



Brain Injury Alliance

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East Central Area Chapter

Support and Advocacy

Advocacy, Support and Education for Persons with Brain Injuries and Their Families In Benton, Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn and Washington Counties

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CELEBRATE LIFE!!! CELEBRATE THOSE WHO HELP US!!!

On March 26 the East Central Chapter of the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa celebrated the lives of survivors with the recognition of the many individuals, agencies, and groups who have made significant contributions to our chapter. Also recognized were those who provide ongoing treatment and support to those with brain injuries and disabilities. This year we also recognized those advocating for bike safety and awareness of concussions.

We had Doug and Jill Beardsley as our speakers sharing the story of their journey as Doug is one of the rare survivors of HSV1 encephalitis (herpes simplex virus). Doug was diagnosed in November of 2016, had further complications and required surgery and removal of part of his brain. Their talk was informative and eye-opening as they have advocated for Doug. We appreciate their willingness to present their story.

Those individuals and organizations receiving certificates of appreciation were:

- ★ Camp Courageous
- ★ Cedar Rapids Corvette Club
- ★ Cedar Rapids Metro Pilot Club
- ★ Goodwill of the Heartland
- ★ Grant Wood AEA
- ★ Horizons Family Services
- ★ Holy Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA
- ★ Marion Hy-Vee Catering
- ★ Mercy Medical Center & Print Shop
- ★ Neighborhood Transportation
- ★ REM Iowa
- ★ Peer Action Disability Support
- ★ UnityPoint-St.Luke's & Volunteer Services
- ★ Uptown Bill's Coffee House
- ★ Yellow Cab of Iowa City
- ★ Duffy Schamberger
- ★ Stuff, Etc.
- ★ Megan Andresen with REAP
- ★ Maggie Beavers
- ★ Shannon Sampson and Nicky Stansell with SAFE KIDS COALITION

Doug and Jill Beardsley



SPECIAL AWARDS for 2018:

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTER:

Wayne Martin and Dick Butschi from the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

LEADERSHIP:

Geoff Lauer and Brandie Richmann from the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa

OUTSTANDING BOARD MEMBER:

Lyle Kleman, Committee Vice-Chairperson

OUTSTANDING LEADER:

Kelly Martin, Committee Chairperson

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Regular Monthly Meetings

Iowa City Survivor/ Caregiver

Support Group

2nd Monday of each month
Uptown Bill's Coffee House
730 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City
For survivor transportation, call
Greg Thompson, (319) 351-5579
or e-mail dgregthompson72@
gmail.com

Iowa City Recreational Night

1st Tuesday of each month
Uptown Bill's Coffee House
730 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City
For information and survivor
Transportation, call
Greg Thompson, (319) 351-5579
or e-mail dgregthompson72@
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BIAIA-EC Advisory Committee Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each month
Location to be announced
For more information, contact
Kelly Martin, Pres.,
(319) 929-0500
or KMartin@Mercycare.org

Cedar Rapids "Beginning Again" Support group meeting

3rd Monday of each month
(except March and July)
Horizons Family Services Bldg
819 5th St. SE
For information and
transportation
Contact Jamee Weber
(319) 899-4243 by the Thursday
before a meeting
To cancel ride reservation call or
text (319) 981-1138

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Cedar Rapids area has events coming up where the Brain Injury Alliance, East Central Chapter will have a resource table with brochures and information. Our pamphlets cover support and advocacy for survivors and care givers of those with brain injury, concussions, strokes and many other neurological disabilities. Many other non-profit agencies will also be represented so these are wonderful opportunities to gain some knowledge, find resources and find support for survivors and families.

The annual American Disabilities Act (ADA) celebration for 2019 will be July 27 at the Kernel's stadium. WE APOLOGIZE THAT THIS NEWSLETTER MAY BE TOO LATE FOR THE REGISTRATION SIGN-UP BUT YOU CAN STILL ATTEND BY PURCHASING YOUR OWN TICKETS. The deadline to request or purchase game tickets at a special price is July 1, 2019. You must have a ticket to get into the stadium for any part of the day and evening. Contact Tom Hardecopf at (319) 892-5171 or e-mail to tom.hardecopf@linncounty.org. The schedule for the ADA celebration at the stadium is:

- 3:00 PM.....Registration begins
- 3:30 PM.....Picnic & activities (inside the stadium)
 - Dignitaries and Special guests
 - Learn about the ADA - We have more to do!
- 6:35 PM.....Kernels game followed by fireworks!!!

STAND DOWN 2019

The annual Stand Down Resource Fair and event day is Friday, September 6, 2019 at Veteran's Memorial Stadium. "The mission of the Five Seasons Stand Down is to connect homeless or near-homeless veterans and non-veterans to services that assist them in transitioning to community living. The service connections take place in a respectful, caring and friendly environment".

Gates open at 9:30am.

Resource Fair 11:00 – 1:00 PM

For more information contact Jo Bridgewater at Jo.Bridgewater@linncounty.org or 892-5160 or the ECBIA office at 393-1202.



Event Schedule

8:45 AM-9:45 AM	Participant Pick-up and Transport
9:30 AM-11:30 AM	Same Day Event Registration
9:30 AM	Gates Open
9:30 AM-10:30 AM	Continental Breakfast/Music/Social Time
10:30 AM-11:00 AM	Welcome & Opening Ceremonies
11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Resource Fair
1:00 PM-2:30 PM	Lunch & Door Prize Drawings
2:00 PM-3:00 PM	Evaluation & Wrap-up
2:30 PM-3:30 PM	Participant Return Transport

The Iowa Concussion Consortium

The Iowa Concussion Consortium will be holding the 3rd Annual conference on Thursday, July 11 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Coralville from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

Topics discussed in the presentations will include:

- The 2019 Iowa Concussion law changes and Return to Play and Return to Learn requirements;
- Learning best practice steps to be in legal compliance with the current law;
- Reviewing best practices for response to mild and more severe outcome from brain injury;
- Reducing short and long-term impact of concussions; and
- Increasing positive student outcomes and decrease school district liability.

The presenters are Michael Hall, PhD, neuropsychologist with the Iowa Veterans Affairs, Geoff Lauer, Executive Director of the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa, and Dakota W. Zientek, a college student talking about his experiences with life after brain injury. For more information and registration for the conference go to www.BIAIA.org or call 855-444-6443.

2019 Recognition Recipients



SUMMER MEETING AND PICNICS FOR SUPPORT GROUPS

Cedar Rapids

July 27 - ADA night at Veterans Memorial Stadium

August 19 - 6:00PM to 8:00PM

Advisory Committee sponsored picnic for survivors and families at Ellis Park Overlook Pavilion

September 16

Unmasking brain injury project at Horizons. Jamee Weber is the group caller. Her phone number is 899-4243 if you are not on the call list.

Iowa City

July 2/August 6

Recreational Night 7 to 8:30 PM card games, board games and discussion

July 8/August 12/September 9

Support Group 7:00 to 8:30pm with discussion on chosen topics

September 14 – 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM (tentative time)

Advisory Committee sponsored picnic for survivors and families at ST Morrison Park in Coralville. Greg Thompson is the caller for the Iowa City group. His phone number is (319) 351-5579.

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