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With help, seniors and people with special needs can keep some of their assets in the family rather than lose their entire life savings to the costs of long term care. They can use these protected assets to enhance their quality of life beyond what long term care alone will provide.

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My Family's experience with Nursing Homes – Aunt Gert

As I wrote when I discussed my Grandma Schneider in my post of January 10, 2014, (Wow! It took a long time to circle back around to my family's experiences with nursing homes,) most people seem revolted at the thought of moving into a nursing home or putting a loved one into a nursing home. I've heard many people speak of seniors abandoned in nursing homes living, seemingly forgotten and alone. My family's experience with nursing homes is just the opposite.

Aunt Gert was my Grandma's sister-in-law. She had married my mom's mom's older brother. (I hope you could follow that explanation.) I guess she was my Great Aunt, if I understand family "titles" correctly.

Aunt Gert lived about an hour from us. She was widowed in her late 50s or early 60s, losing her husband to cancer. Her kids were adults with their own families. She stayed in the house, spending time with her kids, her grandkids, and her friends.

A few years later, one of Aunt Gert's friends needed to move into a nursing home for rehab and was really scared. Aunt Gert volunteered to move in with her. To my knowledge, Aunt Gert didn't have any need for care or supervision. She went just to be with her friend.

As often happens, the friend's rehab turned into a permanent stay. Aunt Gert stayed with her. Aunt Gert stayed until her friend passed away. Then, Aunt Gert moved back home.

After a few months at home, Aunt Gert moved back into the nursing home BY CHOICE. She had made friends there. She had activities there. She had really enjoyed her first stay and decided she preferred the nursing home to her own house.

Aunt Gert stayed in the nursing home until she too passed away. She sure didn't feel abandoned, forgotten, or alone.

Suggest a Newsletter Topic

I try to write something new (and useful) in my newsletter every week. So, I know that I will sometimes have writer's block. I'd like your help, please.

If you have a topic for my newsletter that you'd kindly suggest, I promise to consider it. (I don't promise to pursue it. I just promise to consider it.) I try to write about issues concerning seniors, health care, long term care, special needs, Veterans Pension (aka Aid and Attendance) benefits, and Veterans Compensation benefits. Please keep your suggestions within or near to those topics.

Please submit your suggestion [here](#). If I use your topic suggestion, I'll put the content in both my blog and newsletter.

Thank you for your help.

Social Media Posts from the past week

01-15-2015 #SpecialNeeds students learn #Cooking and #Catering <http://ow.ly/GfvRC>

01-14-2015 #FamilyCaregiving burden falls on daughters <http://ow.ly/Gg3Uk>

01-13-2015 The future health of #LongTermCareInsurance companies <http://ow.ly/GfWCX>

01-12-2015 Considering #AssistedLiving for an #AgingParent with #Alzheimer's <http://ow.ly/Gg6Az>

01-11-2015 Brief comparison of #Medicaid v #PrivatePay for #LongTermCare <http://ow.ly/GLS0R>

01-10-2015 How #PriorAuthorization requirements, like in #ManagedCare, hurt #HealthCare <http://ow.ly/GLIm8>

01-09-2015 2015 Ohio #Medicaid financial standards for #LongTermCare <http://wp.me/p47F09-8F>

Older social media posts can be found in the [social media post archive](#) on the firm's website, ProtectingSeniors.com.

The Koewler Law Firm News

1-28-2015 Jim Koewler will present the continuing education program Preventing Senior Fraud at the Sky Way East in Mansfield, Ohio. Continuing education credit is available for Certified Case Managers, social workers, counselors, and nurses.

1-29-2015 Jim Koewler will present the continuing education program Navigating Medicaid, Medicare, and the Affordable Care Act at Marymount Hospital in Garfield Heights, Ohio. Continuing education credit is available for Certified Case Managers, social workers, counselors, and nurses.

2-12-2015 Jim Koewler will speak on elder law and VA disability to the International Referral Network's Elyria chapter at the Elks Club in Elyria, Ohio.

2-18-2015 Jim Koewler will speak on elder law and long term care costs to the International Referral Network's Akron West chapter at the Akron Family Restaurant in Akron, Ohio.

3-17-2015 Jim Koewler will speak on Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, and other advance directives to a class of health care administration students at Bryant & Stratton College in Akron, Ohio.

4-8-2015 Jim Koewler will present a 3-hour continuing education program entitled "Legal Issues for Older Adults and their Loved Ones" at a seminar

for Direction Home, the Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging at the Akron General Wellness Center in Uniontown, Ohio. The program will discuss Powers of Attorney, Health Care Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, and other advance directives; Legal Issues when someone has Dementia; and What Seniors know about Long Term Care Costs that are Wrong. Continuing education credit is available for social workers, counselors, and nurses.

6-16-2015 Jim Koewler will speak on planning ahead to protect your life savings against long term care costs at a meeting of the University Hospitals Bedford Medical Center SeniorNet at the Atrium of Anna Maria in Aurora, Ohio.

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Jim's available presentations

- Navigating Medicaid, Medicare, and the Affordable Care Act (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, nurses, and Certified Case Managers)
- Preventing Senior Fraud (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, nurses and Certified Case Managers)
- My Care Ohio and Medicare/Medicaid “Dual Eligibles” (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, nurses, and seeking approval for Certified Case Managers)
- Government Benefits that can help Pay for Long Term Care (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, nurses, and seeking approval for Certified Case Managers)
- Legal Issues for People with Dementia (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Protect your Life Savings from the Costs of Long Term Care (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Veterans Benefits for Long Term Care (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Advance Directives – Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, etc. (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Buying Long Term Care Insurance Wisely (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Planning Ahead to Protect against Long Term Care Costs (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Protecting your Money when you need Long Term Care and Essential Estate Planning Considerations (with free living wills for the audience)
- Myths about Long Term Care
- How to help your Parents Manage their Affairs

Upcoming meetings

1-19-2015 Medina County Senior Services Network's Education Committee, Tres Potrillos, Medina, Ohio 11:30 a.m.

1-20-2015 UH Bedford Medical Center Senior Network, Heartland of Twinsburg, Twinsburg, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

1-21-2015 Geauga Professional Association Specializing in Seniors ("PASS"), 8:30 a.m.

1-22-2015 Portage Senior Services Network, Coleman Adult Day Services, Ravenna, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

1-22-2015 Parma Hospital Senior Resource Network, ManorCare, Parma, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

1-23-2015 Eldercare Professionals of Ohio, Brentwood Health Care Center, Northfield, Ohio, 9:00 a.m.

1-27-2015 Summit County Senior Services Network, Anthony Kucko Kertesz Funeral Home, Akron, Ohio 8:00 a.m.

1-27-2015 Professional Networking Group, 8:30 a.m.

1-29-2015 The Association of Specialists in Aging, Mentor Senior Center, Mentor, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

2-3-2015 Aging Services Network of Euclid, Euclid Hospital's Waltz Auditorium, Euclid, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

2-4-2015 Stark Senior Services Network, Canton Baptist Temple, Canton, Ohio, 9:00 a.m.

2-4-2015 Richfield Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Days Inn and Suites, Richfield, Ohio, 11:45 a.m.

2-4-2015 Medina County Senior Services Network's Client Services Committee, Sully's, Medina, Ohio, 3:00 p.m.

2-11-2015 Medina County Senior Services Network, Meadowview Care Center, Seville, Ohio, 8:00 a.m.

2-11-2015 Summit Senior Sales, Administrators and Marketers Association,,
Sutcliffe II Apartments, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio (Valentine's Day event for
residents), 2:30 p.m.

2-12-2015 Lorain County Senior Services Network, Villa Camillus,
Columbia Station, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

2-13-2015 Eldercare Professionals of Ohio, Altenheim & Shurmer Place,
Strongsville, Ohio, 9:00 a.m.

2-16-2015 Medina County Senior Services Network's Education Committee,
Tres Potrillos, Medina, Ohio, 11:30 a.m.

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