

A G E N D A
PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL
September 6, 2023
Meeting Begins at 1:30 p.m.
Clubhouse Four / YouTube Live / Zoom

TO ATTEND IN-PERSON: All Shareholders can attend in person at Clubhouse Four.

TO ATTEND YOU-TUBE LIVE: All Shareholders can attend via YouTube Live at <https://www.lwsb.com/>

TO ATTEND VIA ZOOM: Only Presidents and Invited Guests can attend via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL / INTRODUCTION OF EACH PRESIDENT'S GUEST

3. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST(S) AND STAFF:

Marsha Gerber, GRF President
Jessica Sedgwick, Executive Director
Victoria Batistelli, Director Group Operations Optum of Orange County
Jayna Kling, HCC Site Manager
Marty Williams, Emergency information Council
Mark Weaver, Sr. Director of Facilities
Jodi Hopkins, Mutual Administration Director
Kevin Black, Physical Property Manager
Robann Arshat, Member Resources Liaison
Ripa Barua, Sr. Portfolio Specialist

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING

- a. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of August 2, 2023 (pp. 3-5)

5. GUEST SPEAKER

Victoria Batistelli & Jayna Kling

- a. Discussion on upcoming Pharmacy

6. GUEST SPEAKER

Mary Williams

- a. Discuss having Representatives for the EIC Meeting.
b. Discuss Charter
c. Discuss Flyer for GAF Donations for Emergency Preparedness Expo

7. MEMBER RESOURCES LIAISON

Robann Arshat

- a. Discuss shareholder assistance process (pp.6-23)

8. SR. DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES DIRECTOR & PHYSICAL PROPERTY MANAGER

- a. General updates on projects in the community **Mark Weaver & Kevin Black**

9. MUTUAL ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR

Jodi Hopkins

- a. Mutual Administration Monthly Updates
- b. Stock Transfer Monthly Updates

10. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. **Unfinished Business**
 - i. No Unfinished Business
- b. **New Business**
 - i. No New Business

11. PRESIDENTS' COMMENTS

12. ANNOUCEMENTS:

- a. **Next Meeting** - Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Clubhouse Four /via Zoom / YouTube Live

13. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL
LEISURE WORLD SEAL BEACH
AUGUST 2, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Presidents' Council of Leisure World Seal Beach was convened at 1:30 p.m. by President Dolch, on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, via Clubhouse Four and Zoom Tele-Video Conference.

INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Dolch welcomed guests and staff to the meeting; each President introduced their invited guest from their Board.

MEMBERS

MUTUAL ONE	Mr. Dan Weber
MUTUAL THREE	Ms. Carol Ginthner
MUTUAL FOUR	Mr. Dan Conley
MUTUAL FIVE	Ms. Linda DeRungs
MUTUAL SIX	Ms. Lynn Baidack
MUTUAL SEVEN	Ms. Beth Vroon
MUTUAL EIGHT	Ms. Jeri Dolch
MUTUAL NINE	Ms. Beth Mayer
MUTUAL TEN	Ms. Ruthann Arlart
MUTUAL ELEVEN	Ms. Beth Greely (M11 Representative)
MUTUAL TWELVE	Mr. Rich Carson
MUTUAL FOURTEEN	Mr. Jack Nevin
MUTUAL FIFTEEN	Mr. Bruce Bowles
MUTUAL SIXTEEN	Mr. Dale Watkins
MUTUAL SEVENTEEN	Ms. Cathy Gassman

GUESTS

MUTUAL ONE	Ms. Sandra Luther-Stark
MUTUAL SIX	Ms. Charlotte Cone (via zoom)
MUTUAL EIGHT	Ms. Sandy Weisenstein
MUTUAL NINE	Mr. Bob Walz
MUTUAL TEN	Ms. Esther Cummings
MUTUAL ELEVEN	Ms. Susan Shaver
MUTUAL TWELVE	Ms. Susan Ferraro
MUTUAL FOURTEEN	Mr. Bob Stefun
MUTUAL FIFTEEN	Mr. Ron Gildner
MUTUAL SIXTEEN	Ms. Loni Gardette

ABSENT:

MUTUAL TWO	Ms. Teri Nugent
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STAFF & GUEST SPEAKERS

Marsha Gerber, GRF President
Jessica Sedgwick, Executive Director

Mark Weaver, Sr. Director of Facilities
Jodi Hopkins, Mutual Administration Director
Ripa Barua, Sr. Portfolio Specialist

ELECT 2023-2024 PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL OFFICER

The Nominating Committee received the below nominations for the Officers of Presidents' Council:

President – Mutual 8, Jeri Dolch and Mutual 15, Bruce Bowles.

Vice President – Mutual 12, Rich Carson.

Secretary – Mutual 9, Beth Mayer

Jeri Dolch, Mutual 8 President was elected by Secret Ballot to the office of President for Presidents Council for the 2023-2024 term of office.

Rich Carson, Mutual 12 President was elected to the office of Vice President for Presidents Council for the 2023-2024 term of office.

Beth Mayer, Mutual 9 President was elected as to the office of Secretary for President Council for the 2023-2024 term of office.

MINUTES

Presidents' Council meeting minutes of July 6, 2023, were approved, by the Council, to stand as written.

SR. DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

The Sr. Director of Facilities, Mark Weaver, provided updates on general projects in the community.

Following questions, Mr. Weaver left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

MUTUAL ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR

The Mutual Administration Director, Ms. Hopkins, provided updates in the Mutual Administration Department and the Stock Transfer Department.

General consensus for GRF to look into a Violation Compliance Inspector

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

PRESIDENTS' COMMENTS

The Presidents offered comments during the proceedings of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., at Clubhouse Four, Zoom Tele-Video Conference and YouTube LIVE.**

ADJOURNMENT

President Dolch adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

Attest, Beth Mayer Secretary
PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL
RB 07/06/23



Member Resources Liaison:
Robann Arshat
562-431-6586 x317

The Member Resource Liaison is dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents. The Member Resource Liaison is available for crisis intervention, linkages to community resources, and support. For confidential and free service please contact this department if you are:

- Grieving the loss of a loved one
- Caring for an ill or aging relative
- Coping with a life changing diagnosis
- Making long-term care arrangements
- Feeling overwhelmed and stressed
- In need of assistance in your home
- In need of senior low-income programs
- Interested in a volunteer opportunity
- Homebound and in need of a friendly visitor

Collaboration Team of Social Workers

- **Council on Aging – Main office in Orange County: 714-352-8820 www.coaoc.org**
 - Reconnect
 - Friendly Visitor
 - HICAP Insurance Counseling and Advocacy
 - Concierge Care Navigators Program (for a fee)
 - Long Term Care Ombudsman
 - Senior Protection Program – Financial Abuse Specialist Team
- **Alzheimer's OC – Helpline 844-373-4400 www.alzoc.org**
 - Alzheimer's Memory Screening to schedule an appointment call 844-373-4400
 - Alzheimer's 1 on 1 Dementia Care Consultation book for an appointment call 949-757-3753
 - Alzheimer's Memory Support Services (MST) – Robann 562-431-6586 x317

- **APS Adult Protective Services Hotline: 800-451-5155**
 - Anyone can call the hotline to report suspected or active abuse, self-neglect or in dire need.
 - The caller's name is kept completely confidential. You can also say you want to report anonymously.
 - A social worker will visit the person/victim in need and offer help.

Golden Age Foundation 562-431-9589

- They are always ready to help any way they can with their array of programs and volunteers.
 - Mobility Aids Program 562-431-9589
 - Hospitality Coffee & Cookies in Clubhouse 6. 9am-11am
 - Recycle & Shredding Program
 - For more information go to www.goldenagefdn.org/programs

Extended Team:

- **Pathways – Senior Advocate Social Workers 562-531-3031**
 - Help with finding Medi-Cal Programs
 - Help with filling out Medi-Cal forms
 - Help with finding caregivers, meals on wheels and much more
 - Greif Support Group – Call Tammie 562-531-3031
 - Friendly Visitor Program
 - If you're interested in becoming an LW friendly visitor, please call Tammie at 562-531-3031
 - For more information go to www.Pathwayshospice.org
- **Meals on Wheels Long Beach 562-439-5000**
- **Meals on Wheels Anaheim 714-220-0224**

For more information, literature and brochures see the display case in Building 5, or to book an appointment with Member Resources or one of Collaboration Team social workers, call Robann Arshat at 562-431-6586 x317.

ReConnect Program

Early Intervention Services for Older Adults (EISOA)



Who We Are

The Council on Aging – Southern California has been a trusted nonprofit organization since 1973. We provide unbiased information, programs, and services to more than 100,000 adults and families annually.

The ReConnect EISOA Program provides culturally and linguistically responsive prevention and intervention services to Orange County residents who are experiencing behavioral health barriers, aging challenges, or health inequities later in life.

Program Eligibility

- ▶ Orange County adults age 60 and older
- ▶ Limited or inadequate social support
- ▶ Willing to participate in the program
- ▶ Experiencing loneliness, isolation, grief, or late-life transitions
- ▶ Facing behavioral health conditions, chronic health issues, or cognitive decline

CALL US — WE CAN HELP

We are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
The ReConnect Program is offered in English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Japanese, and Chinese.

(714) 352-8820 | www.coasc.org/reconnect

What We Do

Our program provides 1 to 12 months of early intervention services at no-cost to participants and includes:

- ▶ Outreach and education
- ▶ Comprehensive screenings
- ▶ In-home clinical case management
- ▶ Psychiatric assessments
- ▶ Individual and group therapy
- ▶ Referrals and linkages to resources
- ▶ Caregiver and family support
- ▶ Peer mentor services
- ▶ Support groups
- ▶ Wellness activities and social engagement

Services available at:

- ▶ COASC main office - county wide
- ▶ Laguna Woods Village
- ▶ Leisure World Seal Beach
- ▶ LGBTQ Center Orange County

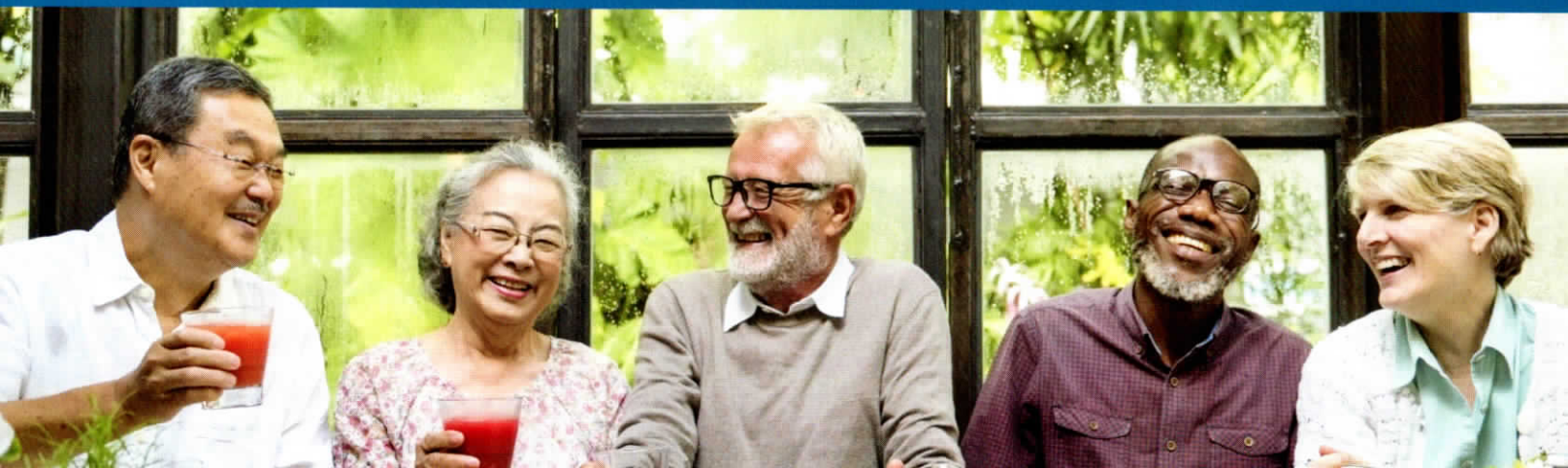


ReConnect

a Program of Council on Aging

Council on Aging Programs

Helping Seniors Remain Healthy, Connected & Protected



- ▶ **Answers Guide** – Available in print and online, Answers has information on healthcare, caregiving, finance/legal, housing and more.
- ▶ **Concierge Care Navigators®** – Registered Nurses providing care management, in-home assessments and online care plans to support wellness.
- ▶ **Friendly Visitor Program** – Provides companionship and social support to isolated, frail adults in Orange County.
- ▶ **Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP)** – Provides free, unbiased, individual Medicare counseling and seminars.
- ▶ **Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program** – Advocates for the rights of older and disabled adults living in skilled nursing and residential care facilities.
- ▶ **ReConnect Program** – Assists Orange County's adults age 60+ to manage and improve their emotional health and overall well-being.
- ▶ **Senior Protection Program & FAST** – Educational seminars to help you avoid financial predators and limited consultation on matters of abuse.
- ▶ **SmileMakers Guild** – Provides holiday gifts to over 6,000 residents in long-term care facilities in Orange and Riverside Counties.

88%

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Southern California



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2 Executive Circle, Suite 175, Irvine, CA 92614 | www.coasc.org

Adult Services | County of Orange Social Services Agency

<https://www.ssa.ocgov.com/elderdisabled-home-services>

Adult Protective Services (APS) 24-Hour Hotline: **800-451-5155** 1. Anyone who suspects, observes or knows that an elder or dependent adult is being abused is encouraged to call in a report to APS at **800-451-5155**. APS is focused at preventing or remedying neglect, abuse or exploitation of elder adults age 60 or older.

WHY REPORT

The elder or dependent adult will be given options to keep him/her safe from harm

- The victim and their family members can be linked with appropriate community resources.
- Unaware family members and friends can be alerted to step in and help.
- The APS social worker can assist victims and their families in developing individualized care plans.
- The reporter can feel relief in knowing that a professional is assessing the situation

What Can You Do?

If you suspect that an elder or dependent adult is the victim of abuse, call:

- In the community (e.g. in a private home setting) Orange County Adult Protective Services (APS) at 800-451-5155 (24-Hour Hotline)
- In an emergent situation inform your local police department or dial **911**

If you are not a mandated reporter but a relative, neighbor, friend to the victim or observed an elder or dependent adult being abused, only a phone call is necessary. You do not have to fill out any paperwork.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The name of the reporting party is confidential. It is not disclosed to the victim, their family, or the alleged abuser.

AFTER THE REPORT

Orange County Adult Protective Services (APS) at 800-451-5155 (24-Hour Hotline)

Each report is assigned to a Senior Social Worker for investigation and case planning. The assigned social worker attempts to have a private face-to-face meeting with the victim within 10 calendar days of the report.

Emergency Response is available 24 hours per day.

DEFINITIONS OF ELDER/DISABLED ABUSE

Physical Abuse

- Beating, slapping, pushing, or kicking
- Restrictions on freedom of movement, such as confining the victim in the bedroom
- Overmedication
- Sexual exploitation
- Withholding food or Water

Financial Abuse

The mismanagement of money or stealing property belonging to the victim. This can include:

- Theft (the act of stealing)
- Extortion (taking money or property through pressure, threats or intimidation)
- Fraud (taking money or property by deception or misrepresentation)

Psychological Abuse

Verbal harassment, threats, or other intimidating behavior that results in fear, agitation, confusion, severe depression, or other forms of serious emotional distress.

Neglect

Failure of a caregiver to provide basic necessities such as adequate food or water, shelter, medical treatment or personal care.

Abandonment

The desertion or willful forsaking of an elder or dependent adult by anyone having care or custody of that person under circumstances in which a reasonable person would continue to provide care and custody.

Abduction

The removal from this state and the restraint from returning to this state of any elder or dependent adult who does not have the capacity to consent to this removal.

Isolation

Actions, which prevent an elder or dependent adult from receiving mail or telephone calls. Falsely telling callers or prospective visitors that the elder or dependent adult does not want contact, if the purpose is to prevent contact with family, friends, or concerned persons. False imprisonment. Physical restraints, which prevent an elder or dependent adult from meeting with others.

Self-Neglect

An elder or dependent adult is unable to manage his/her personal needs in the areas of health care, food, shelter or finances, or cannot handle the basic activities of daily living.

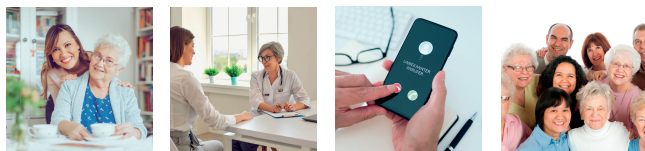
If you are Los Angeles County – Call 877-477-3646.

CREATING EFFECTIVE OUTCOMES TOGETHER

Every person experiencing cognitive changes deserves a partner to help them along the way.

Our organization helps thousands of individuals and families every year through a multitude of services and resources.

Don't wait for a crisis. Seek support early to take control over your future and make the road ahead smoother.



WHY SEEK SUPPORT?



Hyperlocal support
right in your community



Multiple services
offered at no cost



Expert help
from a dedicated team
prepared to make a difference

EXPLORE ADDITIONAL ALZHEIMER'S ORANGE COUNTY SERVICES



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- » **Helpline: 844-373-4400**
Find answers to your questions.
- » **Early memory loss services**
Learn how to live well and plan ahead.
- » **Caregiver support groups**
Connect with others like you.



This project is supported in part by grant number ACL-90ADPI0096, awarded to Alzheimer's Orange County, from the U.S. Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. 20201. Grantees undertaking projects under government sponsorship are encouraged to express freely their findings and conclusions. Points of view or opinions do not, therefore, necessarily represent official Administration for Community Living policy.

Have questions?
Contact us today.

Helpline: 844-373-4400 | www.alzoc.org
info@alzoc.org

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Leisure World Seal Beach Memory Support Team

A program of Alzheimer's Orange County



LIFE IS EASIER
WITH A TEAM

Alzheimer's
ORANGE COUNTY

**MEMORY
SUPPORT
SERVICES**

SIGNS OF COGNITIVE DECLINE

Are you or a family member experiencing any of the following?

- Memory loss that disrupts daily life _____
- Challenges in planning or solving problems _____
- Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work or for leisure _____
- Confusion with time or place _____
- Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships _____
- New problems with words in speaking or writing _____
- Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps _____
- Decreased or poor judgement _____
- Withdrawal from work or social activities _____
- Changes in mood and personality _____

**OVER 164,000 PEOPLE IN ORANGE COUNTY
ARE AFFECTED BY DEMENTIA OR MILD
COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT**

OUR TEAM IS READY TO HELP YOU

✓ Identify Cognitive Changes

We can help you identify possible changes in cognition and utilize a first-step approach to get started on the right track.

✓ Get educated and get resources

Discover information and resources that can equip you with what you need.

✓ Schedule a Care Consultation

Get expert guidance to learn, plan and get support matched to your family's needs.

✓ Make Care Easier Together

Our team offers support through no-cost care coordination, behavioral management, and assistance with other vital areas of care.



What is the Memory Support Team?

Located in **Leisure World Seal Beach (LWSB)**, the Memory Support Team is a support, education, and care coordination collaboration with individuals living alone with dementia or care partners.

The team includes Care Team Navigators (CTN's), licensed clinical social workers, gerontologists, and pharmacists. Together, they provide support and care management **for residents of LWSB.**

What Services Does the Memory Support Team Provide?

- Mind Checks (Memory Screenings)
- Brain Health Education
- Memory Training
- Safety Assessments
- Caregiver Support & Education
- Medication Reconciliation
- Behavior Management
- Decision Making
- Advanced Care Planning



Serving our Community!



How to Contribute

The Golden Age Foundation is entirely funded by donations which are used to support safe, active, independent living to the entire community of seniors living in Leisure World Seal Beach. Through the generous support of residents, clubs, organizations and businesses, the Foundation has organized and implemented many programs that benefit our community. It does not have any paid staffers and is run entirely by resident volunteers so all contributions go directly to meet the needs of our community and make Leisure World a better place in which to live. Here are some ways to help: become a member and make a yearly contribution; make a one-time donation; consider leaving a legacy gift by naming Golden Age Foundation as a beneficiary designation via your Will or Trust, or make a donation of stocks, real estate, or life insurance. Donations can also be made directly to the GAF via P.O. Box 2369 Seal Beach, CA 90740. The GAF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization tax ID number 23-7273105.

The Golden Age Foundation is the largest philanthropic, nonprofit organization serving Leisure World for over 50 years. The Foundation is entirely staffed by resident volunteers who give freely of their time and expertise to serve the needs of the shareholders as they find new purpose in retirement by paying it forward. Our shared mission is to empower our neighbors to live purposeful, healthy, quality lives in their own home and community as they age.

Here are some examples of needs that Golden Age Foundation has met:

Core GAF Programs

- Hospitality Center
- Mobility Aids Program
- Income Tax Program
- Document Shredding
- Battery Recycling

Some Noteworthy GAF Projects

- Purchased Handicapped Accessible Buses
- Funded Amphitheater Sound System
- Audio Interface for Sound System in Clubhouse 4
- Sound System upgrade for Clubhouse 1 & 2
- Serenity Park Installation
- Funded Library Expansion
- Clubhouse 6: New Gym Equipment
- Community wide Bus Benches & Shelters
- Learning Center: Audio Equipment for the hearing impaired
- Pedestrian Safety System including audio alert technology for the visually impaired and flags for crosswalks
- Proactive COVID-19 Response:
- Volunteers worked the Flu & COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics
- Distributed 5,500 cloth face masks
- Distributed 45,000 disposable face masks to residents and employees
- Meals-On-Wheels funding

Golden Age Foundation

"Making an impact since 1973"

***"A gift to the Golden Age Foundation
is a gift back to your community
...leaving a lasting legacy."***

Please make your tax deductible contributions to:

Golden Age Foundation
PO Box 2369
Seal Beach, CA 90740

(562) 431-9589

Tax 501(c)(3) ID-23-7273105



Mobility Aids

Wheelchairs and walkers are loaned free of charge year round. Volunteers work the MA office located on the 1st floor of CH 6 every morning Monday thru Friday from 9 to 11 am except holidays. For information call 562-431-9589.

Senior Services

Beginning in 2022 the GAF facilitated the formation of a Collaboration Team of important Orange County Service Agencies that focus on aging. The Team consists of the Council on Aging, Alzheimer's Orange County and Adult Protective Services which now have an office based in Leisure World to better serve our community. The shared goal is to support active independent living for residents in their own homes..

Over 41,000 residents each year stop by the Hospitality Center to visit old friends and make new friends.



Hospitality Center

Each morning Monday thru Friday Golden Age Foundation volunteers are ready to welcome residents and serve morning coffee, tea and treats in the Hospitality Center of Clubhouse 6 and provide a place for socialization from 9 to 11 am.

Tax Preparation Assistance

Every year hundreds of shareholders have their income tax returns prepared by AARP/IRS trained and certified Golden Age Foundation volunteers free of charge. The tax program is part of the AARP West Orange County, California District.



Environmental Services

- GAF supports florescent light bulb collection for disposal at the Service Maintenance Yard year round.
- Document Shredding events are held triannually to support community wide recycling efforts and help prevent identity theft.
- GAF volunteers work triannual household battery collection and disposal events.

How to Volunteer

The Golden Age Foundation is always looking for volunteers willing to give their time and talents. New volunteers make GAF programs and projects possible. We have volunteer opportunities for all activity levels, including at home call center tasks. If you are interested in volunteering for an organization whose sole purpose is to improve life in our community, call (562) 431-9589.



Ralph's Community Contribution Program

The Ralphs Community Contribution Program is an easy way for Leisure World residents to raise money for the Golden Age Foundation. Once your Rewards card is linked to the program, a small percent of each purchase you make at Ralphs is rebated to the GAF at no cost to you! To sign up go to <https://www.ralphs.com/i/community/community-contribution-program> and follow the online instructions. If you need help to sign up, GAF volunteers can assist you. Check LW Weekly for schedule and availability.

PATHWAYS

People helping people



**Would you or someone
you know need**

- Help with organizing and understanding medication?
- Appreciate a volunteer or friendly visitor?
- Help with errands or shopping?
- Recommendations on how to reduce risk of falling?
- Help connecting to healthy food resources?

**All you have to do
is call!**

(562) 531-3031



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Working together ... Pathways empowers older adults to find solutions that will help them remain safe and independent in their homes for as long as possible.

**PATHWAYS
provides at no cost ...**

Home supportive care that includes such things as:

- Assistance with accessing health care and other services
- A Friendly Visitor or phone check-in
- Individualized case management
- Home assessments
- Grief and Loss Support

Pathways programs and services are supported by donations, grant writing and in-house fundraising.

Please visit our website at
www.pathwayshospice.org
for more information.

**Pathways
4645 Woodruff Ave.
Lakewood, CA 90713
(562) 531-3031**

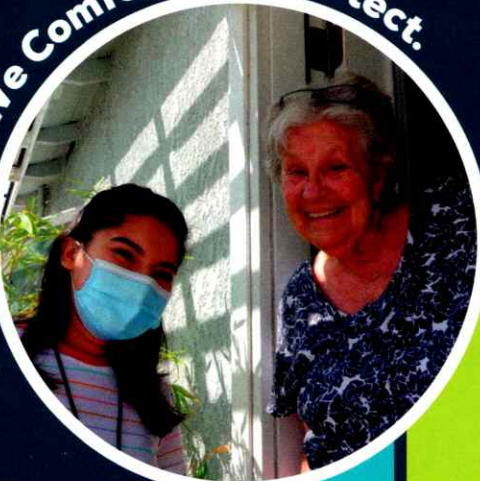


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Don't Feed Wildlife

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/wildlifedamage/dontfeedwildlife/dont-feed-wildlife>



Help keep wildlife wild and healthy. Wildlife Services encourages you to avoid feeding wildlife such as ducks, geese, gulls, raccoons, deer, squirrels or coyotes. One way you can help reduce wildlife conflicts with people is by not feeding wildlife near human populations and in parks.

Wildlife Services experts are often asked to assist with wildlife damage problems related to animals that have been accidentally or intentionally fed by people. Feeding wildlife can lead to a number of serious problems:

- Human food is not healthy for wild animals, and they do not need food from humans to survive. Wild animals have specialized diets, and they can become malnourished or die if fed the wrong foods. Also, animals cannot distinguish food from wrappers or foil and can get sick eating these items.
- Feeding leads to public health concerns. Too many animals in one place increases the chance of disease transmission to people and among other wildlife.
- Animals accustomed to people often lose their fear of people and can become aggressive. Those that become too aggressive may have to be destroyed to protect people and property.
- Birds gathering near or on airports can become victims of bird-aircraft collisions, potentially causing flight delays, damage to aircraft, and loss of human life.
- Animals fed along roads tend to stay near roads, increasing the chance of vehicle-animal accidents.
- Large concentrations of ducks and geese can pollute nearby waterways, backyards and athletic fields. Some waterfowl species drop up to a pound of feces every day!

How You Can Help

Many people enjoy living near and watching wildlife. You can help keep animals wild by keeping the following tips in mind.

- Do not encourage wildlife by feeding or leaving food for them.
- Don't allow bird food to accumulate on the ground.
- Don't place food scraps in gardens or compost bins, and use a closed compost bin.

- Keep pet food and water containers indoors, especially at night.
- If you have fruit trees, harvest or dispose of fruit when it is ripe.
- Use metal or durable plastic trash containers with tight fitting lids.
- Enjoy viewing wildlife at a distance. Respect their space and remember they are wild animals that should stay wild.

For more information or assistance with a wildlife damage issue, please call your WS state office at **1-866-4USDA-WS (1-866-487-3297)**.

Additional Research from Member Resources:

The Seal Beach Police Department Notes:

If this is an issue that needs to be addressed, we do have Animal Control Officers that can counsel residents on feeding wildlife and the problems it may cause. Feel free to provide residents with our non-emergency phone number 562-594-7232 and our ACO's can respond and speak to residents that continue to feed the wild animals. If issues continue, we can address that too.

Mutual 6 Rules & Regulations Notes:

ARTICLE VIII – WILDLIFE

Section 8.1 – Prohibition on Feeding Non-Domesticated Wildlife. For purposes of this Article, non-domesticated wildlife is described as all members of the wild bird family, including but not limited to, hawks, owls, pigeons, doves, crows, and black birds, as well as other wildlife such as rabbits, opossums, raccoons, squirrels, rats, coyotes, and feral cats. In compliance with California Code Section 251.1, no Shareholder shall feed any non-domesticated wildlife on Mutual property.

Section 8.2 – Pet Food and Standing Water. Pet food and standing water sources shall not be left on Porches, in carport areas, and in garden areas. Section

8.3 – Bird Feeders. Bird feeders with bird seed of any type are not allowed at the Unit or anywhere on Mutual property including hanging from trees or other support devices. A hummingbird-type feeder with liquid food is permitted at a Unit, but not on common area Mutual property, including but not limited to hanging from trees or other support devices.

GRF POLICY REMINDER

Feeding wildlife is illegal

Feeding wildlife is illegal in California. Section 251.1 of the California Fish and Game Code states that feeding a wild animal can be considered animal harassment. People can be fined up to \$1,000 for feeding a squirrel in California.

Feeding wildlife can not only cause issues with bringing unwanted wildlife and stray animals into residential communities, doing so is illegal in the state of California. Feeding wildlife, either directly or indirectly, can be a death sentence for wild animals that become reliant on unnatural food sources.

Wild animals being fed by human interaction can lose their fear of people, which leaves humans at risk of being bitten and suffering substantial injury. Additionally, many beloved family pets have been the unintended victims of feeding wildlife when taken by larger predators being drawn to unnatural food sources. These situations may also result in an encouraged rodent population, as well as insect infestation.

In compliance with California Code 251.1, Harassment of Animals, and in compliance with GRF Policy 7590.G, people must follow these limitations on wildlife interactions in Leisure World:

1. Do not feed any non-domesticated animal on Mutual property.
2. Pet food and standing water sources are prohibited on patios, in carport areas and in gardens.
3. Domesticated pets to include caged birds may not be kept on patios, excluding Mutual 4.
4. Trash and garbage, whether contained or not, may not be left outside of the unit at any time.
5. Bird feeders with bird seed of any type are not allowed at the unit or anywhere on Mutual property including hanging from trees or other support devices. (Mutuals 1 and 4 allow bird feeders.)
6. A hummingbird-type feeder with liquid food is permitted at a unit but not on common area Mutual property including hanging from trees or other support devices.

In Mutuals 4 and 7, pet food and water sources are prohibited on open patios and in carport areas.