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Message from the President

by Andrea Busada, Broward County Elderly and Veterans Services

Dear FASP Members:

I hope this message finds all of you happy and healthy in the new year. After enjoying the winter holidays, now is the time when we buckle down and really get to work! FASP members around the state, and the management firm team from Margaret Lynn Duggar and Associates, have been busy advocating for seniors, visiting and educating legislators on the great importance of the services provided to the seniors in our communities.



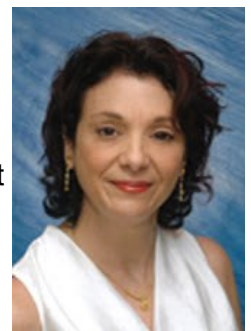
Florida seniors deserve respect and loving care; I am so proud to be part of an organiza-

tion that honors seniors every day. I urge everyone to continue this advocacy work throughout the year and at the local level as well.

City and county government officials can be very effective in communicating with their state counterparts.

As you will see from the newsletter, we have busy and exciting months ahead of us. We encourage and hope for your participation in as many activities as possible – your voice and your ideas are invaluable. Thank you for all that you do!

Sincerely,
Andrea Busada



2015 LIFE@50+ MIAMI by Ann-Marie Flannery, AARP

You can discover more [real possibilities](#) than you ever imagined in Miami, May 14-16, 2015.

You're invited to sunny Miami to join AARP and more than 15,000 guests at [2015 LIFE@50+ MIAMI](#), AARP's National Event and Expo. The event will take place May 14-16, 2015 at the Miami Beach Convention Center, located at 1901 Convention Center Drive in Miami Beach, FL 33139.

Since 2001, the AARP National Event and Expo has showcased everything AARP does through engaging educational sessions and fun activities featuring world-class speakers and entertainers.



Enjoy tropical breezes and swaying palm trees in Miami at Life@50+. — Getty Images

AARP events are unique opportunities for you to experience first-hand everything AARP does. Whether you are new to AARP or have been with us for years, coming to an AARP event is your chance to explore what it truly means to be a member of one of America's largest membership organizations.

Life@50+ will offer opportunities to learn, engage and interact with others who share the same interests and passions as you! Attendees will get up close and personal with celebrities, today's most interesting thinkers and experts, experience all that AARP has to offer and discover their [real possibilities](#) through five [event tracks](#):



Crossing all tracks, [Life Reimagined](#) is designed for adapting to new aging challenges and possibilities. Today's 50-plus Americans are living longer, healthier lives and, at the same time, are navigating economic, health, social and technological realities unlike any generation before them. We'll help equip attendees to lead the type of life they imagine and prompt them to consider the most important questions they face.

There's even an opportunity to volunteer at the Life@50+ Miami! Volunteer receive free event registration, a free T-shirt and bag, free parking voucher and a meal voucher for each scheduled shift. To sign up go to <https://aarp.cvent.com/MiamiLife50>. Want more info? Call our Miami@50+ Volunteer Hotline: (786) 804-4511



In the News: LGBT Financial Challenges

According to our recent research report, Out & Visible, 42% of LGBT older people fear they will outlive the money they have saved for retirement, as compared to 25% of non-LGBT people. This finding was explored in a recent article from the Associated Press detailing the financial hardships that LGBT people face as they age due, including difficulties in obtaining Social Security benefits and how discrimination impacts job security and wages in later life. The article has been featured in more than 20 national news outlets. [Read it online here.](#)

Recognize a Valuable Service Employee You Know with a FASP Award!



The 2015 FASP Awards Committee has begun accepting nominations for the 2015 Minotty Eye Foundation Best Direct Service Employee of the Year.



The deadline for submissions is **Friday, May 15, 2015**

FASP Members are encouraged to nominate a Florida aging service employee who has:

- ✦added value to the service being delivered that has benefited the elders served;
- ✦gone above and beyond job requirements to provide customer service and ensure customer satisfaction;
- ✦developed community resources and support to the services being provided; and
- ✦demonstrated a high level of commitment to excellence.

The Minotty Eye Foundation Best Direct Service Employee of the Year Award acknowledges an employee who makes a difference in the lives of seniors individually or through a unit, group, agency or organization.

Each year, FASP presents this award during the Florida Conference on Aging to honor the dedication of Florida service employees. The 2015 Florida Conference on Aging will be held August 10-12, at the Caribe Royale – Orlando, Florida.

Due to the generosity of the Minotty Eye Foundation's sponsorship, the Award winner will receive one year complimentary membership and complimentary registration on Tuesday, August 11th to receive their award which includes \$500.00 for themselves and \$500.00 for their Agency.



Dr. Paul Minotty

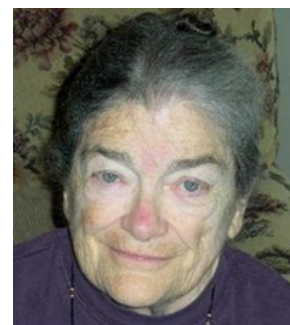
Nominations can be submitted online at [2015 FASP Award Nomination](#). If you have any questions, please contact moreinfo@fasp.net or call (850) 222-2575.



MARGERY BROWN CUNNINGHAM, 79 LAKELAND

It is with great sadness, FASP announces the passing of long time FASP member and senior advocate Margery Brown Cunningham. Mrs. Cunningham was born in 1935 at Fort Screven, Georgia. She graduated from Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart and the Radcliffe College joint program with the Graduate School of Business Administration at Harvard University. She came to Lakeland in 1974 and was the director of Fellowship Dining for eleven years before retiring to become a writer, trainer, and poet.

Marge was a founding member of FASP; initiating many creative and funny activities for FASP, including the "Woolly Mammoth" Award. Persons receiving the "Woolly Mammoth Award" received a stuffed animal resembling the prehistoric animal.



February 12, 2015

Senior Medicare Patrol Funding Opportunity Now Available

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity for the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Program project cooperative agreements. With this funding opportunity, ACL anticipates awarding 54 new three-year cooperative agreements to support individual state SMP project activities.

One award will be made for each of the 54 service areas which are the 50 states, DC, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The [SMP program](#) is a volunteer program that disseminates fraud prevention and identification information through the media, outreach campaigns, community events and also works with beneficiaries encountering problems accessing their Medicare benefits. Volunteers empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse.

Important Dates:

March 4, 2015: Conference Call for Potential Applicants at 3:00 p.m. ET
(Phone: 800-857-2889; Passcode: 1176603)

March 6, 2015: Letter of Intent Due

April 14, 2015: Deadline for Application Submission (By 11:59 p.m. ET)

June 1, 2015: Projected Start Date

[Click here](#) for the full announcement, which includes application instructions.



LIHEAP Clearinghouse Releases Non-Federal Energy Assistance Report

February 6 – With the need for energy assistance consistently outpacing federal funding, low-income households benefit from non-federal supplemental funding from various sources. In the LIHEAP world, the use of these non-federal sources is generally referred to as leveraging.

The Clearinghouse's most recent report, [Leveraging and LIHEAP: Providing Non-Federal Funds for Energy Assistance](#), examines the various sources of this supplemental funding, which include rate-payer-funded programs; appropriations by state, local and tribal governments; and fuel funds.

The report also looks at the federal leveraging incentive program.



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Want to have fun, serve, and learn all at one time?

You're invited to join AARP and our energetic group of volunteers to be "goodwill ambassadors" to more than 15,000 guests at **Life@50+ Miami | AARP's National Event & Expo**. Meet new friends, save a little cash, and make this fun-filled celebration of life over 50 even more memorable!

WHEN: May 14 – May 16, 2015

WHERE: Miami Beach Convention Center
1901 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Volunteers receive **free event registration**, a **free T-shirt**, **free parking**, and a **meal voucher** for each scheduled shift.

The event will showcase:

- Engaging educational forums;
- Hundreds of interactive exhibitors;
- Celebrity speakers and much, much more.

Apply to volunteer and learn more at
<https://aarp.cvent.com/MiamiLife50>
or call 786-804-4511.

Life@50+



Real Possibilities

Elder Law Issues News Brief by Twyla Sketchley, Sketchley Law Firm

Florida's New Exploitation Law: More Protection for Elders

Florida's new criminal exploitation law changes the way Florida looks at and reacts to exploitation of our elderly citizens. Florida's new criminal exploitation law eliminates the requirement that an elderly be exploited by intimidation or deception or that an elder must lack capacity to be exploited.

Exploitation is obtaining or using, or endeavoring to obtain or use, an elderly person's funds, assets, or property with the intent to temporarily or permanently deprive the elder of its use or benefit. The new law specifies several actions that can be considered exploitation:

- 1) A breach of a fiduciary duty by a guardian, trustee, or agent may now be considered exploitation.
- 2) Acting contrary to the principal's sole benefit or best interest may now be considered exploitation.
- 3) Taking assets from a joint account if the sole contributor is the elderly person may be considered exploitation.
- 4) Intentionally or negligently failing to use the elder's assets to support and maintain the elder may be considered exploitation.
- 5) It may also be presumed to be exploitation if a non-relative who has not known the elder for more than two years "borrows" or receives "gifts" in excess of \$10,000 from an elder.

Finally, the new laws includes a hearsay exception that allows the out-of-court statements by an elder that describe any act of abuse, neglect, exploitation, battery, or violent act to be admissible if that elder is unavailable to testify.

If you have questions about the changes to Florida's exploitation laws; or, if you are a trustee, guardian or an agent with questions about any new duties you may have under these new laws, please contact our office or an elder law attorney near you.

Listen to the 'Elder Law Issues' broadcast each Friday at 10:04 am on 88.9 WFSU-FM. Sponsored by Twyla Sketchley of the Sketchley Law Firm. 'Elder Law Issues' addresses questions and concerns of seniors and their caregivers. [Click for Audio Archive](#)



Older Americans Month Empowers Older Adults and Communities to "Get into the Act"

Each May, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) celebrates Older Americans Month to recognize older Americans for their contributions to the nation. In honor of the upcoming 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act (OAA), we are focused on how older adults are taking charge of their health, getting engaged in their communities, and making a positive impact in the lives of others. The theme for Older Americans Month 2015 is "Get into the Act."

The OAA was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965. It provides a nationwide aging services network and funding that helps older adults live with dignity in the communities of their choice for as long as possible. These services include home-delivered and congregate meals, caregiver support, community-based assistance, preventive health services, personal care, transportation, job training, ombudsman services, legal assistance, and elder abuse prevention.

By providing a variety of resources in these areas, ACL works year-round to support the goals of the OAA. We hope to use this Older Americans Month as a vehicle for individual and community empowerment. By promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and inclusivity, more Americans than ever before can "Get into the Act."



Seeking Nominations

The Patricia J. Bell Achievements in Aging Award

About the Award: In December 2014, the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas (AAAPP), Inc., established a special award in memory of a long-time aging advocate, Patricia (Pat) J. Bell of Largo who passed away in September 2014. Pat had a 35-year career with the State of Florida, almost entirely specializing in aging and adult services. Her community involvement, serving on the Florida Council on Aging and the AAAPP Board of Directors, was also aging focused. Pat was greatly admired for her devotion, dedication and professionalism in the aging network.

Award Criteria:

In appreciation of Pat Bell's lengthy service to elders, this first-time award will honor an individual who has spent a significant portion of their career in the field of aging in Pinellas and/or Pasco Counties.



The individual nominated should meet most of the criteria for the Award:

- An individual residing in the state of Florida and who is either currently working, retired, or a volunteer.
- An individual who has promoted the well-being of older persons through their work.
- An individual who has made significant contributions, in either the public or the private sector, in the field of aging in Pinellas and/or Pasco Counties. Contributions such as policy-making, program development, service improvements, advocacy, and volunteerism will be considered.
- An individual who demonstrates vision and leadership on behalf of the elder residents of Pinellas and/or Pasco counties.

Questions? Contact Helen King at 727-570-9696, ext. 210 or Helen.king@aaapp.org

[Click here for nomination form](#)





Life@50+ has something for everyone!
With sessions featuring today's most interesting thinkers and experts on topics that matter most to you; nightly entertainment and a jam-packed exhibit floor.

AARP presents a way for you to learn, engage and interact with others who share the same interests and passions as you at Life@50+. Attendees will experience all that AARP has to offer and discover their real possibilities through five tracks: Money & Work; Health & Wellness; Travel & Lifestyle; Technology & Innovation; and Arts & Culture.

May 14-16, 2015
Miami Beach Convention Center

Register Today!
www.aarp.org/events OR 1-800-650-6839
\$35 for AARP members
\$45 for nonmembers (includes a 1-year membership)

Resources



"My Own Life: Oliver Sacks on Learning He Has Terminal Cancer," by Oliver Sacks (New York Times, Feb. 19, 2015). <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/02/19/opinion/oliver-sacks-on-learning-he-has-terminal-cancer.html>



[Meals on Wheels clients get surprise food deliveries](#)

Florida Times-Union

Meals on Wheels clients get surprise food deliveries of frozen food to **Aging True Community Senior Services**, which serves Northeast Florida seniors and runs the area Meals on Wheels program.



Quarterly Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Report—Winter 2014

http://www.fasp.net/info/Qtrly_SMMC_Report_Winter_2014.pdf



Report from AARP: Expanding Specialized Transportation under the ACA

The AARP Public Policy Institute has released a new report entitled [Expanding Specialized Transportation: New Opportunities under the Affordable Care Act](#). The report describes opportunities to expand transportation services for older people and adults with disabilities. The report highlights two case studies, the Atlanta region and the state of Connecticut, to showcase how states can provide or fund more transportation services to low-income populations with mobility needs.



March 2015

March 23-27, 2015: Hyatt Regency, Chicago, IL. American Society on Aging Conference—Aging in America. <http://www.asaging.org/aia12>

April 2015

April 15, 2015: Double Tree Hotel, Williamsburg, VA. Southern Gerontological Society Conference. <http://southerngerontologicalsociety.org/>

August 2015

August 10-12, 2015: The Caribe Royale, Orlando, FL. Florida Conference on Aging. <http://www.fcoa.org/conference.html>

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We would love to “like” “Friend” and/or “follow” you too.

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<http://twitter.com/FLAgingServProv>



DOEA - Florida Department of Elder Affairs Facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Florida-Department-of-Elder-Affairs/128604923878650?sk=wall>

FCOA - Florida Council on Aging Facebook page

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FCOA - Florida Council on Aging Twitter

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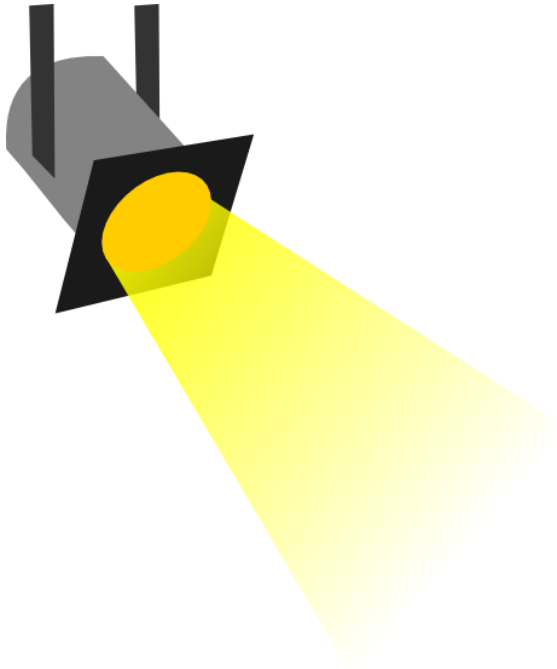


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The intent of the FASP Newsletter is to keep you informed about program updates and information relating to aging services providers. If you have any comments about the newsletter, suggestions on ways to improve it and/or items you would like included, please contact FASP by e-mail at moreinfo@fasp.net or by phone at (850) 222-3524.

FASP's Mission: Supporting older adults and the providers that serve them through information, connection, and resources

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FLORIDA CONFERENCE ON AGING!

AUGUST 10-12, 2015

The Caribe Royale
Orlando, Florida

Early Conference Registration on-line

