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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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Social Security Report Delayed

The Trustees of the Social Security and Medicare trust funds report on the financial status of the programs on an annual basis. The annual report is usually released in early April. This year, the Obama administration is delaying the release of the annual report, allowing time to factor in the impact of the recently passed health care legislation. So just who are the Trustees of the Social Security and Medicare trust funds? Four of the six serve as a result of their positions in the Federal Government: the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Commissioner of Social Security. The remaining two positions are public representatives appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Sources: www.ssa.gov/OACT/TRSUM/index.html
Associated Press (April 4, 2010)
http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gZpU2Grfx5oYWQqJWUvLm1kCLv_QD9ET1MC81

Silver Alert Status

Florida's Silver Alert Program began in October 2008 and is designed to help local law enforcement rescue or recover missing seniors suffering from conditions such as Alzheimer's and dementia. The program coordinates law enforcement and state agency responses to better share information with the public about the missing person. Media outlets are contacted and dynamic message signs can be activated when certain criteria are met. According to a March 2010 report, there were 10 recoveries last month resulting from Silver Alerts issued at the state level where a vehicle was involved and dynamic message signs were activated. The total recoveries since the program began is 164.

Source: www.fdle.state.fl.us/content/home.aspx

We Look Forward To Seeing You This Friday!

Osterhout, McKinney & Prather, P.A. is once again sponsoring **The Annual Southwest Florida Conference on Aging** to be held Friday, April 16, 2010, at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. The conference is geared toward professionals in the field of aging as well as the general public.