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From left, Abington resident Fran Vultaggio, a sales consultant for the Allerton House Memory Care Program and Allerton House Assisted Living at Proprietors Green, enjoys a moment with Alzheimer's expert Joanne Koenig Coste, who recently spoke at Village at Proprietors Green in Marshfield.

Abington sales consultant attends Alzheimer's presentation

Abington resident Fran Vultaggio, a sales consultant for the Allerton House Memory Care Program and Allerton House Assisted Living at Proprietors Green, attended a presentation by *Learning to Speak Alzheimer's* author Joanne Koenig Coste at Village at Proprietors Green in Marshfield.

Koenig Coste encouraged the audience to "walk in the person's world," as a way to better understand the challenges of living with Alzheimer's disease. Koenig Coste spoke to a crowd of nearly 100 at the Marshfield senior living community, which has a Memory Care Program for individuals with Alzheimer's or related memory disorders. She shared her personal story about caring for her late husband who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in his mid-forties. November is National Alzheimer's Awareness month.

After outlining the three stages of Alzheimer's Koenig Coste answered questions from the

adult caregivers, who took notes and thanked her for her 30-year devotion to breaking new ground towards understanding how the health-care community and individuals can help their family members with Alzheimer's.

According to the Alzheimer's Association more than five million Americans are living with the disease and there are as many as 10 million family caregivers. The continuum of care at Village at Proprietors Green in Marshfield includes assisted living-memory care, as well as traditional assisted living and independent living.

The Memory Care Program's co-directors are Cara Kelly and Joyce Watson O'Neil, LICSW. A new early-stage Alzheimer's disease Support Group at Village at Proprietors Green meets the third Wednesday of every month. For more information or to schedule a personal tour of the Memory Care Program, call 781-834-7885. Or visit online at www.ProprietorsGreen.com.