Don’t Miss Our Upcoming Member Meeting - Board of Director Elections Along With a Valuable Presentation!

Our November general meeting will be jam-packed with important and useful information. First, you will be introduced to our candidates for the 2020 Board of Directors. Each candidate will highlight their background and the talents they bring to our Board positions. Voting will follow for members.

Next, be prepared for a great presentation. We had such a tremendous response to Matt Weidner’s session at our Annual Conference, we wanted to hear from him again. If you missed his Conference presentation about protecting your ward’s right to privacy on the internet, you don’t want to miss him this time. Matt is a partner in the firm, Weidner, Bowman and Weidner, practicing civil litigation, representing clients in foreclosure actions, consumer and commercial finance transactions. He is also a compassionate advocate for consumer rights. One CEU is provided for Guardian members in good standing.

See you Wednesday, November 13th, 11:30 a.m. at Cypress Palms in Largo. Please RSVP at our GAPC’s website.
Thank you to all those that have served on our Committees this past year. We appreciate your commitment and diligence.

There will be no committee meetings in November and December due to the new Board of Director’s Retreat in December. At that time new Committee Chairs will be determined.

If you are interested in working on one of the Committees, please reach out to the new Chair of that Committee or please feel free to email the GAPC at Info@GuardianAssociation.org.

Welcome to our new members!

Tom Camp
Aging Resource Management, LLC

Jaclyn Goldsby
Southern Comfort Home Care

Tracy Murphy
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Susan Ross
We’re Always There - Custom Home Care

Michelle Tevlin
Southern Comfort Home Care
There are currently five vacancies on the Board. Those newly elected directors would serve for the 2020/2021 term. Below, please find a brief introduction of each candidate. During our November 13th meeting each candidate will be able to give more information about their background, qualifications and talents. Members attending this meeting will be able to vote at that time. An email ballot will also be provided to those members not in attendance. Please keep in mind, that for Corporate Memberships, the individual listed as Owner or Designated Representative will be the only individual eligible to vote. Winners will be announced in December on both our Facebook page and the GAPC website.

**Lori Clark** is a **Professional Guardian** in Pinellas County and a graduate of the Florida Professional Guardianship Training Class of 2017. She is also a member of the Guardian Association. Lori currently works as an LPN and has done so in many outlets for close to 20 years. Lori would like to help educate the public about guardianship.

**Eileen Dougan** is a **Professional Guardian** in Pinellas County, member of the Guardian Association and owner of Lifestyle Coordinator of Tampa Bay. She served in the United States Navy as a Hospital Corpsman and over the last ten years has worked for organizations that have honed her managerial and organizational skills. Eileen states that she sees the importance of providing educational support to GAPC members, sharing information about the complex roles of guardians and supporting the growth of newer guardians. She looks forward to helping to educate the public about the value of guardianship.

**Aubrey Posey, Esq.** is a private lawyer practicing guardianship law with the Hitchcock Law Group. Prior to that she was a Legal Advocate for the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. Aubrey has been a member of the Guardian Association for six years, during her tenure with both the Ombudsman Program and now with the law firm. She feels she would bring a wealth of varied legal experience to the Board, as well as her public relations training in community organizations.

**Lory Smeltzer** is President and CEO of Advanced Senior Solutions, Inc, a geriatric care management organization, is a certified Care Manager and holds a Masters of Public Health. She has been a member of the Guardian Association since 2000. She believes her ability to bring those with different viewpoints together, her communication skills and ability to keep herself and others focussed on the task at hand would be an asset to the Board.
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The GAPC is collecting items for the indigent seniors in our community. New, unopened 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
Greeting Cards (with stamp included on envelope)

Tissues
Cosmetics (powder, blush, lipstick)
Costume Jewelry
Lotion
Aftershave
Cotton Balls
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FROM THE CLERK’S OFF

- The Probate Magistrates have announced an update to their Report and Recommendation with the following language: “If the ward owns real property, the Guardian(s) shall forward a copy of the Letters of Guardianship to the property appraiser’s office in the county where the property is located. The Guardian(s) shall attach to the inventory a copy of the property appraiser’s record card showing that the mailing address was changed to “in the care of and the guardian’s name”. (If there are other owners of the property, the Guardian shall inform the property appraiser’s office the updated name and mailing address shall be effective for the ward only). You may print out a copy of the updated property record from the Property Appraiser’s website: www.pcpao.org.

- Don’t forget to put the above record, and any other supporting documentation behind the appropriate schedule of the Inventory or Accounting. For example, the documentation of real property should be behind the Real Property Schedule of the Inventory or Accounting. As you may be aware, Inventories and Accountings can be quite lengthy and this makes it easier to match up the documentation to the schedule.

- If you are relocating the Ward from Pinellas to Pasco County, or vice versa, contact your attorney as this requires a notice of the change filed with the court which states the compelling reasons for relocation of the ward and how long the guardian expects the ward to remain in the other county, per FS 744.1098(2).

- If you are relocating the Ward to anywhere other than Pinellas or Pasco Counties, contact your attorney as this requires a petition for an order authorizing the removal of the ward and shall include in the petition the compelling reasons for relocation and longevity of such per FS 744.1098(1). The guardian shall also file a petition for a change of venue per FS 744.1097(3) and Rule 5.050(b).

- Per Administrative Order 2019-05, please notify the court of a change of address of ward (within the county) within 10 days of making the move. A form is available for your convenience on www.mypinellasclerk.org.

As always, please contact the clerk if we can be of any further assistance by phone: 727-464-3321 or email: Probate@mypinellasclerk.org.

HOW TO CONTACT US:
If we can be of assistance, please call:
Division of Inspector General, PIU .......... 727-464-8371
Division of Inspector General, Fax ........... 727-464-8386
Probate Court Records ....................... 727-464-3321
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