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Message from the President

by Andrea Busada, Broward County Elderly and Veterans Services

Dear FASP Members:

As we prepare for the 2015 Florida Conference on Aging, FASP would like to congratulate the Florida Council on Aging on their 60th Anniversary and compliment the outstanding work that they have accomplished and they truly show that Sixty Sparkles!

Don't miss out on the wonderful FASP Intensive **"Where There's A Will...You Want To Be In It:** A practical look at planned gift fund raising and how you can start a planned giving program in your small shop!" **Cost to attend the Intensive:** \$50 FASP Members - \$60 FASP NonMembers see page 8 for more information.

Our annual FASP membership meeting has been moved from Monday to Tuesday, August

11th during the general session. Please help us welcome Dr. Paul Minotty as he presents the 2015 Minotty Eye Foundation Best Direct Service Employee of the Year Award to one lucky FASP member.

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Sincerely,
Andrea Busada



The Caribe Royale Orlando, Florida

FASP Award Committee Update



The 2015 FASP Awards Committee is in the process of scoring the nominations received for the 2015 Minotty Eye Foundation Best Direct Service Employee of the Year Award.



FASP Members were 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



Past Minotty Eye Foundation Service Employee of the Year Award Winners



2011 Debbie Slade



2013 Paulette Kozloski



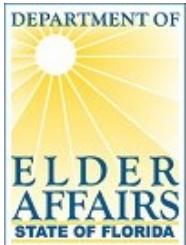
2010 Therese Pokryfke



2012 Lori Radice



2014 Toula Wootan



Florida Senior Day

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Florida Senior Day such an amazing event. With more than 1,500 seniors in attendance and more than 75 statewide partners hosting dozens of interactive booths at the State Capitol, there was much to be proud of.

Please view photos from the event on the [Florida Senior Day Facebook page](#) or the [Department of Elder Affairs' website](#), and see the [video update](#) with Department of Elder Affairs Secretary Verghese highlighting the events and activities that took place on April 15 to celebrate and honor Florida's seniors.

There is no doubt we have much to look forward to and build on for 2016. Due to an earlier Legislative Session, **next year's Senior Day will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016** at the State Capitol. Stay tuned for more information, and see highlights and a recap of 2015 Florida Senior Day events and activities below.

Thank you to our Partners

Thank you to all of the partners and supporters who made this year's Florida Senior Day such a truly wonderful day! We could not have done it without your support!

Florida Senior Day Reception

The 2015 Florida Senior Day Reception was hosted by the Florida Association of Senior Centers at the Tallahassee Senior Center on April 14 and brought more than 300 partners and senior groups together to kick off Florida Senior Day. Department of Elder Affairs Secretary Samuel Verghese welcomed seniors who traveled from Miami and Pensacola and the cities in-between.

Margaret Lynn Duggar reminded advocates of the great achievements that have been made for seniors, and toasted to [Florida Council on Aging](#)'s 60th anniversary. At the reception, the Honorable Dorcas Hardy and Secretary Verghese announced the winner of the 2014 C. Colburn Hardy Older Advocate Award winner - Maureen S. Kelly. Mrs. Kelly is the former President and CEO of the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging (now Senior Connection Center, Inc.). Mrs. Kelly represents the heart and soul of C. Colburn Hardy's vision for advocacy on behalf of seniors. She has dedicated her career to hands-on advocacy activities which have had a positive impact on policies, programs, and services for seniors. Congratulations to Maureen S. Kelly!



Florida Senior Day at the State Capitol

The rain didn't stop more than 1,500 seniors who traveled from as far away as Miami Gardens to the State Capitol for Florida Senior Day. 75 statewide partners hosted dozens of interactive booths in the State Capitol Rotunda and Courtyard and more than 1,500 seniors joined us at the State Capitol to have their voices heard and advocate for important senior issues.

The day kicked off with the inaugural Florida Senior Day Town Hall Meeting which brought together more than 160 seniors into the Cabinet Room and allowed statewide leaders the opportunity to field and answer questions from seniors in the audience. The event was moderated by local media celebrity Anna Johnson, live streamed through floridaseniorday.org and featured a range of questions on important issues facing the Florida seniors. Panelists included Department of Children & Families Secretary Mike Carroll, Agency for Persons with Disabilities Director Barbara Palmer, Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary Liz Dudek, Florida Surgeon General Dr. John Armstrong, Department of Elder Affairs Secretary Sam Verghese and Florida Association of Area Agencies on Aging President Randall Hunt. To view the full video of the 1 hour program, [please click here](#).

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Margery (Marge) Cunningham 1935-2015 by John Clark, Council on Aging of West Florida

As a dinosaur in the aging network, that is someone who has been around forever, the joy of what I do has been in getting to know so many wonderful, unique and talented individuals. These have been, and continue to be, individuals who have left an indelible impression on me and many others. Marge Cunningham was one of those persons and I am honored and humbled to have been asked to write about her. I am also grateful to her good friend, Ellen Campbell for sharing her thoughts about Marge with me.

Whenever I think of Marge many, many words come to mind; friend, author, leader, advocate, trainer, poet, writer, encourager and humorist. And those are only some of the words that come to mind. My first contact with Marge was through the Florida Council on Aging at one of our conferences; many, many years ago. It was in a time and place far away; a time without e-mails, computers on our desks, cell phones and fax machines. It was a time when the aging network was in its infancy and you really got to know people and reaching out and touching someone was done by phone or in the written word (literally—as in taking pen to paper) or at a conference. It was a time when many of us were learning the “dynamics” and rules of a fledgling industry and depended on each other to develop skill sets to move our program/s forward. Enter Marge Cunningham.

When I first got to know Marge, she was running a Senior Dining Program in the Lakeland area, something she did for 11 years beginning in the mid 70s. She was clearly a talented person—so typical of many of our fellow aging network providers—having graduated from Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart and the Radcliffe College joint program with the graduate school of Business Administration at Harvard University. No small achievements. Marge quickly became known in our network as a great workshop leader, providing insightful AND humorous lectures on the vagaries of managing a Senior Dining Program and complying with all the state rules and regulations. As her dear friend, Ellen Campbell said, Marge used wit and real life experiences to convey her well thought out lessons.

Well, just a few weeks ago when I told one of my long time staff members about Marge’s death, she remembered Marge and remembered attending her workshops and commented about what a great trainer she was! Frankly, how many of us can say they attended a workshop years ago and still remember the presenter, let alone the topic?

During her time with our network, Marge served as a consultant, guide and friend to many of us. She was also just plain fun to be around. She was easily recognizable in her blue blazer, tan skirt and loafers. No packing decision about what to wear was needed. She was great to sit around with in a hotel room while sipping Drambuie, or a rusty nail with a double shot of Drambuie, and solving the problems of the world and our network; all the while sharing a good laugh. At the same time, Marge was not a “slacker” and played a key leadership role in the formation of the Florida Association of Aging Services Providers (FASP), serving on its board of directors and guiding FASP in its formative years.

Marge was always among those who were selected to represent FASP and providers at numerous state “policy sessions” with what was then known as the “Aging and Adult Services Program Office” of the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS). These sessions were known as the Policy Review Council (PRC) meetings and in the words of Marge, we were “head PRCs.” Not everyone laughed---I did! Frankly, it was that humorous side that I first loved and gravitated towards (those of you who know me will understand that).

Apart from her humor and wonderful skills at training, Marge was also a prolific writer. She wrote numerous articles and stories that, in my opinion, rival Erma Bombeck. Her articles and stories had humor, grace and, at the same time, delivered a message. In fact, upon her retirement from the “aging network” Marge became a board member of a local group dedicated to publishing the poems of local artists.

I want to say so much about her, but just cannot find the right words. Marge was the kind of person who you might not see for months, but when you did talk to her it was like just “picking up where you left off.” You know what I mean? I think Ellen Campbell summed it up best when she said, “There are so many things to say about Marge, but most importantly, as a friend—she offered warmth, encouragement and most of all her heart.” Amen!





TSA Pre✓® Wheelchairs and Scooters

All passengers who are approved for **TSA Pre✓®** eligibility must undergo screening. Not all airports offer **TSA Pre✓®** security screening and, at the airports that do offer **TSA Pre✓®** security screening, the technology available, whether Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT) or Walk-Through Metal Detector (WTMD), will differ.

Passengers who are approved for **TSA Pre✓®** eligibility may benefit from:

- Shorter lines and shorter wait times; and
- Not removing shoes, belts, light outerwear/jackets, or 3-1-1 compliant bags.

To facilitate your **TSA Pre✓®** experience, prior to screening, passengers who use wheelchairs and scooters, and who are eligible for **TSA Pre✓®**, must:

- Present their boarding pass and government-issued ID to the TSA travel document checker;
- Have the TSA travel document checker scan the boarding pass; and

If approved, proceed to the **TSA Pre✓®** lane.

At the beginning of the **TSA Pre✓®** security screening process, it is important for passengers to:

- Inform the TSA officer about their disability or medical condition;
- Inform the TSA officer if they can stand or walk unassisted;
- Inform the TSA officer of any sensitive area where pain or medical complications could happen if touched;
- Inform the TSA officer of any medical devices that are attached to the body, and

Inform the TSA officer if they need assistance.

If you use a wheelchair or scooter, and you are **TSA Pre✓®** eligible, then:

• If you are unable to walk or stand, an Explosives Trace Detection (ETD) search will be conducted while you are seated in the wheelchair or scooter. You can be screened without standing, walking, or being required to transfer out of the wheelchair or scooter.

• If you are able to stand, but cannot walk, an ETD search will be conducted while you stand near the wheelchair or scooter. Inform the TSA officer if you need to sit in the wheelchair or scooter.

• If you can walk and stand, you may be screened by technology, or you may opt out of screening by technology and receive a pat-down. To be eligible to be screened by AIT, you must be able to walk and stand alone and raise your arms for 5-7 seconds unassisted.

Regardless of how passengers are screened, the wheelchair or scooter will be inspected. The wheelchair or scooter will also be tested for traces of explosives, and any removable pouches or bags will be required to undergo X-ray screening.

If you are screened, and there is no alarm, you may be cleared through the checkpoint. If screening reveals an anomaly, then additional screening will be conducted, which may include a pat-down procedure.



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“TSA Pre✓® What to Expect”

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If passengers are screened using a pat-down, it is important to know the following:

- Pat-downs will be conducted by a TSA officer of the same gender.
- Passengers may ask for private screening at any time.
- A companion may be present during the private pat-down screening with the TSA officers, and this companion will be rescreened when the pat-down is completed.
- Passengers may request a chair if they need to sit.
- Passengers should not be asked to or be required to remove or lift any article of clothing to reveal a sensitive body area.

Children who appear 12 years of age or younger, and who are accompanied by a confirmed **TSA Pre✓®** parent or guardian, are not required to provide a confirmed **TSA Pre✓®** travel document. Remember to enter your *Known Traveler Number* (KTN) when you book your flight to get **TSA Pre✓®** benefits.

Go to tsa.gov for more information about technology used to test for traces of explosive material. For more information about **TSA Pre✓®** go to tsa.gov and click on the **TSA Pre✓®** link.



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Florida Senior Day

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Chick-fil-A provided more than 1,500 lunches to elders and caregivers, and Starbucks helped energize advocates and their personal messages to legislators and the public. Entertainers delighted the audience of seniors, and the Tallahassee Swing Band were our heroes for playing to the very end.



2016 Plans

Thank you to everyone who joined us and made this event such a success. We look forward to continuing to build and grow new events and activities in 2016 with the help of our partners. Please stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks ahead, and don't forget to check out our website - www.FloridaSeniorDay.org for updates on 2016 promotions and plans.

We appreciate everyone's help in spreading the word about this amazing event for Florida seniors. Please share this update with your network of supporters and partners statewide and **mark your calendars to have your group join us again on January 26-27, 2016 for Florida Senior Day!**



Is Your Florida Neighborhood Livable Today and in the Future?



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NEW LIVABILITY INDEX HELPS YOU ASSESS, PLAN FOR NEEDS AND WANTS

New AARP online tool equips people to make their hometowns and neighborhoods more livable, accessible and healthy now and in the future.

St. PETERSBURG, Fla.—The AARP Public Policy Institute is launching the AARP Livability Index, a first of its kind resource that allows people to determine how well their communities are meeting their current and future needs. People, policy makers and the private sector can use the Livability Index to measure how their location – down to the neighborhood level – rates across a comprehensive range of metrics that reflect user friendliness, and customize their search based on their own priorities.

In an exclusive feature, the May issue of AARP Bulletin uses the Livability Index to identify the most livable places in the country to live for people 50-plus. The AARP Bulletin feature, which can be read at www.aarp.org/mostlivable2015, includes the ten “Most Livable Neighborhoods” in the country. Two Florida cities, Tallahassee and Jacksonville, were recognized for high scores on civic and social engagement.

“For people looking to make a change in their life, finding a new place to live can be a challenge,” said Jeff Johnson, AARP’s Florida state director. “This livability index will help many a Northerner tired of the cold decide where they can best enjoy Florida’s sunshine and warm weather.” “The livability index is even more helpful for people who love where they live now and want to make their neighborhood, town or region even better. By showing where Florida communities are doing well and could do even better, in a comprehensive way and at a very local level, the index equips Floridians with tools that can help make the place they live as good as they can be.”

For example, the AARP Bulletin lists Jacksonville as one of the best large cities in the country in the civic and social engagement category, with an Index score of 70. Among medium cities, Tallahassee scores very well in this category, with a score of 80. Statewide, Florida scores 55 by comparison. Studies have shown that social engagement is critical to health and security as Americans grow older.

The index also equips Floridians, Florida businesses and elected leaders with information on where to focus efforts to improve. Jacksonville scored 42 in a category for opportunity, with lower-than-average high-school graduation rates and wider income disparity than the nation. Housing was another category showing room for improvement, with Tallahassee at 55, Jacksonville at 51, Tampa at 38 and St. Petersburg at 35.

AARP defines a livable community as one that has affordable and appropriate housing, supportive community features and services, and adequate mobility options, which together facilitate personal independence and the engagement of residents in civic and social life. It’s a place where people can get to where they want to go, living comfortably and in good health, and being able to remain active and engaged. Importantly, the elements that make a community livable are useful for people of all ages, not just Americans 50-plus.

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The AARP Livability Index, available at www.aarp.org/livabilityindex, was designed to provide the best basis for comparing localities across the nation by dozens of experts at the AARP Public Policy Institute and elsewhere. Aided by a national survey of 4,500 Americans 50-plus about the aspects of their communities most important to them, these experts selected 60 factors spread across seven categories: housing, neighborhood, transportation, environment, health, engagement and opportunity. For example, the “Transportation” category includes metrics on the frequency of local transit service, traffic congestion and crashes, and household transportation costs.

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Most Livable Neighborhoods



1. Mifflin West, Madison, Wis.
2. Upper West Side, Manhattan
3. Downtown Crossing, Boston
4. South of Market, San Francisco
5. Washington Crossing, Wis.
6. Downtown, St. Paul, Minn.
7. Southside, Virginia, Minn.
8. Downtown Bismarck, N.D.
9. Downtown Seattle
10. Downtown, Los Alamos, N.M.

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FASP Pre-Conference Intensive

Where There's A Will...You Want To Be In It: A practical look at planned gift fund raising and how you can start a planned giving program in your small shop!

Planned giving is more important than ever in a comprehensive development program, but few small shops have the expertise or the time to invest in it...or so they think! Come hear how planned giving is shaping the future of development programs and how your organization can position itself to receive the impending trillion dollar transfer of wealth. You will leave this workshop with practical tips and easily implemented tools that you can take back and put to use immediately.

Cost to attend the Intensive: \$50 FASP Members - \$60 FASP NonMembers

Robin Hicks Nunley, CFRE is a 20+ year veteran in the non-profit arena, having worked in numerous organizations in Washington, D.C. and Florida ranging from human services to arts and culture interests. A Certified Fund Raising Executive for more than 18 years, Hicks Nunley has held high visibility positions in the community, including eight years as President/CEO of the Elliott Museum/Historical Society and four years as the former Chief Operating Officer of the Council on Aging. In 2011, she founded RHC Consulting serving local and regional non-profit organizations. In 2013, Robin returned to the Council on Aging at the Kane Center as their Chief Philanthropic Officer.

Robin has a successful track record raising millions of dollars in the organizations for which she has worked thru annual gifts, special events, planned gifts, major gifts and capital campaigns. Under her management, the Elliott Museum secured the largest gift in its 50-year history and raised \$14 million dollars in their capital campaign.

In addition to her active professional career, Robin is actively involved in many community initiatives and has served on numerous boards including Stuart Mainstreet, the Stuart/Martin Chamber of Commerce, the Stuart City Commission-appointed Stuart Community Advisory Board and Community Re-development Board. A trained and successful public speaker on fund raising topics, Hicks Nunley has addressed audiences at the International Conference on Fundraising, the Florida Association of Museums Conference, and many Association of Fundraising Professionals chapter conferences and workshops. A native Floridian, Hicks Nunley received her bachelor's degree in communications from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida.

Register for Intensive [on-line](#)

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Users can also incorporate their own preferences by changing the weights of how different components are scored. Taken together, the AARP Livability Index, which uses more than 50 national sources of data, provides the clearest picture yet of how well a community meets the current and future needs of people of all ages.

The AARP Livability Index will be particularly important in the coming years to address the changing needs and wants of this country's aging population. According to AARP research, nearly eight-in-ten Americans 50-plus want to stay in their current homes and communities as they age; U.S. Census figures show that the overwhelming majority of them choose to do so. Local officials and others can use the Index in adapting their cities so that residents of all ages can stay healthy and active.

Johnson noted that AARP experts will discuss the Livability Index at the first of a series of State Solution Forums May 12 in Miami. The presentation will be part of the Miami-Dade County Age-Friendly Summit at the Newman Alumni Center at the University of Miami campus in Coral Gables. It will be the first opportunity for AARP experts to share the Livability Index directly with local residents, business leaders and elected officials. For more information on the Summit, please visit www.agefriendlymiami.org.

Resources

Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert: The latest edition of News Bytes is now available. News Bytes is a bi-monthly newsletter showcasing the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration's Health Information Technology initiatives. In this edition of News Bytes you will find information on: News on the Florida Health Information Exchange (Florida HIE); Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program Application; The Certification Flexibility Rule, The Grace Period, and AHCA's Health IT Symposium; Upcoming learning opportunities www.ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/ehr/

The online version of the Elder Update's May/June edition is now available at the following link, and features in-depth coverage of Florida Senior Day, a look back at the "Storm of the Century," new tools for mobility planning, and a whole lot more. http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/eu/2015/Elder%20Update_may%20june%202015.pdf

Why Is Aging So Hard To Sell

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-feather-phd/why-is-aging-so-hard-to-sell_b_7025064.html

How To Discuss Aging Issues With Your Kids

<http://money.usnews.com/money/retirement/articles/2015/04/03/how-to-discuss-aging-issues-with-your-kids>



July 2015

July 15-16, 2015: Wyndham Resort, Orlando, FL Florida CHAIN Annual Conference.
<http://floridachain.org/>

July 23-25, 2015: Orlando, FL Florida State Guardianship Association Conference.
<http://www.floridaguardians.com/education/conference/>

July 27-28, 2015: Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC. 2015 Healthy Aging Summit.
<http://www.2015healthyagingsummit.org/>

August 2015

August 1-2, 2015: Disney's Yacht and Beach Club Resort, Orlando, FL. Florida Geriatrics Society Annual Meeting and Educational Symposium. <http://www.floridageriatricssociety.org/annual.html>

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

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FASP - Florida Association of Aging Services Providers Twitter

<http://twitter.com/FLAgingServProv>



DOEA - Florida Department of Elder Affairs Facebook page

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FCOA - Florida Council on Aging Facebook page

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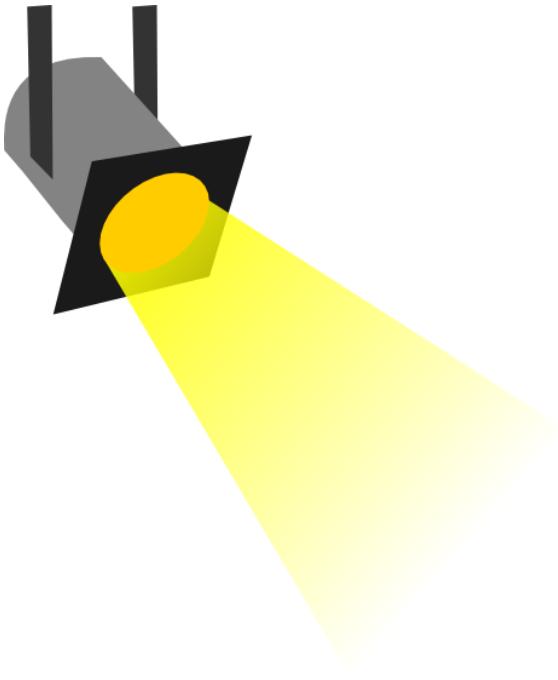


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FASP's Mission: Supporting older adults and the providers that serve them through information, connection, and resources.

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