



Mark Your Calendar

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
FSGA MEETINGS

January 11, 2017
General Meeting 12:30 p.m.
LOCATION:
THE BRIDGES

The Hillsborough Guardian

Hillsborough County Chapter Florida State Guardianship
Association

General Meeting
January 11, 2017
12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Where:
THE BRIDGES
11350 Bloomingdale Ave.
Riverview/Brandon, FL 33578
Phone: (813) 413-8900

[Link to Google Map](#)

Lunch provided at no charge for members and \$5 for non members

NOTE: non members, please have exact change

R.S.V.P. TO [Allen West](#) (813) 892-3861

Speaker:
Jeffrey Granoff

Topic:
Wealth Management Strategies
to Benefit the Ward

Our website is www.hillsboroughguardians.org.

Application/renewal form
hillsboroughguardians.org/application.pdf

The FSGA website is www.floridaguardians.com.

FSGA COURT CONNECTION**JANUARY 2017****ELVES FOR ELDERS 2016**

We would like to thank those who contributed to the 2016 Elves for Elders Gift Drive, held at the Elder Justice Center, in collaboration with Aging Solutions, the Public Guardian for Hillsborough County. Staff at the EJC helped collect gifts for public guardianship clients, who have no family who are willing or able to take care of them. All of the wards benefiting from this Gift Drive are residing in long-term care facilities and many of them have no one other than the Public Guardian to visit them this Holiday Season.

If you still want to help, you can! Aging Solutions can still accept gift cards from any major retailer, or will accept checks, made payable to the Ward's Gift Fund. These funds are used to pay for things Medicaid may not cover, like dentures, hearing aids, and eyeglasses. Gift cards can be used to purchase clothing and other supplies, throughout the year. Donations can be mailed to Aging Solutions, PO Box 342065, Tampa, FL 33694-2065. Thank you for supporting clients under public guardianship!

**MAKE A RESOLUTION; KEEP YOUR PROFESSIONAL
FILE UP-TO-DATE**

The New Year is a perfect time to make a resolution. Whether you got a calendar over the holidays, or you have a high-tech device to keep your schedule, make a note NOW, to update your file, when it is due. As a reminder, the Elder Justice Center reviews your professional guardian file the month AFTER your bond expires.

For a list of professional guardians in Hillsborough County, go to the Court's website, at <http://www.fljud13.org/CourtPrograms/ElderJusticeCenter/Media.aspx>. The month in which your file is scheduled for review, is listed on this sheet.



FREE SOCIAL SECURITY TRAINING

The Social Security Administration has released a video series on Representative Payee Interdisciplinary Training. The video series includes modules providing key information for serving as a representative payee -- an overview of programs administered by SSA; representative payee program policies; roles, duties and responsibilities for representative payees; recognizing signs of abuse and financial exploitation; how to recognize financial abuse and fraud in banking activities; and changes in decisional capacity, including the need to support beneficiaries in decision-making. SSA notes that while the training was developed for representative payees, it also could be helpful for others who work with beneficiaries or other older individuals. We recognize many professional guardians also serve as Representative Payees, and wanted to share this information with all of you. You can access the training at https://www.ssa.gov/payee/rp_training2.html.

Remember, we are here to help. If you have general questions about procedures in guardianship, feel free to email us at elder@fljud13.org. Your question may be featured in a future article!

