“Homecare 101”

Rebecca Donovan is Division Director of Home Care for Westminster Communities of Florida. She has worked in varied capacities in the health care industry and is recognized as a top-performing Business Analysis/Management professional.

One CEU will be provided to all Guardian members in good standing.

Bring a friend /associate and join us for lunch. Please be sure to RSVP at the GAPC website.

A Special Thank You

The GAPC Board of Directors would like to recognize and thank the three major sponsors of our 2017 Annual Conference.

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Are You Interested in Serving on the GAPC Board?

Guardian Association of Pinellas County members in good standing who would like to influence the direction of the GAPC can have their say by becoming a member of the Board of Directors. The position requires you to attend monthly Board Meetings and participate in regular monthly meetings of the general membership.

Interested parties must submit a resume by email to Info@GuardianAssociation.org.

Monthly Calendar

**OCTOBER 11, 9:30 A.M.** GAPC BOARD MEETING
Palms of Largo - REGAL PALMS Bldg., VERANDAH ROOM

**OCTOBER 11, 11:30 A.M.** ASSOCIATION MEETING
Palms of Largo - CYPRESS PALMS Bldg., 400 Lake Avenue NE, Largo, 1 CEU available

**OCTOBER 27, 9:00 A.M.** GAPC NETWORKING BREAKFAST
The Seasons Largo, 4175 East Bay Drive, Largo 33764

Please RSVP to Association Website

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT...

A big thank you to all that had a hand in making our 2017 GAPC conference a huge success.

A special thank you goes out to our Gold Sponsor Deeb Elder Law, Silver Sponsor Optum and our Bronze Sponsor Arden Courts.

I want to also recognize the many vendors, table sponsors, meal sponsors and many many more. It wouldn’t have been a success without everyone’s support.

We received good feedback surrounding the conference. I appreciate all who took the time to fill out an evaluation. This is the only way we can continue to grow and provide you with the conference that you are looking for.

I must also thank the speakers and all the time that went into preparing their presentations. The feedback was remarkable.

Before we get ready for the holidays, I’d like to remind everyone of our upcoming Board of Director seat election. If you are interested in being part of the board, please send your resume to info@guardianassociation.org. Won’t you join us?

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BYLAWS PASSED...

The GAPC ByLaws have passed. You may check them out at our website:

FINDING THAT LOST PENSION

It is not unusual to find that the ward’s entire residence has turned into a convenient filing system. Papers, statements, and correspondence are stacked on top of each other year after year. Now, it is the guardian’s job to go through every piece of paper, hopeful that you find some assets or income that will allow you to take care of your ward.

Under years of magazines, sweepstake offers, and bank statements, you find a check stub from a pension that your ward received decades ago. You add it to the growing stack of documents that you must research. Later, you pull out that check stub and try to search for the company on the internet. The company and the pension plan do not exist anymore.

Has the company and pension plan ceased to exist? Or has the company been acquired and sold off by other companies throughout the years? What happened to your ward’s pension benefits?

A United States government agency may be able to help you find that lost pension. The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) was created in 1974 to protect pensions. The PBGC will step in when either a pension plan is terminated by an employer or when the pension fund is in financial distress and applies for PBGC to take over the pension plan. The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation currently oversees thousands of pensions.

The PBGC establishes a maximum monthly guarantee for a 65 year-old retiree. For 2017, the monthly maximum payment was $5,369.32. Benefits that the PBGC will guarantee are:

- Pension benefits at normal retirement age
- Most early retirement benefits
- Annuity benefits for survivors of plan participants
- Disability benefits (with exceptions)

In 2016, the PBGC paid $5.6 billion nationally to more than 860,000 retirees with an additional 530,000 retirees that will get their pension when they are eligible. With Florida’s large retirement population, the PBGC paid $414 million to 57,000 pensioners in 2016. Just in the Congressional Districts (Nos. 12, 13, and 14) of Tampa Bay, the PBGC paid $42 million to 6,000 pensioners in 2016.

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation only has authority over pensions. The PBGC cannot assist you with finding information about:

- 401(k) plans
- 403 (b) plans
- Profit-sharing plans
- Thrift saving plans
- Employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs)
- Money purchase plans

To find information on a pension plan, go to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation’s website at https://www.pbgc.gov/. There, you can search for unclaimed pensions, trusteeed pensions, and insured pensions.

Please note: If there is a topic you would like discussed in any of our upcoming monthly newsletter articles, please email it to:

aDiNatale@pinellascounty.org.

HOW TO CONTACT US:
If we can be of assistance, please call:
Division of Inspector General, PIU ............... 464-8371
Division of Inspector General, Fax ............... 464-8386
Probate Court Records .............................. 464-3321
Guardianship Hotline ......................... 45FRAUD (453-7283)
Everyday Essentials

The GAPC is collecting items for the indigent seniors in our community. Items needed include, but are not limited to the following:

- Shampoo
- Hairbrush
- Combs
- Soap
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Incontinence Products
- Body Wash
- Nail Polish
- Nail Polish Remover
- Tissues
- Cosmetics (powder, blush, lipstick)
- Costume Jewelry
- Lotion
- Aftershave
- Cotton Balls
- Greeting Cards (with stamp included on envelope)

Please donate new, unopened items. Bring your donations to our monthly luncheon or monthly networking breakfast.

If you know of a senior in need of Everyday Essentials, please email: eegapc@gmail.com.

PayPal

The Guardian Association of Pinellas County encourages all members and/or vendors to utilize PayPal for all transactions with the GAPC. You do not need to have an account to pay with PayPal.

Follow Us on Social Media

Guardians and Healthcare professionals can exchange ideas, ask questions, seek solutions, build a network, and receive helpful info/update through social messaging.