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Letter from the OIL Chairman

We had a pretty good turnout at our meeting at the Coralville Library March 23rd. Julie Bobbit, coordinator for the University of Iowa Center on Aging, gave a well presented Power Point presentation on Older Iowans and mental health issues. After the presentation, Julie answered questions from the group in a very "down to earth" manner and was well received by those in attendance.

Ron Jome gave a report on the Legislative bills of interest to older Iowans. He sends out emails to members of OIL on the progress of these bills of interest so that we can be informed of their status during the legislative session.

Bob Welsh gave a report on Nursing Home Facilities measures Workgroup that held several sessions at Iowa Medicaid Enterprise in Des Moines. Eve Casserly, Jean Oxley and Bob Welsh represented the Senior Living Coordinating Unit and Mary Lou Cooley-Hechmer, Janet Boley and Carl Boley representing OIL were in attendance at different sessions. Bob Stated that our being there made an impact on the final report from the panel being more friendly to older Iowan clients.

Bills for our 2009 legislative session need to be ready for next meeting July 20th at Aging Resources, 5835 Grand Ave in Des Moines. Each District can submit up to 5 bills again this year. The Legislative session is scheduled for September 28 and 29, 2009.

Carl Boley, Chair

We want to thank the Heritage Area Agency on Aging for their generous help in getting out this Newsletter. It is our goal to publish it four times per year – February, May, August and November.



John Connors: We are saddened by the news of the passing of John Connors of Des Moines. John was a member of the Central District of the Older Iowans Legislature. He was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in 1972 and served a portion of the Des Moines area until his retirement in 2004. The name of "John Connors" will be missed within the Older Iowans Legislature and our condolences go out to his family.

*State OIL Chr.
Carl Boley*

IS YOUR OIL MEMBERSHIP CURRENT?

Membership renewals for 2009 are due for all Professional and individual members. Our organization operates only on your membership dues. OIL is a non-profit 501(3)c organization, so your dues are a deductible contribution. Send checks to: Francis Thom, 205 S 10th St, Centerville, IA 52544; phone 641-856-2505; billyt9@mchsi.com Francis notes that donations are very welcome too. Not sure if your dues are due? Ask Francis.

Iowa Capitol COOKIE DAY – held at the State Capitol on February 10th was a great success. Ron commented that there was a wonderful quantity of the best cookies ever provided by some of the world's best cooks, who are also OIL members.

OIL Annual Meeting - Nominating

Committee Appointed: Chairman Carl Boley has appointed the following OIL Members to a nominating committee: Janet Boley (Burlington), Mary Lou Cooley-Hechmer (Corning), Harvey Martens (Des Moines), Roberta VanDeWalker (Mason City). They are charged with presenting a proposed slate of officers for the members consideration at the Sept. 29th Annual Meeting. All members aged 60 and up are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. (An amendment to lower this voting age was introduced last year and is expected to be on the agenda for vote at this year's Annual Meeting.)

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Nursing Facility Accountability Measures

Workgroup – OIL members Carl Boley, Janet Boley, Mary Lou Cooley-Hechmer, Jean Oxley and Eve Casserly participated in this work-group held at the CMS (Center for Medicare Services) offices in Des Moines in January, February and March. Mary Lou writes about what was accomplished:

I have just finished serving on the "Nursing Facility Accountable Measures" study group that was convened for the purpose of addressing changes in the methods that nursing homes in the state of Iowa receive an incentive payment for excellence in resident care. This payment is a small percent, (one, two or three at the present time) that is added payment for the facility that qualifies to receive it for each Medicaid (not the Medicare) residents.

Jennifer Steenblock of the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, Bureau of Long Term Care was the designee to facilitate the workgroup. The members of this study group were Iowa senators and representatives, Iowa State Department employees,

NEWS

...from the State OIL Board

JULY 20th: The next meeting of the State OIL Board will be on July 20th at the offices of Aging Resources in Des Moines. 10:30 AM. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Bills for the next Legislative session should be submitted to the state office **by early July**.

By-Law change to lower age requirement.

Proposal was made in 2008 to lower the age requirement for a voting member of OIL to age 50. Chairman Carl reports that the motion to amend the By-Laws may be presented at the 2009 session of the Older Iowans Legislature and that if the motion is approved then the change to age 50 would take effect at the 2010 session of OIL.



2009 Legislative Session of the Older Iowans

The Older Iowans Legislature's Annual Legislative Session will be at the Iowa State Capitol on Sept. 28th and 29th, 2009. Mark your calendars now and be thinking of potential legislative issues you want to recommend to your District. Each District is invited to submit FIVE bills for consideration at the Annual Legislative Session. Each District is invited to send a set number of voting delegates to the Annual Legislative session. The session will be followed by the OIL Annual Meeting on September 29th. The usual special rates will be sought at a local nearby hotel. Watch for announcements.

Nursing Home representatives, and those who advocate for the elderly. Jennifer and her staff were outstanding in drawing together those who have served on this group for several years and those of us who were first timers.

The result of several months work and meetings is a recommendation to the Iowa State Legislature and Governor Chester J. Culver that redesigns the nursing facility accountability measure program. Included in the report is the suggestion that the title be changed to “Nursing Facility Pay for Performance”. I believe this describes what we hope the new guidelines in the program will achieve as the nursing facilities continue to improve.

The recommended program is developed around four “domains” (quality of care, quality of life, efficiency and access). Other changes made were to set static benchmarks for the various measures under the domains. Each benchmark attained, gains a certain amount of points that are added up to determine if a particular nursing home qualifies for the added payment. We also recommended how the add-on payment is to be used to increase direct care and support care staff wages, benefits and training opportunities.

While serving on this study group, I used the U.S. "<http://medicare.gov/NHCompare>" information which gives a Five Star Quality Rating to all long term Nursing Facilities in the United States. I found this an excellent tool to research and help determine the quality of care and quality of life offered in the Iowa nursing homes. It gives an excellent explanation on how to use, and, one can search and compare nursing homes in any area of the state by simply typing in a town or a zip code and stating how much distance one wants to search.

I am a retired Activity Coordinator, so my interest is in how well nursing homes are providing necessary activities for the resident to meet their needs and interests. While the Five Star Quality Rating provided me with the nursing care, it took more to discover information about the quality of life issue of activities offered. To discover this, I made phone calls to inquire about staffing for activities, what offered and length of time for each activity. Also of importance is the availability of room or rooms for the activities other than dining room which limits the time due to meals, snacks, etc. I encourage all who are looking for Nursing Home placement for family or self, to use this in searching for the best in care.

*Mary Lou Cooley-Hechmer,
Older Iowa Legislative member.*

News from the Districts

South East District: SE will hold its Spring meeting on May 28th at the Coralville library. Watch for announcements closer to that date. It will be time to work on bills for the coming Fall OIL Legislative Session and to name delegates for the Sept. session.

Johnson County Livable Community on Successful Aging Policy Board announces the MAY unveiling of our model Livable Communities Web site – a county-wide comprehensive database of service providers that includes critical information about services, eligibility, costs, how to access services, newsletter, activities directory, health, housing and transportation options. Check it all out at www.livablecommunity.org for full details.

Central District: Darold Powers authored and submitted to the Governor Resolution 08-26. At the March Board meeting, Chairman Carl Boley read the letter from Gov. Culver in response to Darold’s written presentation.

New Senior Landscape: Darold Powers has also sent us a most interesting document – which he



authored – which is simply too large to include here. : A much too brief review follows: This is a two part document with Part I entitled “OPPORTUNITIES IN 2009 – focusing on extent of seniors/expenditures, jobs, participation by seniors, need for service alternatives and the need to keep the “spotlight” on senior issues. Part II – “CONDITIONS & PROSPECTS FOR OLDER IOWANS” addresses such issues as a moral imperative to give back to society, whatever our age, need for a new social compact between generations, reflects on what could optimally be done in various “stages of live”, operation of senior programs and who should be doing it, organizing seniors and strategies and programs – such as

- 1) reducing need for special services (by reducing poverty, poor health care, dependence and passivity);
- 2) delaying entrance into institutions via provision of home-based services and creation of other economical housing and service delivery systems and
- 3) Providing quality care for

Darold notes: State funding for senior programs is only 6.2% of state expenditures initially authorized

retirement community program where cities or towns would need to meet certain guidelines to become a designated livable community making it a more appealing place for retirees to live. Some items that would make a community more livable include affordable and accessible house, diverse health and long-term care options, and a variety of mobility options including walking, biking and transit services. Once designated the community would be required to be recertified after a pre-determined amount of time.

*Donna Harvey, Director
Hawkeye Valley AAA*

Heritage Area Agency on Aging: announces a new Advocacy Tool-kit Focusing on Reducing Iowa's Reliance on Institutional-Based Care Now Available - A new toolkit



to help advocates for home and community-based services educate elected officials and policy and decision makers about Iowa's over-reliance on institutional-based care in our long-term care system is now available. The toolkit focuses on Iowa's institutional bias its impact on older Iowans, people with disabilities, caregivers, providers, AND Iowa's state resources, and what steps can be taken to change the current system.

In addition to offering a variety of resources to support the advocacy efforts of those working to create more choices for all Iowan's that need long-term care, the toolkit includes *HOME*, a film featuring individuals sharing their personal experiences about how Iowa's long-term care system impacts where and how they live.

.....All the information in this toolkit, including streaming video of the film *HOME*, can be found on the Heritage Area Agency on Aging website www.heritageaaa.org and clicking on *advocacy* and then *toolkit*.

.....If you know of an organization that may benefit from the toolkit, you would like a toolkit, have any questions, or would like information on becoming an advocacy partner please contact:

....*Ingrid Wensel – Associate Director*

....*Heritage Area Agency on Aging*

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....*1 (800) 332-5934 - ingrid.wensel@kirkwood.edu*

Siouxland Area Agency on Aging:

Siouxland Aging Services has recently begun new program for updating seniors to legislative actions on the state and national levels. By tapping into current technology and the increasing numbers of seniors who are proficient at using email and the internet, it is service that conveys relevant information in a very timely manner. Seniors, in turn, express their comments

and concerns onto their elected officials. They also are able to bring the information to their peers at social settings such as congregate meal sites. Expectation is for the program to grow.

.....*Chris Kuchta - Advocacy Coordinator*

University of Iowa Center on Aging: Older Adult Driving Resources

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, older adults are nine times more likely to be involved in fatal accidents than drivers aged 25 to 69. In 2000, older adults made up 9% of the resident population, but accounted for 13% of all traffic fatalities and 17% of all pedestrian fatalities.

The Center on Aging, in order to assist Iowans in finding information for older adults and their family and friends about driving independently, has created a resource page on their website about programs to evaluate driving performance.

This list of resources contains programs that can evaluate an individual's ability to continue to drive independently, whether they can become an independent driver, or if an individual needs adaptive equipment. This website also includes links to several other driving resources. To find out more information, please visit the Center on Aging website at www.centeronaging.uiowa.edu or contact the Center at 319-335-6576

Many Baby Boomers are deciding to stay in the Workforce—it's time to realize that older workers are a net benefit to employers, and squash negative stereotypes! . . .

Many baby boomers are deciding to stay in the workforce, some because of economic reasons and others because they feel fit and healthy and do not have any desire to retire. Unfortunately, stereotypes associated with older workers continue to persist (e.g., resistance to change, incompetent, and lower productivity). Although some sensory, perceptual, and motor changes are associated with aging (e.g., visual changes), it is a myth that younger workers outperform their older colleagues. There have been numerous studies that have found no consistent relationship between age and work performance. Furthermore, the changes that can occur as we age are areas that ergonomic and employee assistance and wellness programs can help! Aging does not mean an automatic decline in functioning. In fact, research has shown that most mental functions hold up well into old age, while some mental functions actually get better (e.g., vocabulary and other verbal

functions)! Older workers bring many unique strengths to the workplace, such as being more conscientious, having more skills, experience, and corporate knowledge. Older workers are a net benefit to employers. It is time that society squashes negative stereotypes of the older worker, and begins to appreciate what the older worker brings to the workforce!

*Diana R. Gallegos, Ph.D.
University of Iowa, Center on Aging*

Aging Services of Linn County: Aging Services, Inc. is very appreciative of the advocacy being provided by the Older Iowan's Legislature to allow providers of Medicaid Elderly Waiver case management services to be reimbursed for their actual cost of providing the service. So far this year, the Aging Services, Inc. case managers have provided case management services to 719 older adults on the Elderly Waiver in Linn, Benton and Jones counties.Elderly Waiver case managers are responsible for assessing the needs of an older adult, the development and implementation of a written service plan, coordinating and monitoring services, ongoing advocacy, conflict resolution, crisis intervention, monitoring for changes in the client's situation and completing a re-assessment of the older adult's needs.Thank you again, as your support for the Medicaid Elderly Waiver case management service providers is beneficial in assuring that older adults receive the services they rely on to help them remain safely in their own homes.

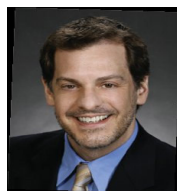
Representatives in Congress: Action- mid-Feb. Abuse of the Elderly, addressed in House file 448, would authorize funding over three years for state programs to prevent abuse of the elderly and provide emergency services. Iowa Representatives Boswell, Braley, Latham and Loeb sack voted in favor. Rep. King voted against this bill that passed the house on a 397 to 25 vote. Rep. Ted Poe, R-Texas, said "Elder abuse is a serious issue facing the country, and whether (it) is happening in homes or senior care facilities, we must do what we can as a nation to protect these seniors. I believe that because seniors are often unable to defend themselves from mistreatment and abuse, & that we must work together to prevent violence from occurring in the first place." Way to go, Congressman Poe!

Rep. Loeb sack writes OIL news: "The Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2009 will provide training, technical assistance, and other support to State and local law enforcement officials to help them catch and prosecute those who would prey on our seniors," said

Congressman Dave Loeb sack. "This legislation empowers our seniors, giving them the dignity and respect they deserve. It is the first comprehensive federal effort to address and prevent elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. As a member of the Victims Rights Caucus, I will continue to work on behalf of seniors throughout Iowa and our nation in order to assure they have the care, resources, and protection they deserve."

Governor's Conference on Aging (GCOA) - The 30th annual Governor's Conference on Aging has been cancelled due to budget reductions within the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs in FY 09 and projected for FY 10. In its stead is the following:

**Aging & Action Forum:
Partnering Through Hard**



Times – It will be held on May 13, 2009 in Des Moines. Iowa Dept. of Aging Director John McCalley states, "Given the current state of the

economy, the Culver Administration wants to hear from older Iowans about the issues they are facing, so that we can develop ways to support them." This forum is designed to gain input from older Iowans on how state and federal policy makers can be responsive to their unique needs during the recession and beyond. The forum will feature keynote presentations from the officials of the United States Administration on Aging (AoA) and the University of Northern Iowa Center for Social and Behavioral Research. Participants will work in small groups to identify policy priorities on Health Care & Long Term Services and Support; Housing & Transportation; Employment; and Elder Abuse & Fraud. The Forum is free and held from 8:30AM-4:00PM at the Hy-Vee Hall in downtown Des Moines. Lunch and parking will also be free of charge for registrants, who will be sent a map and parking pass prior to the conference. . (The Betty Grandquist award will be presented at the forum noon luncheon and several shining star awards will be presented as well. Word has been received that two members of the SE District – Bob Welsh (Betty Grandquist) and Eve Casserly (Shing Star) will be recipients of awards. Report to be made/next issue.)

Older Iowans are encouraged to attend the forum. Attendance will be limited to 300 participants. Those wanting to attend will need to register by calling (local-Des Moines) 515/225-1051 or toll-free 1-800-264-1084. You may also register by visiting the Depart. website at www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs.

Iowa Second in Quality of Life Ranking:

Iowa ranks second in the nation in Quality of Life according to Congressional Quarterly Press. This is a widely published comparison of the 50 states issued each year by the Washington-based group. Factors, including a healthy population, safe neighborhoods,



and excellence in education, contributed to Iowa's best showing in three years. "Iowa is a great place to live and raise a family, and Iowa remains in a strong position to create jobs and compete worldwide" said Governor Chet Culver.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a neat brief article from one Older Iowan who daily demonstrates being devoted to "Living Today for a Better Tomorrow"



Coming in May: The 47th Annual Celebration of "Older Americans Month"

President Barack Obama has designated May as OLDER AMERICANS MONTH.

May has been recognized as Older Americans Month every year since 1963, when President John F. Kennedy so designated it. Each year since the Federal Administration on Aging (AoA) issues a theme for Older Americans Month to assist our National Aging Services Network of state, tribal, area agencies on aging, and community services providers plan for activities that might take place in May or throughout the year. This year's theme **"Living Today for a Better Tomorrow"** reflects AoA's continued focus on prevention efforts and programs throughout the country that are helping older adults have better health as they age and avoid the risks of chronic disease, disability and injury. Watch for events in YOUR community!



"Aging, Independence, and Cerebral Palsy; a Personal Perspective"

by Keith Ruff – Iowa City

I have Cerebral Palsy which is a non progressive birth defect. During my 63-Years of Life I have managed to maintain Independence with minimal personal assistance and minimal physical and structural accommodations. Even though Cerebral Palsy is not progressive, over time I will experience some decrease in physical and cognitive functioning, as all individuals do.

With continued daily assistance I am confident I will be able to maintain my current residence. However, as I get older the use of assistive technology will play a larger role in my Independence.

Hopefully, I won't have to retire. I enjoy my work at the Evert Conner Rights and Resources Center for Independent Living. And, I feel having to get up every morning and to go to the office has kept me vivacious and energetic. Health permitting, I plan on working the rest of my life.

Lastly I would like to say if one has a positive attitude towards life one can live independently and productively regardless of their "ability". For me Cerebral Palsy is just a small part of the "Fabric of My Life".

Keith Ruff

Anticipate Scams Related to Upcoming Stimulus Payment

President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in February. One of the provisions is a one-time, \$250 payment for most persons receiving Social Security, Railroad Retirement and Veterans benefits, as well as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients. Social Security will be sending the payments by the first week in June. **Those persons who are eligible do not have to take any action.** There will be no requirement that you have previously filed an income tax return, as there was with the previous stimulus payment. Additional information is on the Social Security website, www.SocialSecurity.gov. Please remind everyone:

- No one will call, asking to verify their Social Security number or bank information in order to receive their payment.
- No application forms will be sent that require a response including personal information. (We have seen one such letter already.)

• No e-mails will be sent, requiring a response in order to “claim” their stimulus payment. (We have also seen these scam e-mails.)

This type of unique, one-time payment directed toward seniors is a prime opportunity for scam artists to steal identities. Let’s get the word out to warn older lowans! To download a pamphlet, visit:

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10519.pdf>

Message from Ron Jome:

A primary goal of the Older lowans Legislature is education. The first education objective is to help older adults appreciate how bills are introduced, referred, prioritized, debated, amended, passed or rejected by the General Assembly, and finally signed or vetoed by the Governor. Another education objective is to inform the Iowa Senators and Representatives about the priorities of the Older lowans Legislature and to encourage the General Assembly to introduce OIL bills as Senate Files and/or House Files. Members and friends of the Older lowans Legislature have learned that the law-making process IS understandable and that ordinary citizens CAN participate!

Friday April 24, 2009

Bills of possible interest to the Older lowans Legislature are highlighted below with details of amendments and votes in the text. Note that House File 712 (consumer fraud private cause of action) has passed both chambers with amendments.

Ron Jome

BILLS ENROLLED AND SENT TO GOVERNOR

- **Senate File 204** (elder affairs): **Passed Senate 02/26/09, Passed House 03/04/09, Sent to Governor 03/23/09, Signed by Governor 03/25/09**
- **House File 122** (information on drug prescribing): **Passed House 02/12/09, Passed Senate 03/23/09, Sent to Governor 03/31/09, Signed by Governor 04/02/09**
- **House File 314** (public health): **Passed House 02/25/09, Passed Senate 03/23/09, Sent to Governor 03/31/09, Signed by Governor 04/02/09**
- **House File 317** (assisted living services): **Passed House 03/18/09, Passed Senate 03/31/09, Sent to Governor 04/07/09, Signed by Governor 04/10/09**
- **House File 380** (public health): **Passed House 03/16/09, Passed Senate 03/31/09, Sent to Governor 04/07/09, Signed by Governor 04/10/09**
- **Senate File 440** (prescription drug coverage in care facilities): **Passed Senate 03/18/09,**

Passed House 04/02/09, Sent to Governor 04/14/09, Signed by Governor 04/15/09

- **House File 505** (volunteers at Iowa veterans home): **Passed House 03/17/09, Passed Senate 04/06/09, Sent to Governor 04/21/09**
- **Senate File 203** (assisted living): **Passed Senate 03/02/09, Passed House 04/13/09, Sent to Governor 04/21/09**
- **House File 311** (health care coverage): **Passed House 02/18/09, Passed Senate with amendment 04/01/09, Passed House 04/07/09, Sent to Governor 04/23/09**

BILLS PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS

- **Senate File 291** (certified retirement communities): **Passed Senate 03/09/09, Passed House with amendment 03/31/09, Passed Senate 04/07/09**
- **House File 488** (service animals, waiver): **Passed House 03/17/09, Passed Senate with amendment 04/02/09, Passed House 04/07/09**
- **House File 723** (insurance division matters; long term care): **Passed House 03/18/09, Passed Senate 04/06/09**
- **House File 478** (insurance, diabetes): **Passed House 03/10/09, Passed Senate 04/08/09**
- **House File 580** (IowaCare program): **Passed House 03/23/09, Passed Senate with amendment 04/09/09**
- **Senate File 438** (actions injurious to dependent adults): **Passed Senate 03/18/09, Passed House 04/13/09**
- **Senate File 433** (violations in health care facilities): **Passed Senate 03/23/09, Unfinished business 04/09/09, Passed House with amendment 04/14/09, Passed Senate with amendment 04/22/09, Passed House 04/23/09**
- **House File 811** (appropriations): **Passed House 04/09/09, Passed Senate with amendment 04/15/09, Passed House with amendment 04/23/09, Passed Senate 04/23/09**
- **House File 809** (appropriations): **Passed House 04/07/09, Passed Senate with amendment 04/16/09, Passed Senate 04/21/09, Passed House with amendment 04/23/09, Passed Senate 04/23/09**
- **Senate File 389** (health care coverage): **Passed Senate 03/19/09, Unfinished business 04/16/09, Passed House with amendment 04/20/09, Passed Senate with amendment 04/21/09, House and Senate conference committees appointed 04/23/09**

- **House File 712** (consumer fraud private cause of action): **Unfinished business 04/09/09, Passed House 04/20/09, Passed Senate 04/20/09**
- **Senate File 476** (nursing facility reimbursement): **Unfinished business 04/10/09, Passed Senate 04/13/09, Passed House 04/23/09**

BILLS PASSED FIRST CHAMBER

- **Senate File 231** (IowaCare program): **Passed Senate 03/19/09**
- **House File 734** (uniform adult guardianship): **Passed House 04/09/09**

BILLS ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS CALENDAR

- **Senate File 178** (consumer fraud private cause of action): **Unfinished business 04/10/09, House File 712 substituted**
- **Senate File 418** (health insurance coverage): **Unfinished business 04/10/09**
- **House File 234** (health insurance coverage): **Unfinished business 04/10/09**
- **House File 807** (individual income tax): **Unfinished business 04/09/09**
- **Senate File 468** (individual income tax): **Unfinished business 04/10/09**

BILLS ON CALENDAR

- **House File 382** (public health)
- **House File 768** (review of health benefit denials)
- **House File 787** (hearings, inspections and appeals)
- **Senate File 444** (uniform adult guardianship)

BILLS IN APPROPRIATION COMMITTEES

- **Senate File 54** (case management appropriation)
- **Senate File 56** (expansion of elder abuse initiative)
- **Senate File 53** (appropriation for frail elderly)
- **Senate File 55** (appropriation for O.I.L.)
- **House File 125** (Medicaid reimbursement)

BILLS IN WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEES

- **Senate File 166** (military retirees)
- **Senate File 167** (property adjustment for certain elders)
- **Senate File 325** (pension income and income tax)
- **Senate File 448** (property adjustment for 65 age)
- **House File 92** (tax limitation for elders)
- **House File 145** (taxation of disabled veteran)
- **House File 162** (veteran's retirement pay)
- **House File 204** (property adjustment for elders)

- **House File 352** (property adjustment for elders)

“YOU can make a Difference ! ”



We encourage you to help us make a difference in the lives of older Iowans and their families by becoming a member of the Older Iowans Legislature. Please note that the \$25 annual Regular or Associate membership fee is considered a contribution to our 501(c)3 non-profit organization OIL BY-LAWS SPECIFY THAT...Supporting Professional memberships (non-profit agency) - \$250 donation - Individual membership - \$25 - (Individual membership is open to any adult, however voting privileges are restricted to those aged 60 +. Those under 60 are considered Associate members.) Professional agencies and organizations providing services to seniors or interested in the well being of Iowa's Seniors are encouraged to become PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS of the Older Iowans Legislature. The contribution requested for PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP is \$250 per year A Sustaining Contributor is a corporation or institution contributing \$1,000 or more. A Silver Contributor is an individual or organization making an annual contribution or grant of \$2,500 for special events. Thank you for your consideration.

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