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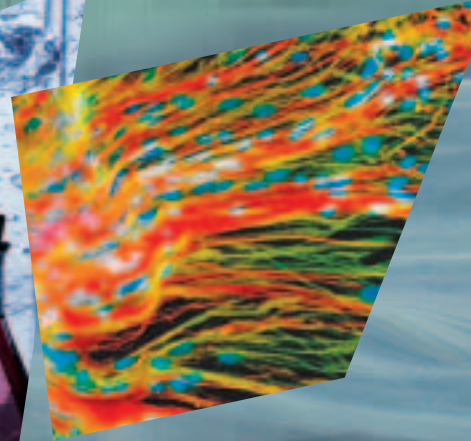
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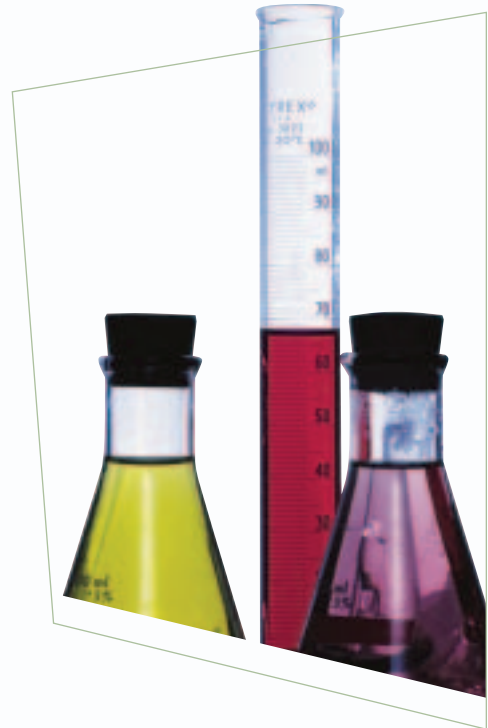
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Every 7 SECONDS another
Baby Boomer in America TURNS 50,
that's more than 12,000 people per day.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Perry'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Daniel Perry
Executive Director

As the Alliance for Aging Research approaches its twentieth anniversary, the science of aging has reached a turning point. We stand closer now to previously unimaginable scientific and medical advances than ever before. Our scientific discoveries may soon fulfill their great promise; and Americans are coming to realize the vast impact aging baby boomers will have on our world.

Call it the Silver Tsunami: the rising tide of chronic diseases of aging that threatens to engulf American health care in the 21st Century. For sheer size, economic impact and lack of precedent, the Silver Tsunami stands alone. Unlike bird flu or exotic infectious diseases that *may* come to our shores, a tidal wave of chronic illnesses and disabilities is a certainty with the aging of America's 77 million baby boomers.

We're living longer, but we're not necessarily living healthier. Americans are increasingly beset with a daunting array of age-associated health problems.

Already it is estimated that one in four Americans has multiple chronic infirmities such as arthritis, diabetes and high blood pressure. Many are further afflicted by assaults of aging including memory loss, movement disorders, depression, vision and hearing loss, frailty, loss of independence and social isolation.

To meet this challenge head-on, we must accelerate the pace of innovation and discovery, develop effective public policies that reflect the needs of an aging society, and improve health care for older Americans.

To succeed, we must imagine the possibilities and work in creative collaborations across disciplines to develop new products, therapies and behavioral strategies to delay, treat and cure disease.

The Alliance continues to be a strong voice for funding for the National Institutes of Health,

including the National Institute on Aging. Although the NIH budget doubled between 1998 and 2003, funding for the NIH in real dollars has been on a downward trajectory for the past three years. The doubling was widely heralded as a tremendous victory, but this current trend of decreased funding will stifle innovation and discourage new scientists. It is only through strong and consistent investment that we will reap the benefits needed to manage the Silver Tsunami.

In 2005, the Alliance was called upon to develop two white papers for delegates to the once-a-decade White House Conference on Aging. In addition, the Alliance succeeded in getting delegates to adopt aging research as one of the top 50 priorities for implementation by the White House policy committee.

Through its programs and outreach campaigns, the Alliance works to help individuals and thought leaders plan and prepare for the Silver Tsunami and the potential of a healthier aging population. The Alliance is increasingly sought out, both in the U.S. and internationally, as a resource and catalyst in the quest to achieve a brighter future for an aging society, where individuals remain healthier, more independent and productive throughout longer lives.

So in a sense, it's not the "perfect storm," but the perfect opportunity for us to apply what we know from science. We believe the Alliance is the right organization at the right time to continue to motivate innovation and intelligent policy decisions to prepare for the coming age wave.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

It's official! America's baby boomers have reached a new milestone—their 60s. From President George W. Bush and former President Bill Clinton, to Jimmy Buffett and Sally Field, leading-edge boomers are confronting what had previously been thought of as the beginning of a slow, steady decline in vitality, opportunity and even independence.

But, thanks to advances in medicine and science, today's baby boomers are entering their seventh decade with expectations for longer, healthier lives, with more opportunities than previous generations. Although advancements in basic science are impressive, including discoveries in cellular biology, the rise of genomics and regenerative medicine, much more work is needed to translate these discoveries to improve the quality of life for aging Americans.

In 2006, the Alliance continued its leadership and advocacy in promoting aging research as a national priority. We have worked in creative partnerships to forge strategies that will produce innovations that benefit millions of Americans and help stave off an economic crisis driven by uncontrollable health care costs.

The Alliance is playing a leadership role in a new coalition, whose mission is to accelerate the quest for a cure and treatments for Alzheimer's disease. Today 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's, a universally fatal disease. Estimates suggest that by 2010, Alzheimer's disease will affect one in ten people over age 65, or 5.6 million Americans, and that the cost of care will increase 75 percent to about \$160 billion annually in Medicare costs alone. We need to make discovery of new therapeutics and prevention of Alzheimer's disease an urgent national priority.



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Another exciting effort is the Alliance's work to develop biomarkers to measure human aging independent of chronological age. The goal is to provide a baseline against which future efforts to modify aging and age-related disease vulnerability will be measured and evaluated.

The Alliance is building broad-based support for a national Blue Ribbon Commission to raise and to sustain America's attention concerning the health care challenge of an aging nation. In five years, our largest generation will begin filling the Medicare rolls. They will confront a health care system already strained to its fiscal limits, yet which too often fails to provide appropriate, quality care for older patients. A Blue Ribbon Commission is an important step in formulating policy recommendations that will ensure comprehensive and appropriate change.

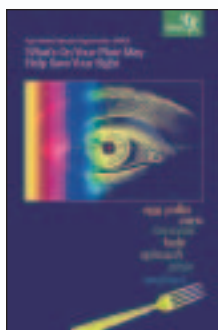
As officers and Board members of the Alliance, we are proud of its accomplishments, tenacity and focus in educating policymakers and the public about the benefits of biomedical research.

As we envision the future for an aging nation, the mission of the Alliance becomes ever more urgent. Together, we can accomplish a great deal towards increasing not only our life span, but also our health span.

During the twentieth century, LIFE EXPECTANCY at birth increased from 48 TO 74 years for MEN and from 51 TO ALMOST 80 years for WOMEN.

HEALTH PROGRAMS

► **ACT-AD Coalition** ACT-AD (Accelerate Cure/Treatments—Alzheimer's Disease) is a broad-based coalition of close to 50 national organizations seeking to accelerate the development of a cure and treatments for Alzheimer's disease. The coalition is dedicated to increasing public and government recognition that Alzheimer's is a life-threatening disease that requires urgent attention. To assess baby boomers' perceptions about the disease, ACT-AD commissioned a survey which found that they are concerned about the impact of Alzheimer's now and in the future. The coalition was launched at a press conference at the National Press Club in April 2006 and is chaired by Alliance Executive Director Daniel Perry. The coalition is growing and gaining momentum and provides information, updates and engagement through its website at www.act-ad.org.



► **Age-related Macular Degeneration** As part of an on-going effort to inform individuals about age-related macular degeneration (AMD), the Alliance created "What's On Your Plate May Help Save Your Sight," an educational brochure that teaches individuals about

how certain foods, nutrients and behaviors can provide a good defense against vision disorders.

► **Colon Cancer** In an effort to educate colon cancer patients and caregivers about the importance of active involvement in the treatment of the disease, the Alliance partnered with *Crossing Jordan's* Miguel Ferrer, whose father died of colon cancer, and medical experts to launch the *Colon Cancer: Caring for the Aging* program. The Alliance commissioned a survey of oncologists to explore the role of caregivers in patient care and decision-making. The Alliance promoted the campaign through media outreach and materials available on its website.

► **Men's Health** Results from a consumer survey that measured men's awareness of low testosterone (Low T) showed a general lack of awareness of the condition, and yet a willingness to treat symptoms associated with the disease. Using the survey results as a springboard, the Alliance launched the *Men's Health and Aging in America* campaign in April. The campaign aims to raise awareness of Low T, encourage testing for Low T, and educate the public about treatment options. The campaign kick-off was widely covered by broadcast media. Additionally, the Alliance Web site features a *Men's Health Corner* which provides resources to consumers.

Unless a cure is found, **14 MILLION**
AMERICANS will have
ALZHEIMER'S disease by **2050.**





► **Osteoporosis** Despite significant developments in bone health, major barriers exist to proper prevention and treatment of osteoporosis, which affects up to 44 million Americans. To better understand the barriers, the Alliance commissioned a survey of osteoporosis patients

and doctors that revealed a significant communication gap, both in terms of how the two groups talk about the disease, and how often.

The Alliance used the findings from its *Women's Bone Health Survey* to develop educational tools aimed at improving communications between patients and doctors. As part of the campaign, a panel of medical experts and members of Congress participated in a Capitol Hill briefing focused on improving prevention, diagnosis and treatment of the disease.



► **The Silver Book**

At a March press conference, the Alliance launched *The Silver Book: Chronic Disease and Medical Innovation in an Aging Nation*, and released the results of a national survey on the public's knowledge of chronic disease. *The*



Silver Book is an almanac that draws upon scores of authoritative studies and analyses by the government, industry, private organizations and prominent economists. Additionally, in May, a searchable and much-expanded version of *The Silver Book* (www.silverbook.org) was launched, allowing individuals to submit data to be considered for inclusion and receive the latest updates to *The Silver Book*.



The average **75-YEAR-OLD** suffers from **3** chronic conditions and takes **5** prescription medications.

POLICY

White House Conference on Aging

The White House Conference on Aging occurs once a decade and is designed to develop consensus on aging policy recommendations to the President and Congress for additional research, funding and action. In an effort to renew and increase investments in aging science, Public Agenda created a report for the Alliance and the American Federation for Aging Research called, "The Science of Aging Gracefully: Scientists and the Public Talk about Aging Research." The report is available at www.publicagenda.org. As a result of the Alliance's efforts, delegates agreed to include aging research as one of their top 50 priorities for implementation by the White House policy committee. In addition, the Alliance developed a briefing paper on housing options for older Americans.

Aging Research Funding

Friends of the National Institute on Aging is a new coalition of more than 50 non-profit organizations committed to the advancement of medical and health research into aging and diseases that affect millions of older Americans. Led by the Alliance for Aging Research, the primary objectives of the coalition are to raise awareness of NIA research and programs through a variety of activities, coordinate advocacy positions on broad, cross-cutting fiscal and policy issues, and serve as the focal point for communication about the needs of the NIA.

Friends of NIA submitted testimony to the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations calling for a 5% overall increase for the National Institutes of Health for fiscal year 2007, and underscored the need for additional resources for NIA to support myriad activities to support and sustain new investigators, which will have a positive impact on cultivating research in gerontology and geriatrics, particularly in light of the explosive growth of the older population in the U.S.

Improving Health Care for Older Americans

The Alliance is building broad-based support for a national Blue Ribbon Commission to raise and to sustain America's attention concerning the health care challenge of an aging nation. The Blue Ribbon Commission would be populated by Commissioners representing leaders in a variety of fields, such as health and medicine, business, law, economics, higher education, and the media. The Commission would play a vital leadership role in an effort to engage and educate the public and energize policymakers about the comprehensive changes needed to improve the quality of health care for older Americans. For more information about the Blue Ribbon Commission, contact the Alliance at (202) 293-2856.

Coalitions

The Alliance is a member of many coalitions that work to advance shared goals and objectives that support healthy aging. These include:

- ▶ **Improved Bladder Health and Support Coalition**
The coalition works to spur incontinence research, sponsor incontinence health education, and increase awareness of the condition among health care providers.
- ▶ **Leadership Council of Aging Organizations**
A coalition of the nation's non-profit organizations dedicated to preserving and strengthening the well-being of America's older population.
- ▶ **Living Proof Advisory Council**
This council provides advice to the national Living Proof educational campaign organized by States United for Biomedical Research and supported through a partnership with the National Institutes of Health.

► **Medicare Today**

Medicare Today is a broad-based partnership of more than 400 organizations representing seniors, patients, health care providers, caregivers, employers, and others with interests in Medicare. The mission of this nonpartisan partnership is to educate and inform Medicare beneficiaries, the media, and the public about the new benefits provided through The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003.

► **National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Partnership**

The Alliance is one of 57 organizations working to increase awareness of colorectal cancer among Americans in order to better prevent and treat the disease.

► **One Voice Against Cancer**

One Voice Against Cancer, a collaboration of national non-profit organizations representing millions of Americans, delivers a unified message to Congress and the White House on the need for increased cancer-related funding of research.

► **Partnership for Essential Nutrition**

The Partnership for Essential Nutrition is a broad-based group of non-profit consumer, nutrition and public health organizations formed in 2004 to promote programs, policies and research that will advance public understanding about the essentials of a nutritionally balanced diet for weight loss and health.

► **Partnership for Long-Term Health of Women**

The partnership is a national campaign bringing together women's, minority, health and aging groups to educate women about the health and disease risks they face. In addition, the partnership works to motivate women to make informed decisions and to take proactive measures concerning their health.

► **SOS Rx**

SOSRx is collaborative coalition convened by the National Consumers League to promote outpatient medication safety.

► **You Can! Steps to Healthier Aging**

You Can! is the aging component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Steps to a HealthierUS initiative, which encourages Americans of every age to make healthier choices for physical activity and exercise.



Nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of Americans
SUPPORT embryonic
STEM CELL RESEARCH.

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The Alliance for Aging Research continues to be a leader in the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research (CAMR), comprised of 94 patient groups, scientific and medical societies, foundations and major universities. The Alliance's Executive Director, Daniel Perry, currently serves as a vice president and director. CAMR is the principal group advocating for regenerative medicine, including stem cell research and somatic cell nuclear transfer, in order to cure disease and alleviate suffering. As a leading advocate for stem cell research, CAMR continued to raise awareness and Congressional support for H.R. 810, the "Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act." Under H.R. 810, the number of stem cell lines that are eligible for federally funded research would expand, accelerating scientific progress towards cures and treatments for a wide range of diseases and debilitating health conditions.



Sen. Orrin Hatch is joined by other congressional supporters and advocates at the press event held in May, marking the one-year anniversary of passage by the House Representatives of HR 810, and calling for action by the U.S. Senate.

CAMR was influential in passing H.R. 810 in the U.S. House of Representatives and actively worked to help pass this bill in the United States Senate, where bipartisan support led to approval in July 2006. Unfortunately, even with wide public and congressional support, the bill was vetoed by President Bush.

Despite this setback, CAMR continues to support federal funding for embryonic stem cell research on behalf of the millions of Americans who suffer from life-threatening diseases and debilitating disorders. Daniel Perry continues to be sought after by major media for interviews on the topic, and the Alliance will continue its mission to educate Americans in pursuit of finding treatments and cures for life-threatening diseases.

SAGE CROSSROADS

In its third year, SAGE Crossroads is the premier forum for emerging issues on aging. The online site provides ethical and public policy debates that follow advances in aging research. During the past year, this website has reached new heights of viewership and earned a "Webby Worthy Award," which recognizes sites, and the teams behind them, that demonstrate a standard of excellence. The website receives over 90,000 visitors per month and over 60,000 viewers to recent webcasts. The Alliance also reports that subscriptions to the SAGE Crossroads website have reached 4,000. SAGE Crossroads continues to probe new depths of prominent science and policy questions, while providing a valuable resource for policymakers, journalists and interested consumers.

The Alliance for Aging Research partnered on SAGE Crossroads with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the publishers of SCIENCE magazine. During the past year, SAGE Crossroads was sponsored by the

Archstone Foundation, Retirement Research Foundation and Atlantic Philanthropies. Renowned journalist Morton Kondracke serves as the debate moderator and chairman of the SAGE Editorial Board.

Discussions this year included:

- ▶ **Medical Innovations—Living Longer and Spending More?**
 - Dana Goldman, RAND
- ▶ **Social Determinants of Longevity and Mortality**
 - Sir Michael Marmot, Royal Free and University College Medical School
- ▶ **The Genetics of Longevity**
 - Matt Kaeberlin, University of Washington
 - Brian Kennedy, University of Washington
 - Marcie Sillman, KUOW reporter

The SAGE Crossroads website, www.sagecrossroads.net, contains a vast library of resources, including webcasts and podcasts from its 29 discussions and 130 related articles.

ALLIANCE OUTREACH

The Alliance aims to unite people of all ages in realizing the benefits of good health and longevity. As part of an ongoing effort, the Alliance has created outreach platforms to increase education and awareness among the public and policymakers on the importance of aging research.

Executive Director's Presentations and Publications

► 2005-Present:

Senior Contributing Editor for Public Policy for the recently re-launched *Journal of Rejuvenation Research*, edited by Aubrey de Grey, Ph.D., University of Cambridge, England

► October 2005:

Kaiser Permanente's Geriatric Strategic Planning Meeting for the Los Angeles Kaiser Permanente Medical Center (Los Angeles, CA)

► February 2006:

"Regenerative Medicine Under Attack in America: How Scientists and Patients Are Responding," World Congress for Freedom of Scientific Research (Rome, Italy)

► March 2006:

"Critical Issues in Vision and Aging: Economic and Policy Considerations," 8th National Eye Health Education Conference (Santa Fe, NM)

The Scientist, "In Pursuit of the Longevity Dividend," with co-authors, Jay Olshansky, Richard Miller and Robert Butler

► April 2006:

"The Research Imperative: A Curse or a Cure?," BIO 2006 Annual International Convention (Chicago, IL)

"The Burden of Chronic Disease in an Aging Nation," American Osteopathic Association Council on Federal Health Programs (Washington, DC)



"Readying U.S. Health Care for a Time of Healthy Aging and Longer Lives: What We Really Need from our Doctors," (Moderator), Milken Institute 2006 Global Conference (Los Angeles, CA)

► May 2006:

"Measuring Aging: How Will We Know When Interventions Work?" along with Johns Hopkins University Professor Karen Bandeen-Roche, Ph.D., Baylor College of Medicine (Houston, TX)

"Influencing Policy and Priorities in the US," *The Future of Ageing Research in the UK: A Vision for Action*; Funders' Forum for Research into Ageing and Older People (The Hague, The Netherlands)

► June 2006:

"Panel Discussion: Current Federal and State Issues," (Moderator) *Stem Cell Policy and Advocacy Summit II*, Genetics Policy Institute, Stanford University (Stanford, CA)

Alliance Website

The Alliance website, www.agingresearch.org, is an interactive online tool that provides a myriad of educational and informational resources such as quizzes, surveys, health topics, latest research and Alliance highlights on aging healthfully and independently.

Living Longer and Loving It Webzine

The Alliance continued its publication of the electronic newsletter, *Living Longer and Loving It*. This quarterly newsletter provides valuable tips and information on healthy aging, covering a wide range of topics from diet and nutrition to the latest breakthroughs in aging research. To subscribe or view past issues, go to www.agingresearch.org.

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

“Women will be living at later ages in a way which men will not,” said Dan Perry, the executive director of the Alliance for Aging Research in Washington, D.C. ... “This [boomer] generation of women redefined gender roles, gave new meaning to childbirth and family development, and will now be the first to experience longer, healthier and more vibrant lives than any other time in history.”

The Seattle Times

August 1, 2005

“As we move forward from here, we will be exposing the live wires of fear and the belief that such power cannot be in the hands of mere mortals,” says Daniel Perry, executive director of the Alliance for Aging Research and president of the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research.

Fortune Magazine

August 22, 2005

“Crossing Jordan” star Miguel Ferrer, who lost his father, Jose Ferrer, to colon cancer, is partnering with the Alliance for Aging Research in a program called “Caring for the Aging,” to educate colon cancer patients and caregivers about the importance of active involvement in the treatment of the disease.

Thousand Oaks Acorn

December 15, 2005

Aging is inevitable, built into our genes and set into motion the moment we are born. Life offers only two options: dying young or getting old. These days, increasing numbers of Americans are experiencing that second option. According to the Alliance for Aging Research, some 6,000 Americans turn 65 every day.

Deseret Morning News

February 27, 2006



Daniel Perry of the Alliance speaks at the ACT-AD Coalition launch press conference. He is joined by (left to right): Phyllis Greenberger, President and CEO, Society for Women's Health Research; Meryl Comer, journalist and patient advocate; and Steven Ferris, PhD, Executive Director of the Aging and Dementia Research Center at New York University's Silberstein Institute.

All women in your family live to be 90-plus, so you think you will, too. To test your theory, log on to www.livingto100.com and answer questions developed by the Alliance for Aging Research, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving Americans health and independence.

Real Simple Magazine

March 2006

Menopause in women and andropause in men are often accompanied by increased risks to cardiovascular disease, cancer, osteoporosis and diabetes. Low testosterone should be discussed with a doctor and, in some cases, treated with therapy.

The New York Times

March 14, 2006

Rudy Tanzi isn't as hot as A-Rod or Barry Bonds and, frankly, neither is his trading card. But publisher SAGE Crossroads hopes the geneticist's glossy—and those of 49 other scientific all-stars—will fuel public interest in trying to “unlock the mysteries of aging,” as the box says.

Wired Magazine

March 2006

Given our aging population, by the year 2040,
the number of **HIP FRACTURES** per year
is expected to exceed **500,000**.

“Buyer beware: These anti-aging clinics are marketing themselves as one-stop shops for getting tuned up after 60,” says Daniel Perry, president of the Alliance for Aging Research, a skeptical Washington [D.C.] group that advocates for the study of aging. “But people are spending a lot of money to get treatments that may not be medically necessary.”

Business Week

March 20, 2006

With the current pool of 36 million Americans aged 65 and older projected to double in the next 25 years, Alzheimer’s disease alone will cost a staggering \$400 billion in medical and caregiving costs, warned members of the Alliance for Aging Research at a news briefing in Washington.

United Press International

March 30, 2006

Daniel Perry, executive director of the Alliance for Aging Research, a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C., argues that older people are too diverse a group to simply be lumped together. “Not everyone ages at the same rate. As people get older the more likely they are to be unlike people of the same age.”

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

April 9, 2006

“The aging of the American population is wholly unprecedented,” says Daniel Perry, executive director of the Alliance for Aging Research.... Even more significant from a health standpoint,

Perry points out that the number of people 85 years of age or older will quadruple from 2000 to 2030. The

authors of *When I’m 64* add that the 2030 population will be more ethnically and racially diverse. Perry says, “This is an enormous social change, and it brings challenges and opportunities for people in medical research.”

Science

April 21, 2006

“Just ten percent of the American public correctly estimates their chances of getting cardiovascular disease, according to the Alliance for Aging Research which reported the findings. To help Americans learn more about chronic disease after age 65, the Alliance for Aging Research has created The Silver Book, an almanac called Chronic Disease and Medical Innovation in an Aging Nation.”

WJZW-Radio (Washington, DC)

“Low testosterone is potentially the hidden link between men’s health and serious medical conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, osteoporosis and depression,” says Daniel Perry, executive director of the Alliance for Aging Research. “Millions of American men experience it, but most don’t realize the difference between a natural decline in testosterone production and low testosterone which constitutes a genuine medical concern.”

About.com

May 21, 2006

Only a few years remain to prepare for this “silver tsunami” by accelerating medical science to seek protection from the devastating impact of heart disease, cancer, diabetes and neurodegenerative diseases (such as Alzheimer’s) on a mass scale.

USA Today

May 31, 2006

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Every seven seconds another **BABY BOOMER**
in America turns **50**, that’s more than
12,000 PEOPLE everyday.

EVENTS

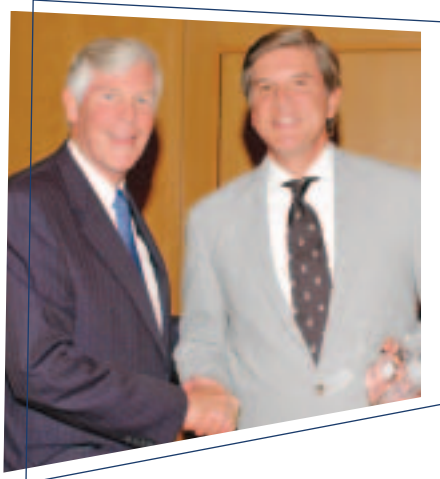
Wine Tasting

On May 8, 2006, the Alliance for Aging Research hosted its 5th annual "Aged to Perfection" wine tasting event at the Presidio Officers' Club in San Francisco. The event brought together individuals and executives from the biotechnology, health, finance, political and wine communities in an effort to support and advance aging research.

In keeping with their tradition of generosity, Launny Steffens, Chairman of the Alliance's Board of Directors, and his wife, Weezie, chaired this event, raising over \$200,000 for the Alliance.

In addition to the rare and distinctive wine choices, guests had the opportunity to sample marvelous cuisines prepared by some of the city's most renowned chefs. Featured chefs were the Ritz-Carlton's Jean-Pierre Dubray and Xavier Salomon, and Aqua's Laurent Manrique.

During the event, the Alliance presented San Francisco's Mayor, Gavin Newsom, with the Fifth Annual Alan Cranston Living Legend Award. As a fervent advocate for stem cell research, the Alliance recognized Mayor Newsom for his important work in establishing a home for California's Institute for Regenerative Medicine in San Francisco.



From left to right—Senator Connie Mack with Senator Gordon Smith (R-OR) recipient of the Connie Mack Award



From left to right- G. Steven Burrill, CEO of Burrill & Company; Mayor Gavin Newsom, Alan Cranston Award recipient; Daniel Perry, executive director of the Alliance for Aging Research

Awards Dinner

The Alliance for Aging Research held its 12th Annual Bipartisan Congressional Awards Dinner on September 13, 2005, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, DC. The highly successful, annual event hosted more than three hundred of the most important policymakers, prominent scientific researchers, representatives from the National Institutes of Health, corporate executives and numerous other esteemed members of the health policy and aging research community.

As part of the evening, the Alliance bestowed awards to two Congressional honorees. The inaugural Claude Pepper Award for Advancing Healthy Aging through Research was presented to Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) and supported by the Claude Pepper Foundation. The inaugural Connie Mack Award for Advancing Healthy Aging through Research was presented to Senator Gordon Smith (R-OR). Both honorees have been powerful advocates for medical research and technology to improve the health, independence and lives of aging Americans.

The event highlighted how policymakers work together to advance aging research and celebrated recent accomplishments. As part of its mission, the Alliance for Aging Research works to educate policymakers and the public at large about the contributions and promise of aging research.

FINANCIALS

<i>For the year ended June 30, 2006</i>	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Revenues				
Grants	\$ 40,000	\$ 913,790	\$ -	\$ 953,790
Contributions	450,729	65,532	-	516,261
Annual Dinner	351,656	-	-	351,656
Special Events	225,991	-	-	225,991
Interest Income	73,579	-	-	73,579
Publications	3,786	-	-	3,786
Net Assets Released from Program Restrictions	597,864	(597,864)	-	-
Total Revenues	1,743,605	381,458		2,125,063
Expenses				
Programs services:				
Health Education	533,353	-	-	533,353
Communications	82,677	-	-	82,677
Public Policy	148,802	-	-	148,802
Research & Professional Education	5,087	-	-	5,087
Total program expenses	769,919	-	-	769,919
Supporting services:				
Management and General	549,729	-	-	549,729
Fundraising	374,331	-	-	374,331
Total Supporting Expenses	924,060	-	-	924,060
Total Expenses	1,693,979	-	-	1,693,979
Change in net assets before return of grant funds and unrealized gain (loss) on investments				
	49,626	381,458	-	431,084
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(21,427)	-	-	(21,427)
Change in net assets	28,199	381,458	-	409,657
Net assets, beginning of year, 7/1/05	1,276,794	941,553	760,928	2,979,275
Net assets, end of year, 6/30/06	\$1,304,993	\$1,323,011	\$ 760,928	\$3,388,932

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The Statement of Activities is taken from the Alliance for Aging Research Annual Independent Auditors' report. The financial position of the Alliance as of fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, and the results of its changes in net assets which is in compliance with generally accepted accounting principals. Copies of the full independent Auditor's Report are available upon request.

The Alliance for Aging Research is a not-for-profit organization and is exempt from income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to the Alliance are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.



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