



SENATOR JIM ALESI



Community Update: 11/2/11

Farm Bureau of New York's "Circle of Friends" Distinction



I am honored to receive the New York Farm Bureau's (<http://www.nyfb.org/>) "Circle of Friends" (http://www.nyfb.org/resources/topic_detail.cfm?ID=429) Award for the 2011 Legislative Session. The award acknowledges Senate and Assembly members' active support of New York agriculture and the Farm Bureau. The New York Farm Bureau is the state's largest nonpartisan farm-advocacy organization.

As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business, I recognize the vital role agriculture plays in our District and throughout New York State. Farming supports countless families, creates jobs and puts food on our tables, and remains New York State's number one industry.

Farm Bureau President Dean Norton said, "The 'Circle of Friends' Award is based upon each legislator's voting record on issues of importance to New York agriculture and other evidence of legislative support, including sponsorship of bills that Farm Bureau has either supported, or opposed, throughout the Legislative Session."

I am proud to be a strong advocate for agriculture in New York State, and I will continue to work hard to see that farms can continue to flourish in our region.



Senator Alesi's 22nd Annual Family Health & Fitness Fair By the Numbers

The numbers are in from my 22nd Annual Health Fair! Over 150 healthcare professionals participated in providing testings and screenings to thousands of Monroe County residents. Listed below are the various testings and screenings followed by the number of individuals who benefitted from each one:

Blood Glucose: 400	Varicose Vein: 125
Blood Pressure: 200+	Cardiovascular Risk: 250
Cholesterol: 316	Fall Prevention Screening: 50
Hearing: 180	Ear Wax Screening: 120
Peripheral Artery: 200+	Prostate Screening: 89
Carotid Artery: 200+	Flu Shots: 433

Again, I would like to thank all of the health care professionals, vendors and sponsors for their continued support, and I am grateful to the thousands of Monroe County residents who attended. I look forward to seeing you at next year's Health Fair!

National Alzheimer's Awareness Month



November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. This month, we remember the loved ones we have lost to Alzheimer's, and we stand with the families, caregivers and medical professionals who improve the lives of those affected by this disease. In New York State, it is estimated that more than 320,000 people aged 65 and older are currently affected by Alzheimer's.

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) (<http://www.alzfdn.org/>) is hosting two initiatives this November aimed at raising awareness of this devastating brain disorder – [National Commemorative Candle Lighting](http://www.candlelighting.org/) (<http://www.candlelighting.org/>) on November 13, 2011 and [National Memory Screening Day](http://www.nationalmemoryscreening.org/) (<http://www.nationalmemoryscreening.org/>) on November 15, 2011.

As part of AFA's National Commemorative Candle Lighting, various Alzheimer's organizations, long-term care facilities and community groups will be lighting "candles of care" November 13th to remember people who have passed away or are living with Alzheimer's.

On November 15th, healthcare professionals will offer free, confidential memory screenings and information about Alzheimer's during AFA's National Memory Screening Day. Two screenings held in our communities are scheduled at Peace of Christ Parish from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Kmart Pharmacy's Health and Wellness Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Other screenings will be added to the AFA's website as more organizations sign up to participate.

During National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, we stand united in our commitment to improve healthcare for Alzheimer's patients and support the caregivers and families affected by this devastating brain disorder.

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