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## Mark It Down!

### HamBingo

Monday, January 30

7:30 pm

**BINGO at Hamburger Mary's.**

All proceeds of the \$10 per game card benefit ElderSource. Join us for great fun and support our agency! Please RSVP at 904.551.2048.



### DEADLINE Jan. 31

### Nominate a Clay Senior

Nominations are being accepted to recognize an outstanding Clay County senior as part of the Shepherd's Center Golden Years Gala. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the award and to download a nomination form. Please submit all nominations to [scoop2105@att.net](mailto:scoop2105@att.net) by the deadline. ElderSource is proud to serve as host for this event slated for May 3, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.

### Save the Date!

## Note from the Executive Director

Dear Friends:

There are many issues affecting seniors at the local, state and national levels. As the Area Agency on Aging and Aging & Disability Resource Center for Northeast Florida, it is our priority and responsibility to advocate for seniors and to keep you informed about the impact these decisions will have on your lives. I encourage you to be diligent in your quest to be informed, ask questions and contact your legislative representatives to let them know what is important to you about the decisions being made in Congress and the state legislature.



Linda J. Levin

One way to learn more about issues affecting seniors is to follow reports from The National Council on Aging (NCOA). Here is a link to one of their recent blogs: [Straight Talk for Seniors: The 2017 Federal Budget Process and Programs for Seniors.](#)

At the state level, the Florida Department on Elder Affairs provides a bi-monthly update through its publication, ["Elder](#)

## A Night with the Stars

Saturday, June 4, 2017

7 to 10 pm

WJCT Studios

More information to come! For sponsorship information call 904.608.3823 or email

[liz@lizmorganpr.com](mailto:liz@lizmorganpr.com).

## At Your Fingertips

ElderSource values the relationships we have with our provider agencies, those organizations contracted and funded by ElderSource that offer clients direct services. In addition to the ElderSource Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) HelpLine, clients may call these agencies for assistance:

- [Aging True](#)
- [Baker County Council on Aging](#)
- [Clay County Council on Aging](#)
- [City of Jacksonville Senior Services and Senior Centers](#)
- [Flagler County Senior Services](#)
- [Nassau County Council on Aging](#)
- [St. Johns County Council on Aging](#)
- [Council on Aging of Volusia County](#)
- [Jacksonville Area Legal Aid](#)
- [The Northeast Florida Area Health Education Centers \(AHEC\) Network](#)
- [Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc.](#)

## Buy Greeting Cards and Support Elder Source



With the new year beginning it's great to get organized and plan ahead. Why not order a stash of birthday and greeting cards to be ready to have just the right card at a moment's notice? Order a greeting cards from Cards for a Cause and part of the proceeds will come back to ElderSource! Click [Cards for Causes](#) to peruse the selection.



**Donate today!**

## Looking for an Encore

[Update.](#)

Thank you for caring about our community! If you have any questions, please contact us at [info@myeldersource.org](mailto:info@myeldersource.org).

## ElderSource Board Members

We appreciate the time and dedication all of our Board Members spend to guide our agency to success and sound fiscal decisions. As with many nonprofit organizations, the start of a new year ushers in a change in board leadership, as well as additions to the boards. The following individuals now serve as president of our particular boards and we welcome two members who have recently joined. Please go to our website for the 2017 calendar of meeting notices.

[Click Here.](#)



### ElderSource

President: Stu Gaines  
New members: Barry Holloway and Dr. Sandy L. Robinson



### Wise Owl

President: Robert M. Morgan, Esq.



### ElderSource Institute

President: Don Roberts



### Friends of ElderSource

President: Kathy Jones  
New Members: Danielle McGrath and Debbie Dunn



### ElderSource Advisory Council

Chair: Reverend Tate  
New Members: Esther Hamilton, Cathy Heigher, Michael W. Kloehn and Valorie A. Montgomery

## Welcome Bryan Hensley

## Career?

At various points in life, people often contemplate a change in career, very often after the age of 50. Where would someone start? The following article from the *What's Next* website offers a wealth of information on where to find ideas on how to jump-start a career later in life. Click here for [The Best Websites to Inspire Your Encore Career](#)



## Volunteers Needed

Interested in a challenging and rewarding volunteer opportunity? We have them at ElderSource! Here are several volunteer opportunities that may pique your interest. We would love to have you part of the ElderSource volunteer team

### Advisory Council Member.

ElderSource values input and assistance from the community at large, which is why we have individuals serve on our Advisory Council. Right now, we currently have an opening for a representative from St. Johns County. Please call 904.391.6613 to receive an application and more information.

**SHINE Volunteers.** These great volunteers help citizens become better informed about their Medicare choices. They receive basic training on Medicare, Medicare Part D (prescription drug program), Medicare Supplement Insurance and Medicaid, through an at-home, online training program. For more information, go to the website [www.floridashine.org](http://www.floridashine.org) or call 904.391.6644.



**SNAP Program** Volunteers are needed to assist seniors with completing SNAP applications online, advocating for the benefits of the SNAP program, as well as educating the community against stigmas that prevent older adults from utilizing this program. A minimum of four (4) hours per week is desired. Contact Sherrie Keshner at 904.391.6688 or [sherrie.keshner@myeldersource.org](mailto:sherrie.keshner@myeldersource.org).



Bryan Hensley

contract management. He is a great addition to the ElderSource team!

## Bravo!

### Employee of the Year & Employee of the Month



Nancy Tufts

Each year the Executive Director honors one employee who and exemplifies the Vision and Guiding Principles of our organization. **Nancy Tufts**, a planner from the Planning and Programs Department, was named the 2016 Employee of the Year. Throughout the year, Nancy was instrumental in a variety of agency initiatives including the Coalition to Stop Senior Hunger, the recently received grant to enroll seniors into the SNAP program, preparation and implementation of our disaster plan during Hurricane Matthew and the introduction of the Learning Management System. She is described as a "rock star" by Executive Director Linda Levin, who also said, "Nancy is very creative, energetic and helpful among her fellow co-workers."

Director of Finance, **JaLynne Santiago**, was also honored last month as the December Employee of the Month. She has proven to be an employee who can efficiently take on many daunting tasks including finalizing and analyzing year-end budget reports, a myriad of IT issues and negotiating employee benefits contract, to name a few. Congratulations to both Nancy and JaLynne!



JaLynne Santiago

## Giving Back to Our Community



At ElderSource, we have a great team not only in the office, but we work well as a team outside of the office to help the community. Our staff worked together recently to celebrate "Make a Difference Day" by partnering with the St. Johns County Housing Partnership to beautify the home of a local senior. In November, staff participated in the Alzheimer's Association's annual Memory Walk downtown.



### **ElderSource**

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*ElderSource is a private, not for profit agency designated by the state as the Area Agency on Aging and Aging & Disability Resource Center for Northeast Florida. ElderSource serves as the focal point to which elders, adults with disabilities, caregivers, Northeast Florida seniors and the general public can receive information, referral, assistance and answers on all aging issues.*

**STAY CONNECTED**



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