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The Georgia Association of Homes and Services for the Aging is the statewide association of over 150 key not-for-profit and other mission-focused organizations dedicated to providing quality housing, health care, community based and other related services for older Georgians. GAHSA's mission is to represent and promote the common interests of its members through leadership, advocacy, education and other services in order to enhance each member's ability to serve older Georgians.

Events at a Glance ...

Continuing Education Events at a glance ...

- February 7th – gahsaNEXT event, 9am – 4pm at the gahsa office
- February 9th – gahsa Assisted Living Symposium, 10am – 3pm at Atherton Place
- February 15th – gahsa Winter Luncheon – Building Cultural Confidence (sponsored by Sodexo)
- February 23rd – gahsa Adult Day Services Symposium (sponsored by HealthWatch/Companion for Life)
- February 23 – Risk Management Symposium – 9am – 2:30pm at The Jewish Home (sponsored by Risk Management Continuum)
- February 27 – gahsa DAY at the Capitol – Senior Week at the Capitol
- February 28 – *The Fred Factor*, Book Club discussion, 10:00am
Call 1-719-234-7441 (note: long distance call) and use passcode 318694
- March 1 – Elderly Housing Symposium – 9am – 4pm at the Loudermilk Center
- March 8 – The Sacred Journey – Successful Aging – 9am – 3pm at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer (Center for Positive Aging Spirituality & Aging Series); sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Inc.
- April 15 – 17 – gahsa Annual Conference, Savannah Marriott Hotel
Advancing Knowledge & Improving Lives
- May 9 – Residents Forum – Cultural Competencies (sponsored by Lutheran Towers) Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
- May 23 – gahsa Spring Luncheon

Meetings at a glance ...

- March 29, 10am – 2pm, gahsa Board of Directors Meeting at the gahsa office
- May 2, 9:30am – noon, Georgia Institute on Aging Board of Directors Meeting

GAHSA Book Clubs

Each quarter we will select a book so anyone interested can read it. Towards the end of the quarter, we will schedule a time to get together to discuss the book (we are working on providing an opportunity for members around the state to call-in for the discussion) as well as develop an executive summary of the book to share with members.

BOOK CLUB: Personal Development/Growth

Zandra Matthews (Lutheran Towers) and Renee Kirlin (Decatur Christian Towers) are the facilitators. The book selection is *The Fred Factor* (a practical guide to personal freedom) by Mark Sanborn with Foreword by John C. Maxwell. The book club discussion will be Wednesday, February 28th, from 10:00 -11:00 via conference call. Call 1-719-234-7441 (note – this is a long distance call) and use passcode 318694.

Copies of AAHSA *CCRC and NH Salary & Benefits report 2006-2007* are housed at the gasha office. Please contact us if you would like use of them. In addition, we have just received the *Assisted Living Salary and Benefits* report.

TIPS OF THE MONTH ...

A Tip From TechBridge

Hello All!

The new OS is here! The new OS is here! Today is the day! Microsoft has released Vista! It's been five years in the making and Bill Gates says that this one will "Wow!" you. I hope so!

What's new for Vista, well, we are going to find out soon enough. In order to get this to press on time, I'm not going to be able to give you my testimonial, but I can share with you what I have learned so far, and also give you an opportunity to find out more.

First, on Friday, February 16, 2007, Microsoft is sponsoring "First Look at Microsoft Windows Vista, Office 2007, and Exchange Server 2007" at their office in Alpharetta.

You can register for this Nonprofit Executive Briefing at:

<http://www.techbridge.org/techED/>

Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Now, let's look at Vista, in general. Vista comes in six versions, each of which has a different combination of features, and a different price. The more expensive the version, the more features you get. The versions are: Starter,

Home Basic, Home Premium, Business, Enterprise, and Ultimate. Since we all operate in a non-home environment, I wouldn't concern myself with looking at the home applications. The pricing ranges from \$99 for an upgrade to about \$399 for the stand alone versions. The Enterprise version is based on a per license model.

The minimum requirements for one of the basic versions of Vista are your computer will need to have at least an 800-MHz processor, 512 MB RAM, a CD-ROM, and a 20 GB hard drive with 15 GB of free space. However, if you want to run one of the higher end versions, and we do, you are going to need a faster processor, more RAM, and an advanced video card. Need more immediate information? Go to cnet.com, or TechSoup.org, they are both a wealth of information on Vista.

Are you ready to go to Vista? I'm not; at least not today. I haven't seen it yet, but like I said, I am excited about the prospect. Personally, I am going to attend the Nonprofit Executive Briefing and wait to be "Wow!"ed.

See ya there! If you have any questions, give us a call!
Happy Technology,
Anthony Young
Director of Client Development

Do you have PDF capabilities? If not, go to www.primopdf.com and you can download a free program.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ...

Associate Membership

Asian Hope Adult Day Healthcare Center, Inc.
Senior TV (alternate cable TV services)
Georgia Mechanical, Inc. (HVAC Service Provider)

GAHSA VACANCY REPORT – please assist your colleagues by sharing this information when you receive calls from consumers you cannot serve.

Facility	Units	Cost	Type of Subsidy/Waiver
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