

BASA MINUTES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

- 31 people were in attendance.
- **PRESENTER:** Greg Kish, Elder Law Attorney
They have changed their name to Kish, Dykstra and Scott and moved their office over by Oleson's near Munson. They excel in Estate Planning, Elder Law, Medicaid and Medicare Issues and planning for people with Disabilities. Greg serves on the Elder Law Council for the State Bar in Michigan and new legislation is being worked on regarding Guardianship and visitation, government restrictions on short term rentals and the effects of 5G Broadband.
- **PRESENTER:** Beth Dole, Fyzical Therapy
Free balance testing all year long. 95% of hip fractures are from falls at an average cost of \$35,000 in medical bills. Out of 5 people with hip fractures, 1 will live through the year. They do take Priority Health but that is the only insurance that they take.
- **SPEAKER:** Marissa Duque, Regional Land Conservancy
Since 1991 the conservancy has protected 41,000 acres of land and 128 miles of shoreline and are currently working with 20 families to protect land access. Our Mission is protecting significant natural, scenic and Farm Lands—and advancing stewardship – now and for future generations. Currently there are several projects that have created universal, barrier free access to nature **1)**. A 1/2 mile overlook trail in Arcadia with a 5% grade and 6 ft. wide wooden path **2)**. A boardwalk through 305 acres of the Arcadia Marsh **3)**. A 6 mile lake trail at St. Clair Lake and **4)**. Timbers Recreation Trail in progress in Long Lake. Volunteers are always needed - contact John Troop, Events Coordinator.
- **STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT:**
BASA Care Awards - 30 nominations so far - today is the last day - receive \$1000 from BASA for your nominated Non-profit.
- **MEMBERSHIP**
Irene Hogan is our Membership Chair.
2020 dues are due!
There are 102 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.
- **MEMBERS IN THE NEWS:**
Caregiver of the Year award was presented to Esther from Bright Star. She will receive \$5,000 to be put towards education budget.
Jeff Halberg - Prime Time News presented a donation to BASA from the Expo advertising.
- **SENIOR EXPO 2020:** Expo meeting on October 2nd at 1pm in the Blue Room at the Chamber. Discount for booths will be dependent on whether their dues are paid up by Dec. 31st.
- **SENIOR SUPPORT:** There will be a meeting immediately following today's BASA Meeting. When putting in requests make sure that they are really in need and that this is their last hope for getting their needs met.
- **LEGISLATION:** Wayne Schmidt introduced legislation to increase the MiWaver rates.
At the November meeting from 10a to 11a lobbyist Gabe Synder is coming to help us find out how we can advocate for our seniors.
When talking to your legislature - have a poster child in mind - in other words have an example of what you are talking about so that it is clear to the person you are talking to.
- **ANNUAL MEETING:** The October 16th meeting will be our annual meeting and will take place at the Top of the Park. Same meeting time.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Hudson Wealth Management: They have moved to Racquet Ct. Drive, at Logan's Landing. They are still settling in but you are welcome to stop by and check out their beautiful new office.
Intellicare: Looking for a Sales and Marketing representative.
BATA: One of their drivers has 2 walkers and a wheel chair he would like to donate. The Coast bus runs 5 days a week - Mon. through Friday.
Grand Traverse Pavillions: They just finished their LIFE event - it was a great success.
P.A.C.E. North: Barb Reardon is accepting referrals. Open house is Friday, September 20th from 4p to 7p
Edward Jones: Will be holding a dinner called "Have You Planned for your Health Care Costs" on October 10th at 5pm at the Traverse City Country Club
Kish, Dykstra and Scott: Having an Open House on October 26th at 4:30p to show off the new office.
Fyzical Therapy: Open House on Saturday, September 21st from 9a to 10a. They are also holding a fundraiser for Meals on Wheels by selling Water Bottles for \$8.00 a piece.
Fred Goldenberg: Medicare enrollment - many changes in 2020. He will be in Antrim County next week.
Leelanau Senior Services: Wednesday, September 25th Fred Goldenberg will be holding an informational forum about the Medicare Changes for 2020 at 10:30a and 6:30p.
Prime Time News: The Senior Housing Directory is out.
Catholic Human Services: They are going to be organizing a Grandparents fundraiser
Holli Care, LLC: Has moved their office to 3055 Cass Rd., Suite 107A. Stop in and see us in our new digs.
Reynolds Jonkhoff: Financial Planner Breakfast at 8:00a, October 8th and a PrePlanning Seminar at Harington's on October 15th.