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If you have clients who need assistance with finding the right place for their ill family member to live and determining how to pay for it, ***we can assist them with becoming eligible for Medicaid.***

If you have clients who are unable to care for themselves and make their own decisions, ***we can assist their loved ones with becoming their guardian.***

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WORDS TO THE WISE

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VA Nursing Homes

Are you or your loved one a veteran in need of nursing home care? If so and you are a Florida resident, you may want to get more information about Florida's VA long-term care facilities. One such facility is the Douglas T. Jacobson State Veterans' Nursing Home, located in Port Charlotte. To be eligible for placement, you must be a veteran with qualifying war or peacetime service, be a Florida resident for one year prior to applying for admission, and must require long-term care in a skilled nursing facility. Veterans with service-connected disabilities or veterans unable to afford nursing home care have priority. For admission information you can contact the nearest County Veteran Service Office. In Lee County, the number is 239-938-1100.

Source: www.floridavets.org/nursing/nursing.asp

Fix It For Free

If you are short on cash to pay for a repair of your television, phone or other electronic device, you might try the FixYa website. It allows you to post your problem on line, so that someone with expertise in that particular area can respond with a potential solution. This author found postings on the FixYa website for everything from digital cameras and air conditioners to cars.

Sources: www.fixya.com & bulletin.aarp.org/yourmoney/saveabuck/articles/fix_it_for_free.html

Save the Dates!

On March 24, 2009, Britton Swank will speak about Advanced Directives at Calusa Harbour in Fort Myers. The event begins at 10:00 am in the main dining room and is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided by Calusa Harbour to attendees at no cost. For more information or to R.S.V.P., please call Kellie Amabile at 239-425-2239.

Osterhout, McKinney & Prather, P.A. is sponsoring The Eighth Annual Southwest Florida Conference on Aging on Friday, April 17, 2009, at the Broadway Palm in Fort Myers. The event is hosted by Hope Hospice. For more information, please call Courtney Quirie at 239-433-8069.