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MAY IS NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

Stroke Awareness Presentation for County Board and Public is Set for May 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Racine – Mark Gleason, Racine County Board Supervisor and stroke survivor, is coordinating a stroke awareness presentation to the Racine County Board of Supervisors, on May 2, 2017, at 6:30 pm at the Ives Grove Complex, 14200 Washington Avenue (Highway 20), Sturtevant. This presentation will be part of the regular County Board meeting.

Presenters include Dr. Hansen and Dr. Tom Wolfe, Neurologist and Stroke Prevention Specialist, both from Aurora St. Luke's. They will discuss the physical and neurological effects of stroke, signs of a stroke, and recommended actions in case of a suspected stroke. Supervisor Gleason will also share his personal experience with his stroke recovery.

The National Stroke Association holds Stroke Awareness Month annually in May. The National Stroke Association's mission is "to reduce the incidence and impact of stroke by developing compelling education and programs focused on prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and support for all impacted by stroke." According to the National Stroke Association:

- Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in America and a leading cause of adult disability.
- Each year about 185,000 people die from a stroke.
- Up to 80 percent of strokes can be prevented.
- There are nearly 7 million stroke survivors in the United States.

"Education and awareness are crucial factors for saving or supporting someone who is experiencing a stroke," Racine County Executive Jonathan Delagrave stated. "The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the presentation."

For stroke information and free awareness resources, visit the National Stroke Association online at www.stroke.org.

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