

MEETING NOTES AND RECAP

Thursday, October 20th

Topic:

Older Adult Financial Abuse presented by Chris Genzler followed by Open Discussion

Attendees: Chris Genzler, Leslie Markham-Stern, Pat Koko, Scott Davis, Maureen Rafa, Roz Byrne, Linda Kunicki, Chuck Rizzo, Terry Zachata, Eleanore Weber, Esther Grachan, Gina Knight, Gina Larkin, Kerry Quirin, Lynda Strelitz, Barry Schuman, Lucas Ueberfluss, Deborah Clair and Vicky Rehill (19)

September minutes approved by Maureen, seconded by Pat
Finance report no change. There will be corrections made to the 2022 member roster.
Chuck approved pending update and seconded by Linda.

Special congratulations to Pat for OP Chamber award and to Gina Knight for feature in Hinsdale magazine and publication of "Aging in Place" now on Amazon also written with member Julianne Rizzo.

Membership drive in place – enter to win each time you bring a guest. Gift cards will be awarded at the December meeting.

November meeting 11/17 VIRTUAL speaker on new innovations in incontinence products

December meeting 12/15 LIVE possibly at the American House Oak Park

January meeting LIVE at the Victory Center of Galewood new tech ID devise Prudential
Suggestions for speakers in 2023 are requested

Presentation on Financial fraud of Older Adults

Who commits fraud?

1/3 time relative, 1/3 time caregiver, friend or advisor, and 1/3 time stranger socially engineered

POA or acting trustee most common through checking acct, debit, credit cards, unsuitable investments, stealing personal info. This is done by phone, text, in person and digitally. Make sure you are diligent about computer privacy for seniors.

National Council on Fraud warns about 1) gov't impersonation 2) sweepstakes or lottery scams 3) robo calls 4) tech support calls 5) grandparent scams

Maureen discussed facebook marketplace scams and robberies

Pat discussed, check washing so be sure use gel pen and other ways to alter checks

Linda checks her accounts daily. Good movie to watch is "Catch Me if you Can"

Chuck discussed to watch for a strong push for urgency

Gina Lakin discussed professional caregiver abuse moving money to credit cards

The key to Fraud prevention is awareness, keep network around older adults strong.
Report abuse to **Adult Protective Services at 866-800-1409**

Announcements

Deborah Clair guest of Pat Koko from Wonderworks Children Museum, Oak Park many volunteer opportunities on their website. Good for our members as well as intergenerational activities for seniors we serve.

Vicky Rehill – rehabbed wings now open at Caledonia

Chuck Rizzo – starting with new company on Monday

Maureen Rafa – can help with insurance claims or Medicare denials

Roz – speaking Saturday at Brookdale OP on changing real estate market

Pat – Celebrating Seniors open for 2023 nominations, good class of 2022

Lucas – good conversation, didn't realize how many scams out there

Terry Zachata – can provide speaker for January

Lynda Strelitz – glad to be invited to SCSCC and discuss Captel no cost phones

Gina Knight – full range of Kastle Keeper services

Esther Grachan – open enrollment for Medicare and doing events to explain benefits

Linda Kunicki – BrightStar recognized nationally for auditing system. Mark is hosting and open house event Saturday at his new Hoffman Estates office

Kerry Quirin – new board member Samaracare serving disabled adults

Elenore – saw the cover for the workbook on organizing essential documents so her long term project is almost ready and eagerly anticipated

Gina Lakin – 37 years in care management and homecare now with Wisdom Care

Leslie Markham-Stern – on vacation just crossed into Ohio

Chris Genzler – appreciates the group. With 40 members, very close to pre pandemic membership average 45. He will stay in office for 2023! **Bring guests!!!!**