leading the team to multiple state IDTA titles. Erin also held several clerical positions at the school and worked at Pal Joey's for seven years as a bartender, server, and manager. However, with the birth of their daughter a little more than a year ago, she wanted a position with a more traditional work schedule, so she accepted a job at the Holmstad in Batavia. "I enjoy getting to use my passions and skills planning events to bring staff and residents together," she says.

The Pritchetts love to adventure. After they got married in September of 2020, they hit the road for their honeymoon in their beloved camper, nicknamed "Clippy," and spent two weeks exploring the western United States. Clippy is also great for one-night stays at Illinois State Parks, where they can hike and cook meals over a campfire. AJ and Erin also make it a tradition to attend the Indianapolis 500 every year with a group of friends and family members. "The group has grown every year, and now we are up to 20 people who all camp and attend the race together," they say. AJ is a big racing fan, and he competes in iRacing competitions. He has won a number of titles and podiums.

In January of 2024, AJ and Erin's lives changed dramatically when their daughter Ellie was born. "She is the light of our life!" Erin gushes. "She is smart, funny, and active. She loves to talk, dance, and play with her pets!"

The pets Ellie loves so much are two cats, Ziggy and Dolly, and a dog named Pippa. The family adopted Dolly and Pippa from Anderson Humane, although AJ actually "met" Pippa while on a job at a family's home. "Pippa ran right up to AJ for pets and kisses, which is a normal day on the job for him," Erin explains. But this time turned out to be different, as the family asked him, "Do you want to keep her?" The family had been fostering Pippa as she was recovering from leg amputation surgery. AJ and Erin fell in love with her and brought her home with them a few days later. "She is the best dog we could ever ask for!" they say. "Pippa the tripod is a bit famous in our neighborhood, and people are so surprised to find out that she only has three legs with how great she gets around!"

Although AJ and Erin moved to Batavia in 2017 because of AJ's business, they feel it was the perfect move for other reasons as well. In fact, they love it so much that last May, they convinced Erin's mom to leave her lifelong home in Lisle and settle just a few blocks from them. "She is loving it!" Erin says. They all love being close to downtown Batavia, the Fox River Trail, and the Quarry. They also enjoy trips to the Batavia Library, local parks, and the Comedy Vault for a night out. "Our neighbors and community have always made us feel welcome and safe," they say. "Batavia is such a wonderful place to live and work and grow our family."





A Dazzling Milestone

K. HOLLIS JEWELERS' 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

BY DANI JEFFERSON | PHOTOS BY K. HOLLIS

K. Hollis Jewelers marked two decades in business with an unforgettable 20th Anniversary Celebration on April 5, bringing together loyal customers, friends old and new, and a day full of sparkle, surprises, and heartfelt moments.

The event featured a special performance by Ms. Illinois Universe Ambassador USA, Carmen Santiago-Keenon, who wowed the crowd with her powerful performance of "Valerie" by Amy Winehouse. One of the most talked-about moments? A surprise flash mob choreographed and led by owner Karen Hollis herself to "Raise Your Glass" by P!nk—an uplifting tribute to the community that's supported the store over the years.

Guests enjoyed live music from Regina Rice, delicious drink specials, and the highly anticipated debut of K. Hollis Jewelers' expanded lab-grown diamond fine and fashion jewelry collections—including the launch of Bare Brilliance, a brand-new line featuring a sleek floating setting with zero visible prongs.

The grand finale of the day was the announcement of the winner of the 2-carat lab-grown diamond raffle—longtime customer and friend of the store, Debbie Paulsen.

Hollis Jewelers thanks everyone who came out to celebrate this milestone and looks forward to many more sparkling years ahead.



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Karen with some staff



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BATAVIA PLAIN DIRT GARDENERS ANNOUNCE NEW SCHOLARSHIP

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BY PENNY MCDOWELL

The Batavia Plain Dirt Gardeners have established a scholarship for a graduating high school student who plans to pursue a career requiring an associate or bachelor's degree in horticultural science fields such as agriculture, botany, conservation, ecology, environmental science, forestry, or land management.

The scholarship amount is \$2,000, and applicants must currently reside within the boundaries of Batavia Public School District 101. The application must be completed and submitted to Batavia Plain Dirt Gardeners by Friday, May 30, 2025; the winner will be notified by email by Monday, June 30, 2025. The financial award is for education tuition and shall be paid directly to the institution the recipient will be attending. Applications can be obtained by visiting bataviaplainedirtgardeners.org or emailing bataviaplainedirtgardeners@gmail.com.

"Batavia Plain Dirt Gardeners are honored to be able to help further the education of a Batavia student," say Doris Trout club president. "The organization promotes a love of sustainable gardening and the natural world through education and volunteerism. This new scholarship helps fulfill that mission."

Batavia Plain Dirt Gardeners, a 501(c)(3) organization, supports and conducts educational and informational activities that promote gardening and support the Batavia Wildflower Sanctuary and other community projects related to gardening and native plant preservation. BPDG provides a network wherein gardeners can share their expertise and further a strong and growing interest in gardening.

The Batavia Plain Dirt Gardeners is open to all persons interested in gardening. For more information, see our website at bataviaplainedirtgardeners.org, or contact us at bataviaplainedirtgardeners@gmail.com



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HOW TO COPE WITH MARKET VOLATILITY



BY SCOTT GREEN OF EDWARD JONES

The financial markets always go through periods of instability. And we may see more of that now, given concerns about tariffs, inflation, and the economy. As an investor, how can you deal with this volatility?

Some investors try to take advantage of market ups and downs by attempting to follow the age-old advice to “buy low and sell high” — that is, they seek to buy stocks when they feel prices have bottomed out, and they sell stocks when they think the market has reached a high point. In theory, this is a great idea, but in practice, it’s essentially impossible because no one can really predict market highs and lows.

Rather than trying to anticipate highs and lows, your best strategy for coping with the price fluctuations of the financial markets is to diversify your investment portfolio by owning a mix of stocks, bonds, and other types of securities. Different types of financial assets can move in different directions at any given time — so, for example, stocks may be up while bonds are down, or vice versa. If you only owned one of these types of assets and the market for that asset class was down, your portfolio could take a bigger hit than if you owned a variety of asset types.

And you can further diversify within individual asset categories. Stocks can be domestic or international, large-company or small-company — and these groupings can also move in different directions at the same time, depending on various market forces. As for bonds, they too don’t always move in a uniform direction or at least with the same intensity — for instance, when interest rates rise, bond prices tend to fall, but longer-term bonds may fall more than shorter-term ones, which are closer to maturity with fewer interest payments remaining. Conversely, when rates are falling, longer-term bonds may be more attractive because they lock in higher yields for a longer time. Consequently, one diversification technique for bonds is to build a “ladder” containing bonds of varying maturities.

Some investments, by their nature, are already somewhat diversified. A mutual fund can contain dozens, or even hundreds, of stocks or a mixture of stocks and bonds. And different mutual funds may have different investment objectives — some focus more on growth, while others are more income-oriented — so further diversification can be achieved by owning a mix of funds.

Furthermore, some investors achieve even greater diversification by owning alternative investments, such as real estate, commodities, and cryptocurrencies, although these vehicles themselves are often more volatile than those in more traditional investment categories.

While a diversified portfolio is important for every investor, your exact level of diversification — the percentages of your portfolio devoted to stocks, bonds, and other securities — will depend on your individual risk tolerance, time horizon, and financial goals. You

may want to consult with a financial professional about creating the diversified investment mix that’s right for your needs.

Ultimately, while diversification can’t guarantee profits or protect against all losses, it can help you reduce some of the risks associated with investing and better prepare you to deal with the inevitable volatility of the financial markets — two key benefits that can help you over the many years you’ll spend as an investor.

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Beyond the Hustle



A FRESH APPROACH TO SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS GROWTH



BY MICHAEL SHOULTZ, PHD, HUMAN POTENTIAL ARCHITECT
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THREE-PART SERIES: LEAD BOLDLY: INSIDE-OUT STRATEGIES FOR BUSINESS GROWTH

What does it take to grow a successful business today? Ask a room full of business owners, and you'll hear answers shaped by today's fast-paced, high-pressure environment: "We need more visibility." "We need to adapt to AI and tech shifts." "We need to retain good people." "We need more time."

All valid. All real.

But in the race to scale, many leaders are discovering what's missing isn't just a smarter strategy—it's a stronger foundation. One that starts with clarity, connection, and the courage to lead from the inside out.

As a business coach and cultural strategist, I've had the privilege of working with both small business owners and decision-makers in larger organizations. Regardless of size or sector, the businesses that thrive share a common trait: they are grounded. They know who they are, what they stand for, and where they're headed. And perhaps most importantly, they take time to align their people, processes, and plans with that core identity.

In this first article of a three-part series, we'll explore what it means to power your business growth from the inside out—and why doing so is more important now than ever.

The Growth Trap: More Isn't Always Better

In our high-speed, hustle-focused world, growth is often equated with doing more. More clients, more revenue, more marketing, more hours. But doing more doesn't always lead to growing better.

When growth is reactive—driven by pressure instead of purpose—it leads to burnout, staff turnover, and misaligned decision-making. I've seen business owners lose themselves in the whirlwind, and teams become disconnected from the mission that once inspired them.

That's why sustainable growth starts with reflection, not reaction.

Step One: Anchor in Purpose

Every business has a purpose beyond profit. It's the reason your company exists—what gets you out of bed in the morning and keeps you going through tough times. Yet as businesses scale or face new challenges, it's easy to drift from that original "Why."

If you haven't recently revisited your business's purpose, values, and vision, now is the time. Ask yourself:

- What impact are we here to make?
- What do we stand for?
- How are those beliefs reflected in the way we lead, hire, and serve?

When your purpose is clear and communicated consistently, it becomes a powerful filter for decision-making and a magnet for like-minded employees and customers.

Step Two: Align Your People

Your team is your greatest growth asset—but only if they feel aligned and engaged.

Alignment means more than just knowing the company mission. It's about helping each person see how their individual role connects to the bigger picture. When team members feel valued and included, they become invested. They innovate. They stay.

Start by asking:

- Does every team member know how their work contributes to our goals?
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In my work helping leaders strengthen team relationships and emotional intelligence, I often support businesses in learning how to communicate more clearly and work together more effectively. These insights don't just reduce conflict—they unlock collaboration and increase trust, both of which are critical to growth.

Step Three: Focus with Intention

Once you're grounded in purpose and your people are engaged, it's time to prioritize. Not everything that's urgent is important. The most effective business leaders I coach are intentional. They make space for strategic thinking. They create margin, not just momentum.

This might mean:

- Blocking regular time to review long-term goals
- Saying no to projects that don't align with your core focus
- Delegating more so you can lead better

Growth isn't about doing everything—it's about doing what matters well.

Final Thoughts

In times of economic uncertainty or rapid change, the temptation is to speed up. But real power comes when you pause, reflect, and grow from the inside out.

When your business is rooted in purpose, your team is connected, and your strategy is intentional, growth becomes a byproduct of alignment—not exhaustion.

In the next article, we'll explore how to scale your business through uncertainty without losing your soul—or your sanity.

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BY GREG SPEARS

At Ken Spears Construction, we believe in creating inspired outdoor spaces that turn everyday moments into extraordinary experiences. From cozy fire pits to elegant pergolas and outdoor kitchens, we specialize in remodeling that brings comfort, style, and personality to your yard. Your backyard should be more than just a patch of grass—it should be your sanctuary. A place to gather, to unwind, and to feel at home. Ready to reimagine what your outdoor living can be? Here are seven ways to create a backyard retreat you'll never want to leave.

1. Incorporate a Fire Pit

A fire pit becomes an instant gathering spot, offering warmth, ambiance, and a place to unwind. Whether you prefer wood-burning or gas, the flicker of flames invites connection. Surround it with comfortable seating and soft lighting for a space that draws you in night after night.

2. Include a Functional Outdoor Kitchen

Outdoor kitchens extend your living space and elevate hosting. A thoughtfully designed setup with built-in appliances, ample prep surfaces, and weatherproof finishes makes outdoor cooking effortless. Add shade and lighting to keep the space inviting day or night.

3. Choose Quality Outdoor Furniture

Durable, weather-resistant furniture sets the stage for comfort and longevity. Choose materials like teak or powder-coated metal, and layer in cushions and textiles in fade-resistant fabrics to make your space feel like an extension of your home.

4. Maximize Your Space

Whether you're working with a small yard or a sprawling landscape, strategic design makes all the difference. Multi-level patios, vertical gardens, and built-in seating help define areas and make

the most of every square foot, turning even compact spaces into functional retreats.

5. Incorporate Shade Structures

Add comfort and style with gazebos, pergolas, or sunrooms. These structures not only provide relief from the elements but also help create defined zones for dining, lounging, or relaxing poolside. Bonus: They extend the season for enjoying your backyard.

6. Add Natural Touches

Blending nature into your design creates a sense of calm and connection. Use native plants, stone paths, wood textures, and a mix of flowers or grasses to soften hard edges and ground your space in the surrounding environment.

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7. Make It Personal

The most memorable backyards reflect the people who live there. Add ambiance with string lights, lanterns, or a fire feature. Bring in movement and tranquility with a small fountain or pond. Layer in outdoor rugs, throw pillows, or a favorite sculpture. Whether it's a quiet reading nook or a yoga mat tucked under the trees, these personal touches transform your yard into a true sanctuary.



Ready to Get Started?

At Ken Spears Construction, we're here to help bring your backyard vision to life. Whether you're dreaming of a gourmet outdoor kitchen, a peaceful garden escape, or a multifunctional entertaining space, we'll design and build a space that feels like home. Explore our portfolio, schedule a consultation, and let's start planning your perfect outdoor retreat.

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BY KIM CAMPBELL, PARAMOUNT THEATRE | PHOTO BY LIZ LAUREN

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Most importantly, they trust Paramount to deliver on each performance of every show, year in and year out. They also know they're a part of the Paramount family, and a team of dedicated professionals is ready to help them with everything from ticket exchanges to restaurant recommendations to accessibility needs.

So, if you've yet to experience Paramount, why should you make the trip?

Well... go for the lavish costumes and grand sets. Go for the magnificent choreography and astonishing acting. Go for the unforgettable stories. Because when that curtain goes up, the thunderous overture begins and the towering set comes to life, it's all about the journey the artists and audience take together.

And Paramount has got some amazing stories to tell on its stages:

At Paramount Theatre

Think you've seen *Cats*? Think again! Paramount is reinventing this seven-time Tony Award winner: it's cirque meets *Cats* for a whole new era of feline fans. You've never seen this iconic musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber quite like this. On stage April 30 – June 15.

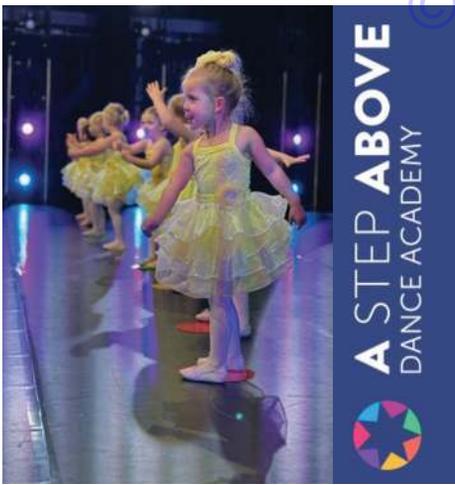


Emily Kristen Morris and Beth Stafford Laird in Paramount's production of Disney's *Frozen the Broadway Musical*

At Stolp Island Theatre

Paramount opened the brand new, immersive Stolp Island Theatre last year with *Million Dollar Quartet*, and the show continues to play to rave reviews and sold-out audiences. You'll sit in a replica of Sun Studio and be a fly on the wall as Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, and Jerry Lee Lewis perform a rockin' show with hits like "Hound Dog," "Walk the Line," and "Great Balls of Fire." With only 98 seats in the place, you're sitting close enough to be stepped on by some blue suede shoes. On stage now through June 29.

When you think of live entertainment, think about one of the country's leading theaters located right in your backyard. Think Paramount Theatre. Visit ParamountAurora.com today.



A STEP ABOVE DANCE ACADEMY HOLDING

Annual Recital

BY SHANNON CLAYBORN OWNER/ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, A STEP ABOVE DANCE ACADEMY

A Step Above Dance Academy (ASA) will be holding its 2025 Annual Dance Recital on Sunday, June 8, at West Aurora High School. There will be two shows, 12 pm and 4 pm, both highlighting the dedicated and talented dancers who have spent their time training and preparing with the ASA teaching faculty.

Dancers of all ages and levels will be taking the stage to showcase the hard work they have put into classes this year. A Step Above Dance Academy strives to provide strong technical dance training while also instilling a love and joy for dance in all of our students. Through a safe, encouraging, creative, positive, and respectful studio environment, dancers train in many styles of dance, including ballet, jazz, contemporary, tap, hip hop, and more, all of which will be on display at this year's recital.

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BY LEIGH ANN KLAUS

Elderday Center, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that has been providing adult day engagement services in the Tri-Cities for more than 35 years, will be hosting its annual fundraising gala, "Celebrating Dementia's Champions," on May 15 to support senior adults with mild to moderate cognitive and/or physical challenges.

Calling them the "pearls of our community," Elderday provides an environment where these older adults can retain some independence but also receive the supervision and care they need. It offers dementia-friendly daily activity programs in a structured environment at both its Batavia and Elgin locations.

By offering a therapeutic activity program that incorporates music and pet therapy, speakers and presentations, parties, and special events, along with a hot lunch and two snacks a day and plenty of opportunities to socialize, Elderday is a blessing in the lives of many families. As stated by the daughter of one of Elderday's "Pearls," "I have no words and can't say enough about this place and staff. She is finding familiar faces and getting more comfortable every day. Our family is forever grateful!"

Elderday is more than just a "babysitting service." Staffed with RNs and nurse practitioners, Pearls are monitored for physical wellness and medications and are assessed for depression and anxiety. Staff are trained in the management of dementia and memory loss, and the committed volunteers who show up every day are there to serve, not to work, says Michael Cobb, Executive Director of Elderday Center.

Elderday's annual fundraising gala will be held on Thursday, May 15, at Riverside Receptions in Geneva, from 5:30-8:30pm. It will be an evening of good food, music, and dancing, and a celebration of the Fox Valley area Dementia Champions. Visit elderdaycenter.org for tickets and more information.

Elderday wishes to thank the following sponsors of their annual fundraising gala:

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