

Dementia in Indian Country: Gathering together for Brain Health



The Bad River Band of Lake Superior invites you!

FREE EVENT

Thursday, September 4, 2025

1:00-4:30 pm

Bad River Lodge & Casino

73370 US-2, Ashland, WI 54806

This is an education and fellowship program held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Native American Elder Association GLNAEA quarterly meeting. The program is supported by the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, with a focus on building awareness about Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia in Indian Country.



Bonnie McKiernan, whose spiritual name is Wāweyākēnōtenūhkiw, is an enrolled member of the Menominee Nation Tribe of Wisconsin and founder of Woodland Botanicals L.L.C., based on the Menominee Reservation. She has learned traditional healing practices from tribal elders and shares this knowledge through workshops at the College of the Menominee Nation and in the community. Bonnie develops herbal remedies as natural alternatives and brings her work to events through interactive, hands-on workshops to help incorporate the start of reconnecting to traditional medicines. Guided by the belief that "in natural healing there is never just one way," she emphasizes responsibility to community and planet, being open to multiple paths for healing, and personal initiative, reminding others that wellness begins with the intention: "I want to be well."



Dr. Ronald Petersen received a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota and graduated from Mayo Medical School in 1980. He completed an internship in Medicine at Stanford University Medical Center, a residency in Neurology at the Mayo Clinic, and a fellowship in Behavioral Neurology at Harvard University Medical School. A leading expert in Alzheimer's research, he served as Director of the Mayo Alzheimer's Disease Research Center for 33 years and currently leads the Mayo Clinic Study of Aging. He has authored over 1,000 peer-reviewed articles on memory disorders, aging, and Alzheimer's disease and has received numerous honors, including the MetLife Award, Potamkin Prize, and the Henry Wisniewski Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2011, he was appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to serve as the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Research, Care and Services for the National Alzheimer's Disease Plan and has served on the World Dementia Council.

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Agenda

1:00-2:00pm

Food will be served

2:00-3:00pm

Bonnie McKiernan

"Medicine for Healing of the Heart, Mind,
Body, and Soul"

3:00-3:30pm

Break and social time

3:30-4:30pm

Dr. Ronald Petersen

"How Much Forgetfulness Is Too Much?"

4:30-5:30pm

Break before dinner

5:30pm

Food will be served

5:30-7:30pm

Veterans' Gathering