



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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2010 - 2011 Officers

President Becky Whitfill
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DATE/TIME/PLACE: Dec. 20, 2011 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's
ATTENDANCE: 24+ Bryan Burris, Jessica Bury
LOTTO: Josh Clemons and Deb Moran

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

12/27 - John Rich
 01/03 - Spence Farms
 01/10 - Becky Whitfill - (Dwight Rotary Club)
 01/17 - H.S. Winter Sports
 01/23 - OPEN
 01/31 - OPEN

Membership:

We received a thank you from the J. Capasso family.

AREA CLUB MEETINGS

Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thurs.	Second Presbyterian Church
Gibson City	6:45 a.m.	Wed.	The Country Kettle
Gilman	6:05 p.m.	Tues.	Gilman Lounge
Lincoln	1:50 a.m.	Wed.	Elks Country Club
Normal	12:00 Noon	Wed.	Bone Student Center

BITS & PIECES

Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds.

A Creed

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind; to talk health, happiness, and prosperity; to make your friends feel that there is something in them; to look on the sunny side of everything; to think only of the best; to be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own; to forget the mistakes of the past and profit by them; to wear a cheerful countenance and give a smile to everyone you meet; to be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

---Christian D. Larson

Elder Abuse

Bryan Burris, Supervisor and Jessica Bury



Elder Abuse is a term referring to any knowing, intentional, or negligent act by a caregiver or any other person that causes harm or serious risk of harm to a vulnerable older adult.

Risk Factors for Elder Abuse

- Isolation of abuser and victim
- Cohabitation of family member and elder
- Caregiver mental/emotional status
- Conflicted/violent relationship between caregiver and care recipient
- Characteristics of the victim

Types of Elder Abuse

Physical - The causing of infliction of physical pain or injury to an older person - assault, battery, hitting, slapping, pulling hair, burning, over-medicating.

Sexual Abuse - touching, fondling, or any other sexual activity with an older person when the older person is unable to understand, unwilling to consent, threatened, or physically forced to engage in sexual behavior.

Emotional Abuse - verbal assaults, threats of abuse harassment or intimidation - destruction of property, humiliation, abuses animals.

Confinement - restraining or isolating an older person for other than medical reasons - restraining, isolation, denies access to phone/mail, controls activities of elder, limits time the elder spend with loved ones.

Neglect - Passive Neglect - A caregiver's failure to provide for the basic needs of the older adult, including food, medicine, shelter, clothing, etc. **Willful Deprivation** - Intentional withholding of basic needs of the older adult, including food, medicine, shelter, clothing, assistive devices, etc.

Financial Exploitation - the misuse or withholding of an older person's resources by another to the disadvantage of the elder person and or the profit or advantage of a person other than the older person. . . . misusing an older person's money or resources for the personal gain of another, exerting undue influence, stealing money or property, misusing credit cards, ATM, and Link cards.

The most reported age group is 86 and older and typically female.

Program Resources

Early Intervention Services, multi-disciplinary teams, public awareness, professional education.

Intervention Services

Medical care and expenses, law enforcement support, legal assistance and fees, housing & relocation services, minor environmental aid, respite care, adult day services, in-home care, counseling, translation services.

Reporting Abuse

You can make an anonymous report. Your identity is held in confidence, protected from liability. You may be instructed to contact law enforcement in some cases.

It is estimated that for every one case of elder abuse, neglect, exploitation, or self-neglect reported to authorities, about five more go unreported.

All persons are encouraged to report abuse. Certain professionals are to report suspected abuse if the elder is unable to report for themselves. These include: social services staff, licensed professionals, state, county, local government, educators, law enforcement and formal caregivers.

Suspected abuse in institutional settings should be reported to the Illinois Department of Public Health at 800-0252-4343.



An older adult's interests and welfare are the first concern of the Illinois Elder Abuse and Neglect Program.