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FPACG Message Continued and Spotlight on Education

We are in need of Volunteers to help in the FPACG office with mailings, filing, copying and other odd jobs. Please contact FPACG office @ 863-421-5807 if you are able to help!

Welcome New FPACG Members

****Chapter 1 - May 19, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Hospice in Auburndale.** The speaker will be Ann Stanton, RN on the topic Childhood Obesity. There will also be a planning meeting for next years meetings. Call 863-421-5807 for reservations.

****Chapter 3 - May 19, 2011 @ 5:30 at Cornerstone Hospice of Tavares.** There will be a covered dish dinner. Please bring a dish to share with a group of 10 to 12 persons. Speaker TBA. There will

also be a planning meeting for next years meetings. Call 352-742-6802 for reservations.

****Chapter 5 - April 12, 2011 @ 5:30 at Suncoast Hospice.** Please bring a dish for potluck dinner to share

With a group of 10—12 persons. Speaker will be Dr. Donald Simmler and the topic is Infection Control and Common Infections. Call 727-397-4373 for reservations.

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PLEASE NOTIFY FPACG OF YOUR CHANGE OF NAME, ADDRESS OR EMAIL TO KEEP OUR RECORDS CURRENT.
THANK YOU! YOU ARE REMINDED TO REPORT TO THE CNA REGISTRY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RELOCATION.

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Upcoming Meeting Dates:

This is your Official Meeting Notice for Chapters 1, 3 and 5.

Please call the FPACG office to note attendance at the Chapter meetings. Thank You.

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DIRECT CARE ALLIANCE

An exciting result of FPACG's partnership is that FPACG will be bringing the DCA Personal Care and Support Credential to Florida. This credential is the first and only national credential for personal care and support professionals in home and community-based settings, and it recognizes direct care workers as professionals while giving employers the opportunity to demonstrate that their staff meets a nationally recognized standard. The credential was built to complement existing training programs and was designed by direct care workers, employers and consumers to reflect the core competencies of a personal assistance worker.

CNA/HHAs doing home health or working as a caregiver/support professionals to elderly and/or physically or mentally handicapped clients, may wish to avail themselves of this credentialing.

The National Credentialing examination will be given in Central Florida at three

individual locations on May 23, 24, 25. Times and locations are still waiting final confirmation. You may call our office for additional information and/or visit: www.flana.org or www.directcarealliance.org/credential for more information.

As of January 1, 2011, new FPACG members are automatically enrolled as members of the Direct Care Alliance. For more information on DCA member benefits, visit www.directcarealliance.org/membership. Please call FPACG at 863-421-5807 with any questions.

Congratulations to FPACG members who completed the *14 Hr Leadership Course for Care Givers* at the end of March. Dr. Mary Ann Fritz, course author, was the instructor. Class participants came from Collier, Broward, Lake, Sumter, Pinellas and Polk counties.

Congratulations to FPACG members who have been chosen to participate in the DCA 3rd Annual Voices Institute, May 8-13 in Racine, Wisconsin. This week long national leadership development class helps individual care givers develop the skills needed to become effective leaders. Nominees from FPACG are June Ortiz, CNA/HHA, Co-facilitator, Chapter 5, Pinellas Co.; Rita Andrews, CNA/HHA, VP Board of Directors, Volusia Co.; and Joan Leah, CNA/HHA, Polk Co. We trust this will be a very rewarding experience for them personally and professionally.

CNA Re-Certification/Renewal: Be reminded that all CNAs, prior to their first renewal are required to have a 2 hr. Board approved HIV class and that all CNAs are required to have a 2 hr. Board approved Domestic Violence class every 3rd renewal period. It is up to each individual CNA to be sure they have what is needed. Gold and Member+ members of FPACG are reminded to send copies of their certificates for any in-service taken from other sources in order that we can place the information on your annual summary. This will include classes taken through aQuire on-line in-servicing offered by FPACG. We have followed up with the CNA Council regarding the *Bloodborne Pathogen* topic replacing HIV on the mandated topic and are informed this should be changed in the FAC Chapter 64B-9 by spring 2011. As of March 15, 2011 the change has not yet been entered into the Fl. Adm. Code.

Online in servicing has been off to a slow start. Members are reminded to call the FPACG office for the member code to be eligible for the member rate. Members will receive a 50% discount off the listed prices when the code is entered at checkout.

FPACG home in-service studies are available through our office. You will find an order form on our website. Circle topics you wish to order and send with check or money order. **Note:** As of April 1, all order are to include a \$3.99 Postage and handling fee.

MEMBER NEWS

Membership benefits you don't want to use.....

We hope and pray you never use the automatic Life Insurance benefit your membership with FPACG offers.

Yes, included in your annual dues is a Guaranteed Issue Life Insurance policy from United of Omaha Mutual Life worth up to \$2,000. The death benefit is \$1,000.00 with an additional Accidental Death rider of \$1,000.00. Coverage renews annually effective 1 month following the payment of your dues. The Master Policy is owned by FPACG. All active members receive this, and you can update your beneficiaries as needed, without charge.

Mutual of Omaha will **never** sell, release, or solicit you for any purpose. We will, however, follow up and assist you to the best of our ability with any Insurance Issue you may face. Please call the FPACG office if you are interested in an association individual extended life policy. For FPACG to offer an extended life policy, we are required to have 25% of the membership participate.

Juneta Blackmon, Volusia Co.; James Brundage, Volusia Co.;

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Yesterday is history,

Tomorrow is a mystery,

And Today is a gift. That's

why they call it the Present.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Make the Most of each Day!