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THE DEMENTIA DETAILS DISPATCH APRIL 2013

APRIL 2013 SUPPORT GROUPS

Apr. 2 & 16 Grand Villa 6:00 PM
750 Starkey Rd. Largo 727-586-0108
Apr. 2 & 16 St. Mark Village 9:30 AM
880 Highlands Blvd. Palm Harbor 727-785-2580
Apr. 3 & 17 Bon Secours PL 6:00 PM
10401 Roosevelt Blvd. St. Petersburg 727-563-9733
Apr. 5 & 19 Grand Villa 9:30 AM
Apr. 8 Seasons @ Cabot Cove 9:30 AM
Cabot Cove 455 Belcher Rd. S Largo 727-282-5303

MAY 2013 Support Groups

May 1 & 15 Bon Secours PL 6:00 PM
May 3 & 17 Grand Villa 9:30 AM
May 7 & 21 St. Mark Village 9:30 AM
May 7 & 21 Grand Villa 6:00 PM
May 13 Seasons @ CABOT COVE 9:30 AM


Sean W. Scott
Elder Law Attorney

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT MEDICAID

There are many issues currently going on in the media regarding Medicaid and personal services contracts and long-term care. This is one of the topics:

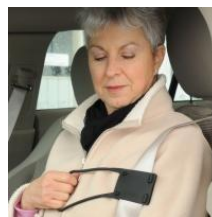
There is a great inequity in our system that Medicaid, as it exists currently helps to resolve. It comes down to a matter of "luck" as to what disease you get. If you are "lucky" enough to get cancer, then our system of Medicare coverage will protect you and your life savings from the costs of that cancer. If you are unlucky enough to have Alzheimer's, there is no coverage under Medicare for nursing home care and you are at risk to lose everything. Medicaid fills that gap until a better solution can be crafted by our elected officials.

For more information call: **727.539.0181**

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



Dementia Caregiver Resources will be facilitating our 7th Symposium at **PACIFICA SENIOR LIVING- BELLEAIR** on April 25th from 10 AM - 1:00 PM. The topic will be "PREVENTING DEMENTIA". Call Rebecca to reserve your seat and lunch. There is no charge for this special event. (727) **467-9464**



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There are new research studies that **Comprehensive Clinical Development** (St. Petersburg) may want you to participate in. They are currently recruiting for *Gout*, *Alzheimer's*, and *Postherpetic Neuralgia Pain* medical research studies. Please call Susie Montgomery, RN, CCRC at (727) 576-8474 to see if you or your Loved One qualifies. You may be compensated for your time and travel. *No insurance is required for participation.*

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WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO WORK THROUGH A HOME HEALTH AGENCY

Many families seeking to hire in-home staff turn to private individuals rather than working through an agency. While at first glance this seems reasonable, it can also cause numerous problems and create unexpected liabilities for the family, who now becomes the employer.

Tax Issues -- As a private employer, the family is required to pay Social Security, unemployment and payroll taxes. Many home health aides represent themselves as independent contractors. However, it is the responsibility of the hiring individual to be sure that the aide truly is an independent contractor and is therefore paying their own taxes. In many instances, the aide will not meet the legal criteria as an independent contractor. If the aide has not met his or her tax obligations, this responsibility falls to the employer. This can be a serious obligation because it may involve interest on back taxes, civil fines and the possibility of criminal penalties. Potential private employers should seek the advice of a labor lawyer to assure appropriate hiring practices with respect to federal tax laws.



To **KIM KEEL** who is the proud owner of the brand new five-bed Assisted Living Facility in Madeira Beach called "**OakTree ALF, LLC**". She received her License #AL12335 in March and is ready to accept clients. Give Kim a call to schedule a tour at: 727-826-0754 or e-mail her: oaktreealf@gmail.com

ENHANCE THE DEMENTIA CAREGIVING JOURNEY!
YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED TO ASSIST FELLOW CAREGIVERS!



MILK SHAKES & CHIPS



Families often are at a loss as to what to bring to a visit to a long-term care community. I always suggest bringing in some of their favorite food items. We would all tire of the same restaurant if we had to eat there seven days a week and three times per day! One of my support group members did not realize she could bring in food items until we discussed it in a group. This is what happened: "Took your suggestion and brought Mom a milk shake on one visit - she loved it. Since that went so well, I took her one of her favorites, a big bag of Ruffles potato chips that she couldn't open fast enough. We just laughed over it and had another good visit. From now on I'll be bringing treats!"



All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: Freedom, Justice, Honor, Duty, Mercy, and Hope. --- WINSTON CHURCHILL

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