

New York State Coalition on Elder Abuse
News & Information
June 2010 Bulletin – *please note dates this week*

- I. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day events
- II. Training & Conferences – *link between human and animal abuse & an anti-violence program*
- III. Webcasts & Other Resources – *prosecuting financial abuse & a documentary*
- IV. POA update – *amendments passed*
- V. Save the Date

I. 5th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Focusing attention on abuse, neglect and exploitation of older adults around the world

As part of our ongoing effort to highlight local activities, below are some of the community events that have been inspired by, or planned in recognition of, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

1. Dutchess County

Date: Tues, **June 15, 2010; 8:45 am – 12 pm**

Event: Panel Discussion

Theme: ***Identifying the Gaps***

Presented by: The Coalition on Elder Abuse in Dutchess County, under the auspices of the Mediation Center of Dutchess County

Location: The Manor at Woodside, 168 Academy Street, Poughkeepsie, NY

Highlights:

- **Panel will share expertise** in elder abuse followed by **small group discussions** to gain better understanding of elder abuse & identify the gaps in services to elders.
- *Champion for Elder Rights and Safety Award* will be given to **Nina Lynch** in recognition of her dedication and selfless work for the well-being & safety of older adults in Dutchess County.

Registration info: Free & open to the public, RSVP to Alexis, (845) 471-7213 or agowen@dutchessmediation.org.

2. Monroe County

Date: Tues, **June 15, 2010; 8:30 am – 5 pm**

Event: Phone-a-Thon

Theme: *Make a difference in protecting elders from abuse*

Location: Lifespan's Consumer Fraud Prevention Project, 1900 South Clinton Ave, Rochester, NY

Highlights: **Volunteers are needed** to help achieve the goal of reaching out to 3,000 older Americans across the country, educating them about Fraud & Scams

Registration info: Pre-registration required – call **Maureen or Sue** at (585) 627-1080 to sign up for a **two hour shift**.

3. Onondaga County

Date: Tues, **June 15, 2010; 10:30 – 11:30 am**

Event: WEAAD Community Event

Theme: *Abuse Hurts at Any Age*

Sponsored by: Syracuse Area Domestic & Sexual Violence Coalition's Elder Abuse Committee

Location: St. Margaret's School, 201 Roxboro Rd, Mattydale, NY (**new location**)

Highlights: To raise awareness of elder abuse as a significant public health and human rights issue – information shared will include:

- Elder Abuse in our Community
- Overview of the Elder Justice Act
- Voice of a Survivor
- Intergenerational Art Project
- Community Resources

For more info contact: Jenny Hicks, Vera House Elder Abuse Educator, (315) 425-0818 or jhicks@verahouse.org

4. National

Date: Tues, **June 15, 2010; 10 – 11:30 am**

Event: **1st Federal Event Commemorating WEAAD** – to highlight the problem of elder abuse and neglect in the United States

Sponsored by: Administration on Aging and other partner agencies within the Dept. of Health & Human Services and the Dept. of Justice

Location: Great Hall of the Hubert Humphrey Bldg, Dept. of Health & Human Services, 200 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC

Highlights:

Event speakers will discuss challenges facing public health, social service, and criminal justice communities, as well as what can be done to help the millions of silent victims of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Brochures & tip sheets will be available regarding WEAAD and emphasizing what organizations and individuals can do to incorporate awareness and prevention of elder abuse into their daily work and lives.

Please note: Registration for this event is closed now, but please **watch for press coverage**; and visit the NCEA **website for tip sheets and other information** - www.ncea.aoa.gov.

II. TRAINING & CONFERENCES

1.

Date: Wed, **June 23, 2010; 11:45 am – 2 pm**

Event: Professional Training

Theme: ***The Link Between Human & Animal Violence: Domestic Violence, Child and Elder Abuse***

Presented by: Greater Rochester Assoc. for Women Attorneys (GRAWA)

Location: First Federal Plaza, 1st Floor Conference Center, 28 East Main Street, Rochester, NY

Target Audience: **Open to service providers, as well as attorneys.** Attorneys and judges who practice in the areas of criminal law, family and matrimonial law, animal law, and general practice are encouraged to attend; Non-attorneys are also welcome.

Program Highlights: Significant research supports long-standing anecdotal evidence linking human and animal violence. Those who kill, harm, or threaten family pets **may engage in animal cruelty as a tool of psychological abuse or to coerce victims to keep other types of abuse a secret.**

Understanding this connection is critical to providing quality advocacy and assistance to families and elders experiencing abuse. Participants will better understand this link, NY's animal cruelty laws, and the use of civil and criminal orders of protection.

Attendees will also learn how courtroom personnel or animal cruelty investigators may be the first point of screening, identification, and intervention for a family enduring abuse. Local resources will also be shared.

Presenters:

- **Dana Campbell, Esq.**, Animal Legal Defense Fund and The Campbell Law Firm
- **Hon. James Piampiano**, Henrietta Town Court Judge
- **Jill Ploof**, ASPCA Peace Officer

Registration Information: Cost: \$40 for GRAWA Members, \$50 for Non-Members; **mail registration and payment** to GRAWA, 279 Castlebar Rd, Rochester, NY 14610

Approved for 2.0 Professional Practice **CLE credits** for newly admitted and experienced attorneys

For questions: contact GRAWA at info@grawa.org

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Date: Reception & Short Talk – Wed, **June 23, 2010; 7:30 – 9 pm**
Workshop – Thurs, **June 24, 2010; 9:30 am – 4 pm**

Event: A conversation with anti-violence author and educator, **Rus Ervin Funk**, Men’sWork, Inc., Louisville, KY

Theme: *What’s the Next Step? Calling all men to help stop Men’s Violence Against Women in our Community*

Sponsored by: **Northern NY Call2Men; Delta Project** of Warren & Washington Counties, a project of Domestic Violence Community Coordination Council; **Domestic Violence Project** of Catholic Charities

Location: West Glens Falls Volunteer Firehouse, 33 Luzerne Road, Queensbury, NY 12804

Program Highlights: All men, women, teens, community leaders, concerned citizens, etc. are invited to be part of this event geared toward *preventing* men’s violence against women before it happens – by changing our community norms. *Everyone is Welcome!*

Registration:

- **Reception** – no charge; registration not required, however a reply is appreciated for planning purposes
- **Workshop** - \$8 individuals & organizations in Warren & Washington Counties & South Glens Falls; \$35 individuals & organizations outside the geographic area
 - Registration deadline is **Thurs, June 17 at 12 noon**
 - Contact **Matt Lavin** for registration form & details, (518) 793-9496 or lavin@spa.net
- **For more information** about the event, contact **Bill Schaefer**, (518) 485-5158

III. WEBCASTS & OTHER RESOURCES

NCEA / NAPSA Webcast:

The Brooke Astor Trial: A Case Study in Prosecution of Elder Financial Exploitation

Date: Thurs, **June 17**, 2010; **3 pm** Eastern

Highlights: Although the Astor trial involved a very high profile victim and the loss of millions of dollars, the **case exemplified many aspects typical of elder financial exploitation cases**. Because of these similarities, the trial provides a **valuable case study** for prosecutors and other legal practitioners, APS, and professionals involved in criminal investigation and prosecution of elder abuse.

ADA Loewy will highlight prominent features of the case and respond to questions submitted in advance relating to case preparation and prosecution. She will also discuss the function of the specialized Elder Abuse Unit in the DA's Office.

Presenter: **Elizabeth Loewy**, Chief of the Elder Abuse Unit, New York County District Attorney's Office

Register at:

<https://www.telspan.com/Registration/AnonymousLandingPage.aspx?EventNo=4516>

Please note: **Prior to the presentation**, please submit questions relating to prosecution of the Astor case or other elder abuse cases, in addition to questions relating to the operation of the Office's Elder Abuse Unit. Please submit your questions to Aubrey Grant at Aubrey.grant@apsnetwork.org **BEFORE** the webcast.

This presentation will be **archived and available** through the NCEA and NAPSA websites for later viewing: www.ncea.aoa.gov and www.apsnetwork.org.

Documentary:

Be Wise, Be Aware, Prevent Elder Financial Abuse

Presented by: Elder Financial Protection Network (EFPN) in California, Bank of the West, and NBC Bay Area

Where to see it: This very interesting program is available in 3 YouTube segments on the EFPN website: www.bewiseonline.org.

IV. POA UPDATE

Amendments to the law governing powers of attorney in New York were **recently passed** by both the Assembly and the Senate. The legislation has not been sent to the Governor yet.

Assembly bill: **A8392-C**

Senate Bill: **S7288-A**

To view the bills: <http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us>

