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**Monthly Calendar**

**AUGUST 14, 11:30 A.M. ASSOCIATION MEETING**

Palms of Largo - CYPRESS PALMS Bldg., 400 Lake Avenue NE, Largo

**AUGUST 30, 9:00 A.M. GAPC NETWORKING BREAKFAST**

Mease Manor, 700 Mease Plaza, Dunedin

**BOARD MEETING - DATES & TIMES ROTATE**

Contact BOD Secretary for specific dates/times.

Palms of Largo - REGAL PALMS Bldg., Verandah Room

**Please RSVP to Association Website**
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Committee Meetings

By-Laws & Legislative Committee
Meeting is normally held the first Wednesday. Please email info@GuardianAssociation.org or go to our website and register to attend meetings.

Conference Committee
Meets 4th Tuesday of each month. Please email info@GuardianAssociation.org or go to our website and register to attend meetings.

Education Committee
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Membership Committee
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Public Relations Committee
Meets immediately following GAPC Monthly Membership Meeting (2nd Wednesday of each month). Please email info@GuardianAssociation.org or go to our website and register to attend meetings.

Welcome
to our new members!

PAM MORREAL
Mederi Caretenders

ROBERT ELLIOTT
Elliot Fiduciary Services

PHYLLIS FRIEDRICH
WARD PLACEMENT IN A FACILITY - WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

A facility administrator called the Division of Inspector General’s Guardianship Section to confirm a court ordered guardianship

- The administrator became alarmed about the professional guardian because the guardian rarely visited, was not returning the facility’s telephone calls or emails, and did not return the ward’s telephone calls.

- Although the professional guardian placed the ward in the facility, when the IG checked, it was not a court ordered guardianship.

- The administrator asked the IG if the ward was ever in a court ordered guardianship; the ward was never in a court ordered guardianship.

- When the IG reviewed the facility’s files and paperwork, the professional guardian had signed admission paperwork that the guardian was the ward’s professional guardian, and that the ward was in a guardianship.

- The facility stated that in the future they would verify all court ordered guardianships, check court orders, and/or letters of guardianship.

- When placing a ward in a nursing home, assisted living facility, or a hospital, please be prepared to make available or provide the facility with the Letters of Guardianship or Order Appointing Guardian.

- In this case, the ward appointed a new individual as health care proxy/durable power of attorney, the guardian was trespassed from the facility.

- If you visit your ward in a facility, please remember to sign the admissions log book so you have proof of visitation.

- Please respond to the facilities’ telephone calls or emails.

PLEASE NOTE:
F.S. 744.3678(3) requires the guardian to preserve all the original receipts and cancelled checks along with other substantiating records for a period of three years after the guardian’s discharge from the guardianship.

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

adiNatale@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
Guardianship Hotline ........... 727-45FRAUD (453-7283)
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
- Greeting Cards (with stamp included on envelope)
- Tissues
- Cosmetics (powder, blush, lipstick)
- Costume Jewelry
- Lotion
- Aftershave
- Cotton Balls

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.

Everyday Essentials Giving Event Held

The Giving Event held July 17th at Sweet Water at Largo was a great success! Volunteers from GAPC helped to distribute over $300 in everyday essentials. The residents could choose the items they needed which included razors, shaving cream, body wash, lotion, denture adhesive, denture cleaner, hand sanitizer and socks.

Many thanks to those who gave to enrich the lives of those less fortunate and continue to donate to our very own GAPC Everyday Essentials program. See you next time!
2019 GAPC CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

SNEAK PEEK!

Dr. Macie Smith - opening speaker
Honorable Judge Coleman - closing speaker

SESSION SPEAKERS:
Russell Winer, Esq.
Linda Chamberlain, Esq.
Nick Robinson, Esq.
Hamden H. Baskin, Ill, Esq.
Irene Rausch, NMG, Professional Guardian
Steve Hitchcock, Esq.
Officer Joel Quattlebaum
Veteran Affairs - Mike Swonger
Matt Weidner, Esq.
Mark Vernick, CFP, AIF

Friday, September 27th
8 am - 4:30 pm
St. Petersburg Yacht Club

7 ceu’s for Guardians

Register by 9/5
for Early Bird Discount

For more information, visit
2019 CONFERENCE SPONSORS

We are very proud to announce that the following have committed to sponsorships for the upcoming 2019 Annual Conference. We thank them for their continued support and loyalty to our Association.

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2019 Conference Platinum Sponsor

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2019 Conference Silver Sponsor

VERNICK FINANCIAL ENTERPRISES, INC.
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FLORIDA FAMILY CREMATIONS
2019 Parking Sponsor
YES, we would like to support the Guardian Association of Pinellas County Annual Conference

Company Name ____________________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
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Email ______________________________________ Fax: _________________________

Description of company’s services__________________________________________

|| Platinum Partner (1) | Gold Partner (2) | Silver Partner (3) | Bronze Partner (4) | Conference Sponsors |
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--- Exhibit Table --- Includes: 6’ Table with skirting, Entry to all seminar sessions $ 350
Breakfast Buffet, Lunch Buffet, Coffee Break for 2 people

Name of Company who will be the Exhibitor ________________________________

If Sharing Table, Name of 2nd Company __________________________________________

Name of Company and registration fee must be provided at time of submission of registration form

List the names of the company representatives that will be attending the exhibit table

1. ____________________________ 2. ____________________________
Company ____________________________ Company ____________________________

We will provide a door prize Yes No
Additional meal tickets ______ at $ 50 each $ ______

Total due for exhibit space, extra lunches $ ______

Please include your company logo (jpeg format) with registration form

Exhibitor/Sponsor agrees: to set up exhibit/display by 8 am on Friday and to maintain the exhibit until 3pm. To keep exhibit area neat and dispose of trash appropriately. To remove all materials prior to leaving. To pay all fees for exhibit space, sponsorship or advertising prior to 8/16/2019. No refunds will be made after August 14. GAPC is not responsible for any loss, damages or injury to exhibitor or exhibitor’s property.

Advertise in the Conference Program (Must include ad with registration form)

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Method of payment: ___ Check enclosed Check # _______ Check amount $ __________

You may also register and pay on the GAPC website, www.guardianassociation.org

Send registration form and payment to: GAPC, Keith Crosby, Treasurer
P.O. Box 1826, Pinellas Park, FL 33780
Platinum Partner (1) $2500
- Sponsor’s name on Display
- Exhibit table, 4 Meal Tickets
- Full page ad in the Conference program
- Full page ad in GAPC newsletter
- Pre and post event recognition on GAPC Facebook page and app
- 1 year recognition on GAPC website

Gold Partner (2) $2000
- Sponsor’s name on Display
- Exhibit table, 4 Meal Tickets
- Half page ad in the Conference program
- Half page ad in GAPC newsletter
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Silver Partner (3) $1500
- Sponsor’s name on Display
- Exhibit table, 4 Meal Tickets
- Quarter page ad in the Conference program
- Quarter page ad in GAPC newsletter
- Pre and post event recognition on GAPC Facebook page and app
- 1 year recognition on GAPC website

Bronze Partner (4) $1000
- Sponsor’s name on Display
- Exhibit table, 2 Meal Tickets
- 1/4 page ad in the Conference program
- 1/4 page ad in GAPC newsletter
- 6 months Recognition GAPC website

Sponsors (unlimited) $700
- Sponsor’s name on Display
- Exhibit table, 2 Meal Tickets
- 1/4 page ad in the Conference program
- 1/4 page ad in GAPC newsletter
- Recognition GAPC website, Social Media

Exhibit Table $350
- Exhibit table, 2 Meal Tickets
- Recognition in the Conference program
- Recognition in GAPC newsletter

Breakfast Buffet Sponsor (1) $1500
- Sponsor’s name on Display
- Exhibit table, 2 Meal Tickets
- Half page ad in the Conference program
- Half page ad in GAPC newsletter
- Recognition GAPC website, Social Media

Afternoon Buffet Sponsor (1) $1500
- Sponsor’s name on Display
- Exhibit table, 2 Meal Tickets
- Half page ad in the Conference program
- Half page ad in GAPC newsletter
- Recognition GAPC website, Social Media

Media Sponsor (1) $700
- Sponsor’s name on Display
- Exhibit table, 2 Meal Tickets
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- 1/4 page ad in GAPC newsletter
- Recognition GAPC website, Social Media

Parking Sponsor (1) $700
- Sponsor’s name on Display
- Exhibit table, 2 Meal Tickets
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- 1/4 page ad in GAPC newsletter
- Recognition GAPC website, Social Media

Grand Prize Sponsor (1) $700
- Sponsor’s name on Display
- Exhibit table, 2 Meal Tickets
- 1/4 page ad in the Conference program
- 1/4 page ad in GAPC newsletter
- Recognition GAPC website, Social Media

Half Exhibit Table $175
- Half Exhibit table 1 Meal Ticket
- Recognition in the Conference program
- Recognition in GAPC newsletter
Conference Registration

Date:  Friday, September 27, 2019     Time:  8:00am to 5:00pm
Location:  St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Registration Fee:  $ 115 for members,  $ 205 for non-members. **Non-members may enclose membership dues and enjoy the “member” registration rate.**

What’s Included:  Breakfast buffet, refreshments at morning break, afternoon buffet, exhibitor showcase, and all conference materials.

Continuing Education:  7 credit hours will be provided for guardians through the Statewide Public Guardianship Office.  7 CLEs for attorneys approved by the Florida Bar.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, anyone needing reasonable accommodations or services should advise GAPC no later than August 19, 2019.

CONFERENDE ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION FORM

*Please print legibly or type*

Name __________________________________ Title or Profession __________________________

Company ________________________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________ City, State, Zip____________________

Phone ___________________________ email: ________________________________

Guardian OPPG Id number ____________________

Continuing Education Credit

If requesting multiple CEU credits, check each separate CEU classification.

Category  ____ Guardian  ____ Attorney  ____ Nursing

Conference Registration Fees

____ Member registration due by September 5  $ 115  $_____

____ Non-member registration due by September 5  $ 205  $_____

____ Meal Tickets (Breakfast & Lunch for extra guests)  ____ @ $ 50 each  $_____

Total  $_____

Date paid _______ Amount of payment _______ check # _________

Please make checks payable to the Guardian Association and mail to:
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You may also register and pay on the GAPC website,

[www.guardianassociation.org](http://www.guardianassociation.org)