

# DEMENTIA CAREGIVER RESOURCES, INC.



## THE DEMENTIA DETAILS DISPATCH MAY 2023

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### The INN at FREEDOM SQUARE

Wednesday MAY 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM

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Two new groups are starting in **JUNE** at:



### The Lewy Body Dementia

Association recently had a training podcast for their volunteer facilitators. Some of the items we learned about include:

**1. Veterans' Diseases Associated with Agent Orange from VA Public Health** (recent addition of Parkinsonism)

<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/>

**2. VA rules in favor of LBD as service related injury regarding Agent Orange -**

<https://www.va.gov/vetapp14/Files4/1429488.txt?fbclid=IwAR1TvZOnSltBRq3aNE7hLed-3lrWLauG026wLpyaXFOP3hcYEDI90nbUQY>

*Hard Life Lesson:*  
**If it doesn't Challenge, you -  
It doesn't Change you!**



### The Law Office of Sean W. Scott

According to some statistics, about 30% of caregivers will die before their Loved One.

Caregiving can be very stressful. Ordinary estate planning often has one spouse

leaving the entirety of their assets to their surviving spouse. But if the caregiver spouse dies first there may be issues. This may happen when a person dies without having a valid will in place; then his or her property passes to heirs according to state law.

*All U.S. states have laws or statutes of this kind.* This may result in assets being left to the spouse who is in a long-term care community with Medicaid. These assets may unintentionally result in the loss of Medicaid as a payment source.

For a free consult, call: (727)539-0181

<http://www.virtuallawoffice.com/>



'SPARK', is an amazing documentary about Robin Williams and his battle with *Lewy Body Dementia*, you can now watch it for free on

this link: **SPARK on Mediflix**

<https://www.lbda.org/blog/robin-williams-and-lewy-body-dementia-2/>



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### HAVE YOU CREATED AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL PLAN? WHERE IS IT LOCATED?

Being organized and sharing necessary information will help caregivers. Don't just tell your family "Everything is taken care of," especially when it's not. Give them the details, such as the contact information of your doctors, allergies, medications, attorney, where you keep your important documents, and when you created them, (hopefully within the past five years), the list of people you want them to call for assistance, and who has agreed to step up if you need help.

### **GoodRx** DID YOU KNOW?

Prescription drug prices are not regulated. The cost of a prescription may differ by more than \$100 between pharmacies across the street from each other! Insurance isn't helping like it used to. In the past 10 years, insurance companies started passing 25-80% more of the cost of drugs onto patients. GoodRx gathers current prices and discounts to help you find the lowest cost pharmacy for your prescriptions. GoodRx is 100% free. No registration required.

Other drug manufacturers have coupons and discounts, but you will have to look up the pharmaceutical company and then the name of the drug to see what may be available. Often it is well worth the effort!



### Connecting Caregivers Conference

May 2, 3 and 4, 2023 - Linda Burhans has created an amazing line-up of speakers and presenters for this 3-day zoom event.

Register soon:

<https://connectingcaregiversconference.com/>

### WHEN IS IT TIME TO MOVE A LOVED ONE INTO MEMORY CARE FROM ASSISTED LIVING?

Sometimes residents fail to thrive in an assisted living environment, and then when they are moved into memory care, it's almost like you can see and feel their relief. They fit in better, they can do more for themselves because the environment is more soothing, with better oversight and activities geared to their care level, and a better match for their level of dementia. It is always good to do an assessment every few months along with a medication review to make sure all of their needs are being met to their current status.



♥ 25 years of assisting caregivers ♥

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**Your donations make all the difference!**  
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