

BASA MINUTES

Wednesday, March 20, 2018

- 39 people were in attendance.
- **No Guest Speaker**
- **PRESENTER:** Amy Stein-Hansen, Medilodge of GTC
Medilodge offers private and semi-private rooms for long-termed skilled nursing care and short-term rehabilitation solutions with a total of 125 beds. They accept Veterans and are in the process of remodeling their facility. Their Medical Director is part of Indigo Health Partners. They are still offering Cracker Barrel Gift Cards to those who bring a senior to the facility to tour and will have an Easter Egg Hunt on April 19th, all are welcome.
- **PRESENTER:** Deborah Nicholson, Holli Care, LLC
Holli is a locally owned In-Home Care Company. The owners Don and Lisa Crossley are both veterans and nurses, with a heart for giving quality care to those who want to remain in their homes as long as possible. One of their services is to provide Care Management to their clients which includes ensuring safety in the home, coordinating needed care, communicating between the client, families and medical providers, helping with transitions, assessing the clients needs in the areas of personal care, environmental hygiene, nutrition, financial management, home management and advocacy.
- **MEMBERS IN THE NEWS:**
Lisa Ulrich from Edward Jones is the Alzheimer Walk Chairman. There are still sponsorship and volunteer opportunities available and, of course, they are signing up teams to walk. Please contact Lisa at 231-947-0079 with any questions and to receive a packet about the Walk. It will be held on September 28th at the Open Space in Traverse City.
Chronic Care has been nominated for the top 50 Michigan companies to watch. They will be attending the Gala in May in Lansing. Congratulations!
Amy Northway, owner of Monarch Home Health is celebrating 15 years in business. Way to go Amy!
- **STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT:**
The website is being updated - Rachel Krino will be presenting all the changes at our April meeting.
- **SENIOR EXPO 2019:** 2 months out
Theme: Kentucky Derby
Co-chairs: Elizabeth Sonnabend and Angie Lorenzi
Logistics Chair: Connie Hintsala - We can have access to the locker rooms if needed. Parking is an issue - we have 50 spots behind the Civic Center for vendor and volunteer parking. Proposed parking solutions are using the Bayliner which goes by every 15 minutes and Elizabeth from Grand Traverse Pavillions has volunteered their bus.
Marketing Chair: CC Hovie - All media sponsorships are in place, please get info to CC as soon as possible. She will be providing banners for our websites.
Sponsorship Chairs: Nancy Albrecht and Dave Hauser
Vendor Registration: Theresa Kerry - lots of booths still available.
Volunteer Coordinator - Beth Dole - There are MANY slots available to help with the Senior Expo - Registration, Clean Up, Tear Down, Bag Stuffing and helping at the Water Table just to name a few. Sign up today.
Food Coordinator - Cindy McGarry - Lots of cookies, scones and coffee, pasta salad and chicken salad have already been promised. Medilodge GTC has volunteered to be a food sponsor also. Looking for more food sponsors - any ideas call Cindy. Expo forms for booths and sponsorships have been sent out.
- **MEMBERSHIP**
Irene Hogan is our Membership Chair.
There are 96 Paid members at present
2019 dues are \$35 for new members. Dues have increased as of January 1, 2019 to \$50 for current members. If you are a new member please make sure you get on the website and check it out. There is an orientation on the website to introduce you to BASA and familiarize yourself with BASA's contributions to the community and its role in supporting the seniors in our area. If you need a nametag see Irene or Russ.
- **SENIOR SUPPORT**
\$14,000 has been allocated in our budget to provide grants up to \$500 each that can be awarded to seniors in need. All forms and instructions can be found on the website. All the funding comes from the Senior Expo.
Been quiet over the last month - 1 request. Jennifer has found someone to cut the costs of eye glasses, more info to come.
- **LEGISTRATION**
Michigan Senate is considering cutting the budget on the MI Choice Waiver program. Amy will have a link sent out with information on how you can contact your legislature in regards to this issue.
Washington is looking at cutting senior services in the way of Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security but are adding dental services to the Social Security Act.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Fyzical Therapy and Balance Center: There is a workshop April 9th for Neck and Back Pain. They also have a Postpartum workshop coming up.
Veterans Affairs: Will be scheduling a Dental Day in the near future.
Traverse Health Clinic: Provides a Recovery Program, Health and Dental, Counseling
Northern Star Assisted Living: Easter Egg Hunt on April 13th
Guardian Services of NW MI: The Michigan Guardianship Association is having their 2019 Spring Conference at the Park Place Hotel - April 25th and 26th. Contact Lee for more information on Sponsorships and Participation
Senior Benefit Solutions: Budget Cuts are coming for Medicare/Medicaid and Social Security
Senior Center: 90 Over 90 Event is May 3rd at the Haggerty Center. Last year 127 people attended. They are beginning a Veterans Only Coupon Program. As a senior Veteran you will get a coupon book from the Senior Center that can be used for exercise programs, massage, reflexology, etc. Applications can be made on-line or at the Senior Center.
Medilodge TC: They are in the process of expanding their 27 bed secure dementia unit.
GT Pavillions: 3 Sponsorships left for the Concert on the Lawn program. They are in the process of providing Dialysis on the premises. Deb Nichols is retiring.
Great Lakes Home Care Unlimited: Opening an office in Petoskey
Humana: Open Enrollment ends on March 31st, until then you can make changes to your Medicare Plan.
Parkinson's: The 34th Parkinson's Summer Forum will be held May 30th at the Haggerty Center. Booth registration is full. Last year approximately 250 people attended. Looking for event sponsors - please call the Parkinson's Office if you are interested. By the year 2024 Parkinson's will meet pandemic proportions worldwide. Usually Parkinsonians have depression and anxiety 20 years before they are diagnosed.
Edward Jones: Social Security Seminar on May 16th
Share Care: Have openings for Spring Cleanups and Medical Transportation.