

**21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**April 22-23, 2010**

**Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Center  
Frankenmuth, Michigan**



**Featuring Tim Cusack**

Educator/Trainer  
*Laughter That Matters*

**\$20 Gift Card to the first 10 people who register.**

*One per agency, ties determined by random draw*

**\$20 gift cards to be given out randomly throughout the Conference.**

**National Certified Guardian  
National Master Guardian  
(Examinations Only)**

April 23, 2010

1:30 p.m.

Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Center

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

### Thursday, April 22

- 8:00 **Registration** (coffee and rolls)  
**Exhibits**
- 9:00 **Welcome**
- 9:15 **Keynote: One Moment Please**
- 10:15 **Refreshment Break**
- 10:30 **Concurrent Workshops**  
A. Your Personal Team: Building a Support System for a Healthy Life  
B. Real Estate and You
- Noon **Lunch** (included) (Annual Membership Meeting)
- 1:00 **Concurrent Workshops**  
C. Social Security Benefits  
D. Office of Recipient Rights
- 2:30 **Refreshment Break**
- 2:45 **Concurrent Workshops**  
E. Qualifying, Receiving and Maintaining Government Benefits  
F. Deed and Mortgage Fraud
- 4:15 **Refreshment Break**
- 4:30 **Guardian Forum: Your Guide to Best Practices**
- 6:00 **Dinner Banquet, Auction and Entertainment**

### Friday, April 23

- 8:00 **Breakfast (included)**
- 9:00 **Concurrent Workshops**  
G. Trusts and Estate Planning  
H. Palliative Care
- 10:00 **Refreshment Break**
- 10:15 **Closing: Judges Forum**
- 11:45 **Closing Remarks/Raffle**

## PLENARY SESSIONS.....

### KEYNOTE: ONE MOMENT PLEASE

Is what we think important in life, truly that important? Or are we missing life found in the simple, the pure, the everyday? In "One Moment Please" Tim Cusack captures moments in life – the funny, the meaningful and the unexpected – the moments that make life what it is. You'll laugh, you'll cry, and you'll ask for "one MORE moment, please."

**Tim Cusack**, *Speaker/Trainer, Laughter That Matters*

### THURSDAY CLOSING: GUARDIAN FORUM: YOUR GUIDE TO BEST PRACTICES

Let this interactive session promote service delivery through the highest level of values, standards and ethics. Questions may be submitted in advance to [mga.1@netzero.com](mailto:mga.1@netzero.com).

**Joy Ebig**, Guardian Services of Saginaw County, Inc.

**Donna Erb**, Macomb-Oakland Guardianship, Inc.

### FRIDAY CLOSING: JUDGES' FORUM

A perennial favorite, probate judges from jurisdictions throughout Michigan are here to answer your questions to help promote services through the highest level of values, standards and ethical services. Questions may be submitted in advance to [mga.1@netzero.com](mailto:mga.1@netzero.com).

**Honorable Jennie E. Barkey**, *Genesee County*

**Honorable David L. Clabuesch**, *Huron County*

**Honorable Wallace Kent**, *Tuscola County*

**Honorable Pamela Gilbert O'Sullivan**, *Macomb County*

## WORKSHOPS.....

### A. Your Personal Team: Building a Support System for a Healthy Life

This interactive presentation will guide participants in discovering the roles people play in our lives, why they have been chosen, how they are supportive, and, on the flip side what you do for them. The insights gained in this presentation will help you reach a greater depth in relationships which will touch professional and personal lives.

**Tim Cusack**, *Speaker/Trainer, Laughter That Matters*

### B. Real Estate and You

Discussion will include the different methods of sale, appraisals, property inspections, taxes, preservation, terminology and court reporting.

**John Bippus**, *Tranzon Bippus*

## WORKSHOPS.....

### C. Social Security Benefits

Learn from an expert: This session will provide a brief overview of the various Social Security programs with particular focus on problem solving, avoiding errors and online filing.

**Cynthia West Edwards, B.A.**, *Social Security Administration, Saginaw Office*

### D. Office of Recipient Rights

Learn how the Office of Recipient Rights (ORR) works within the framework of the Community Mental Health (CMH) system. Particular focus will be given to the differences between protection, partnerships, and personal choice. Discussion will include cooperative efforts to create positive solutions.

**Maria L. Kulick, B.A.**, *Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority*

**Jaime Mathews, B.S.**, *Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority*

**Tim Ninemire, B.S.**, *Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority*

### E. Qualifying, Receiving and Maintaining Government Benefits

Discussion will range from the basics of Medicaid laws to the recent cutting edge changes in the laws, as well as the unique trusts that can be used to protect the assets of a married couple for the benefit of the well community spouse. The program will also provide information on the little known Veteran's benefit called Aid and Attendant Care which is available to veterans and their families to pay for unreimbursed home health and medical expenses along with the unreimbursed cost of assisted living.

**Don L. Rosenberg, J.D.**, *Barron, Rosenberg, Mayoras & Mayoras*

### F. Deed and Mortgage Fraud

As the economy has worsened, predatory and fraudulent practices have increased. Learn the key components of deed and mortgage fraud, the associated identify theft issues plus the preventative and curative steps available.

**Abed Hammoud, J.D.**, *Wayne County Prosecutor's Office*

### G. Trusts and Estate Planning

A special needs trust can be a very useful tool to maintain eligibility for governmental benefits and still enhance the quality of life for a person with disabilities. This session will describe the basic requirements of a special needs trust as well as the difference between a trust funded by a family and a trust set up with the funds of the person with disabilities.

**Dan Blauw, J.D.**, *Private Practice*

### H. Palliative Care

This session will discuss the differences and applications between palliative care and treatment geared at recovery. Discussion will also include the role of hospice in a comprehensive plan of service.

**Annette T. Carron, D.O.**, *Botsford Hospital*

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION.....

**Registration Fees:** Meals are included in the registration fee. A la carte meals are available for non-lodging guests (price information is available on the MGA website). All non-lodging participants must purchase the break package.

	Both Days	Thursday	Friday
MGA Members	\$150.00	\$115.00	\$45.00
Non-Members	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$60.00
Family Guardians (members)	\$140.00	\$110.00	\$40.00
Family Guardians (non-members)	\$190.00	\$150.00	\$60.00

**Refunds and Cancellations:** Requests for refunds will be honored when requests are received by April 8, 2010. No refunds will be made after this date. There is a \$25.00 processing fee for each refund; substitutions may be made at any time.

**Continuing Education:** MGA will provide a signed Certificate of Attendance for up to 9 clock hours for each participant. Guardian CEUs will be offered Application has been made to offer Social Work, Adult Foster Care and Nursing Home Administrator CEUs.

**Lodging Information:** **Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Center**, One Covered Bridge Lane, Frankenmuth, Michigan. Standard lodging (single or double) is \$92.00, suite are \$149.00. It is strongly recommended that lodging reservations be made no later than March 29. The lodging reservation form may be downloaded from the MGA website. Phone reservations to 888.775.6343, group #1154PK.

**Annual MGA Membership Dues:** MGA memberships expire on March 31 of each year. Renew your membership now to take advantage of member rates for the Spring Conference. Not an MGA member? Join now and register for the conference at the member rate. Can't attend the conference this year? Use the registration form to renew your membership for the upcoming year.

**Conference Registration:** By April 8, 2010, complete the Conference Registration Form and return as indicated. Please complete one form for each person attending.

**For more information:** [mga.1@netzero.com](mailto:mga.1@netzero.com) (e-mail) or (269) 290-2350 (voice)



April 23, 2010

### National Certified Guardian National Master Guardian (Examinations Only)

Take the next step toward furthering your professional credentials and become a National Certified or National Master Guardian.

Preparation for the National Certified Guardian examination is available through the National Guardianship Association in the form of four one-hour "webinars" **and/or** a study guide. Arrangements for both options are made directly as indicated below. Registration for either examination is made through the Center for Guardianship Certification.

Webinars/Study Guide: [www.guardianship.org](http://www.guardianship.org) (877.326.5992 voice)  
Examinations: [www.guardianshipcert.org](http://www.guardianshipcert.org) (717.238.4689 voice)

**REMINDER:** National Certified Guardians must provide proof of 20 hours (over two years) of continuing education hours and National Master Guardians must provide proof of 30 hours (over three years) in order to apply for recertification. Complete information may be located at the Center for Guardianship Certification website listed above.

## REGISTRATION FORM.....

**RETURN FORM and PAYMENT BY APRIL 8, 2010 TO:**

**U.S. Mail:** MGA  
 c/o Barbara Fisher  
 P.O. Box 19533  
 Kalamazoo, MI 49019

**E-mail:** mga.1@netzero.com

**Fax:** (877) 282-9420

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Dietary Need:     Vegetarian             Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact B. Fisher (269) 290-2350 for special accommodations or other concerns.

Registration Type	April 22-23	April 22 only	April 23 only	TOTAL
Renew or join MGA	(Individual) \$45.00			
MGA Member	\$150.00	\$115.00	\$45.00	
Non-Member	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$60.00	
Family Guardian (member)	\$140.00	\$110.00	\$40.00	
Family Guardian (non-member)	\$190.00	\$150.00	\$60.00	
Deduct 10% from registration fees (not membership fees) if taking NCG or NMG examination <b>and</b> registering for <b>both days</b> of the conference.				
<b>TOTAL</b>				

We look forward to welcoming you!