



WELCOME
2024 Florida Council on Aging
Annual Membership Meeting



Jeff Johnson, President
Florida Council on Aging

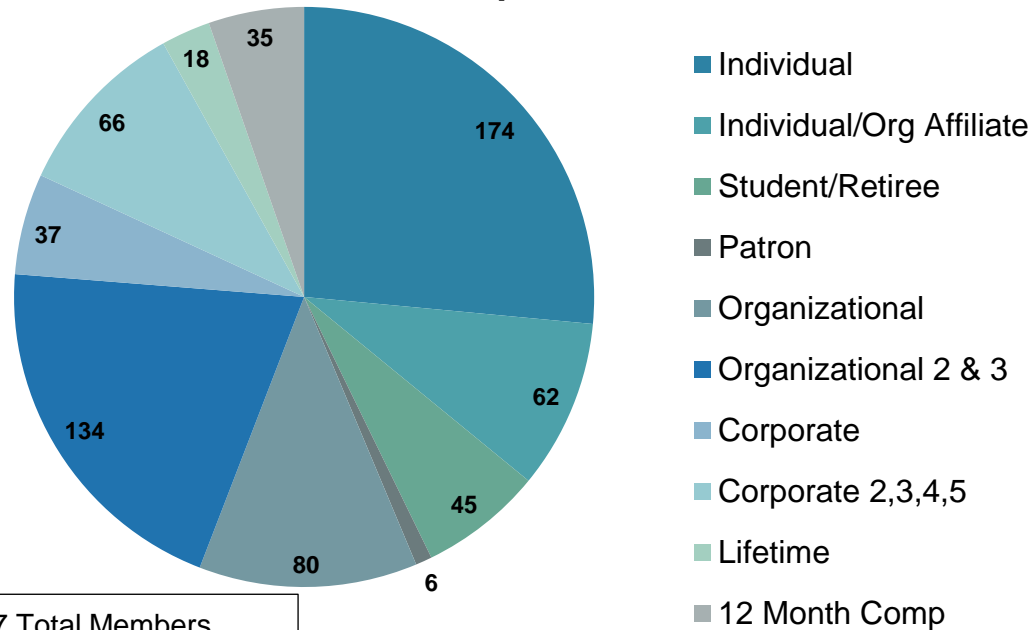


FCOA Annual Report 2024

Membership

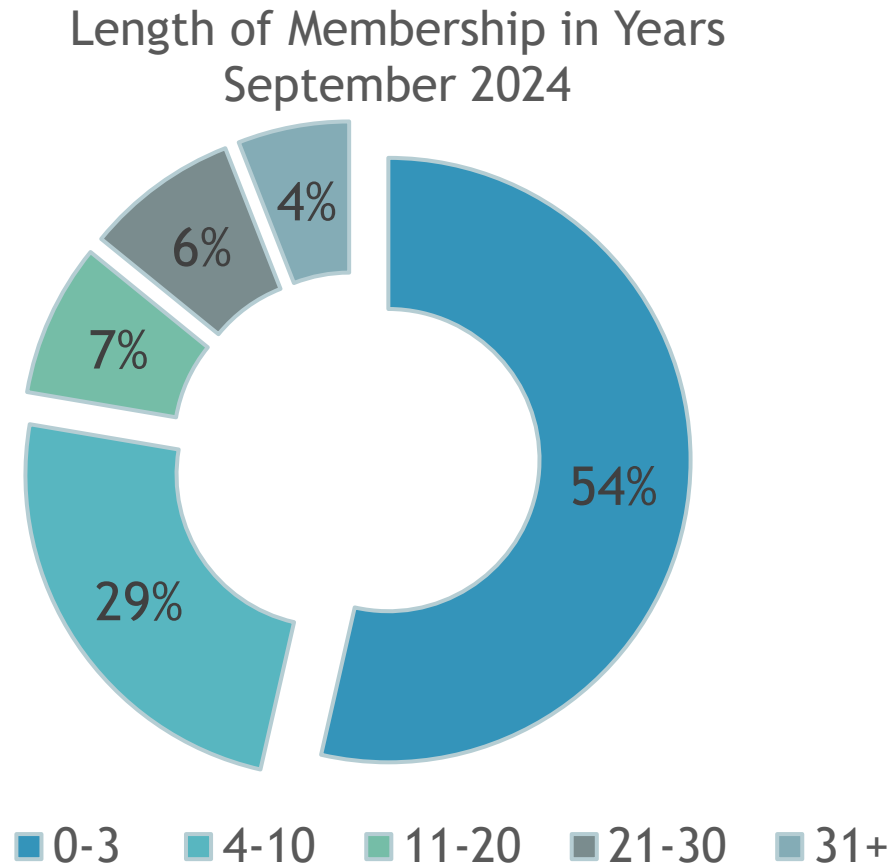
As of September 31, 2024, FCOA has 657 members

September 2024 - FCOA Members



657 Total Members

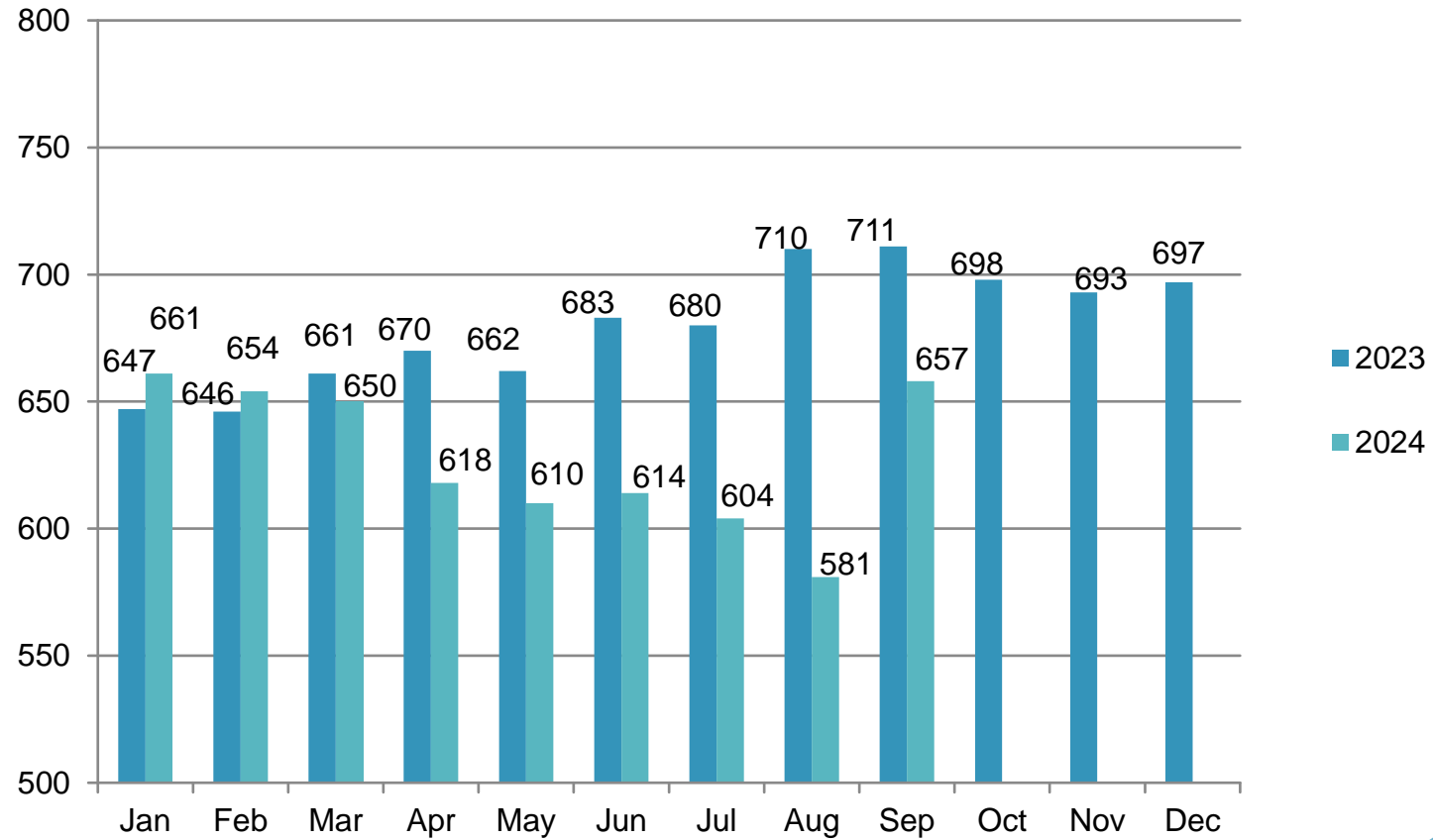
Length of FCOA Membership



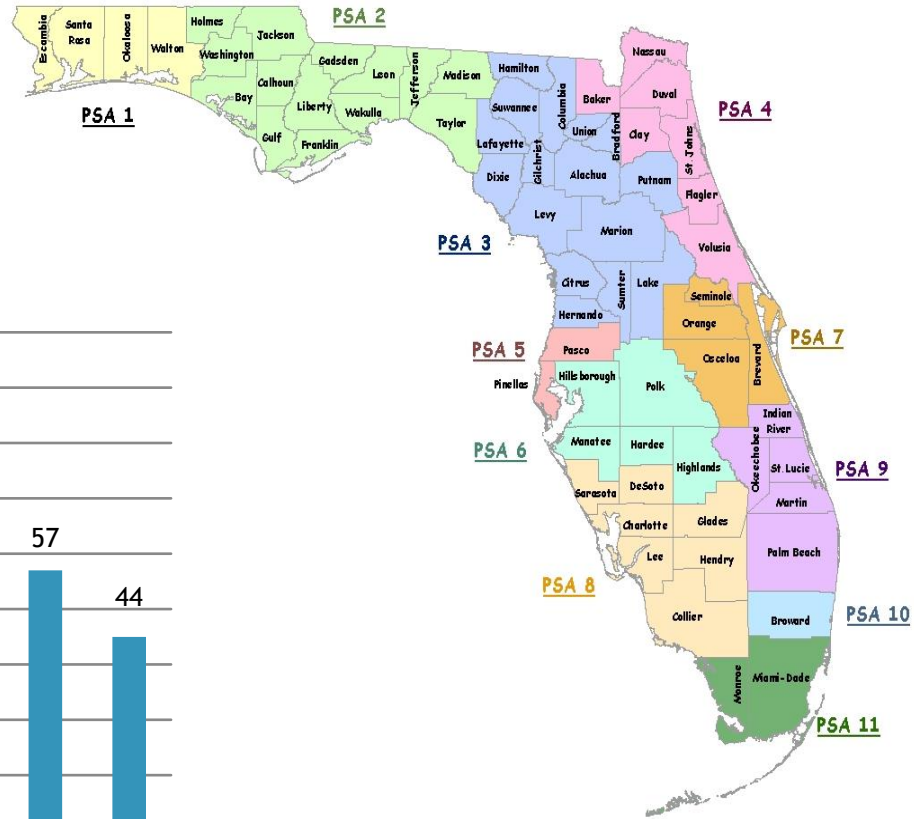
*Once a membership is lapsed/unpaid for 3 or more months, the join date is changed to the date of the most recent membership request is made. This, in part, accounts for the large percentage of memberships that are 0-3 years. FCOA is working to find a way to update this in our membership database and have consulted with the host CRM.

FCOA Membership Comparison 2023 and 2024

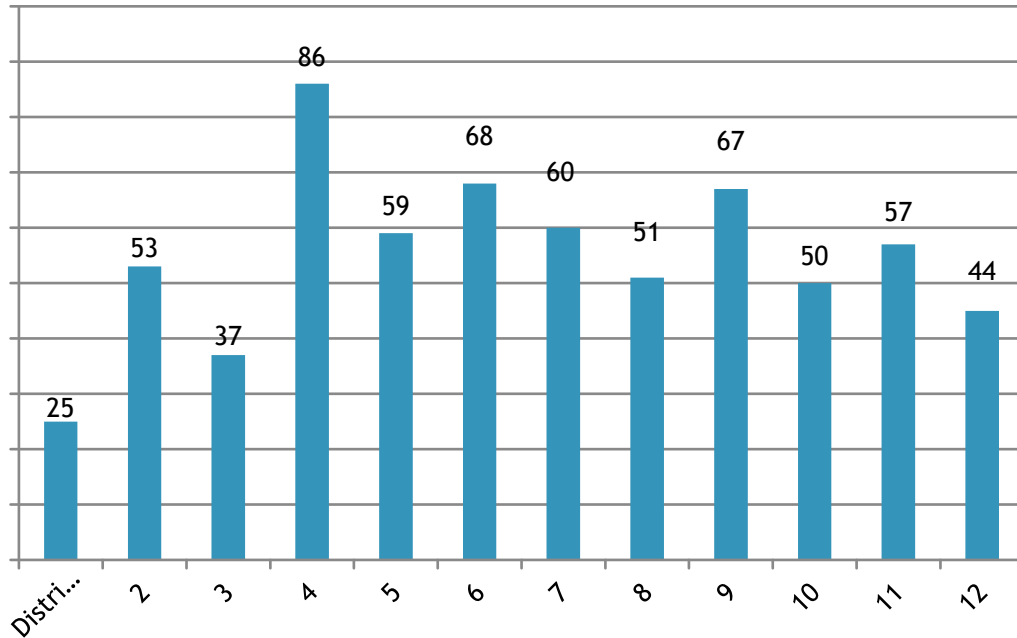
Membership Comparison by Year



FCOA Membership by PSA/District



**FCOA Members By District
September 2024**



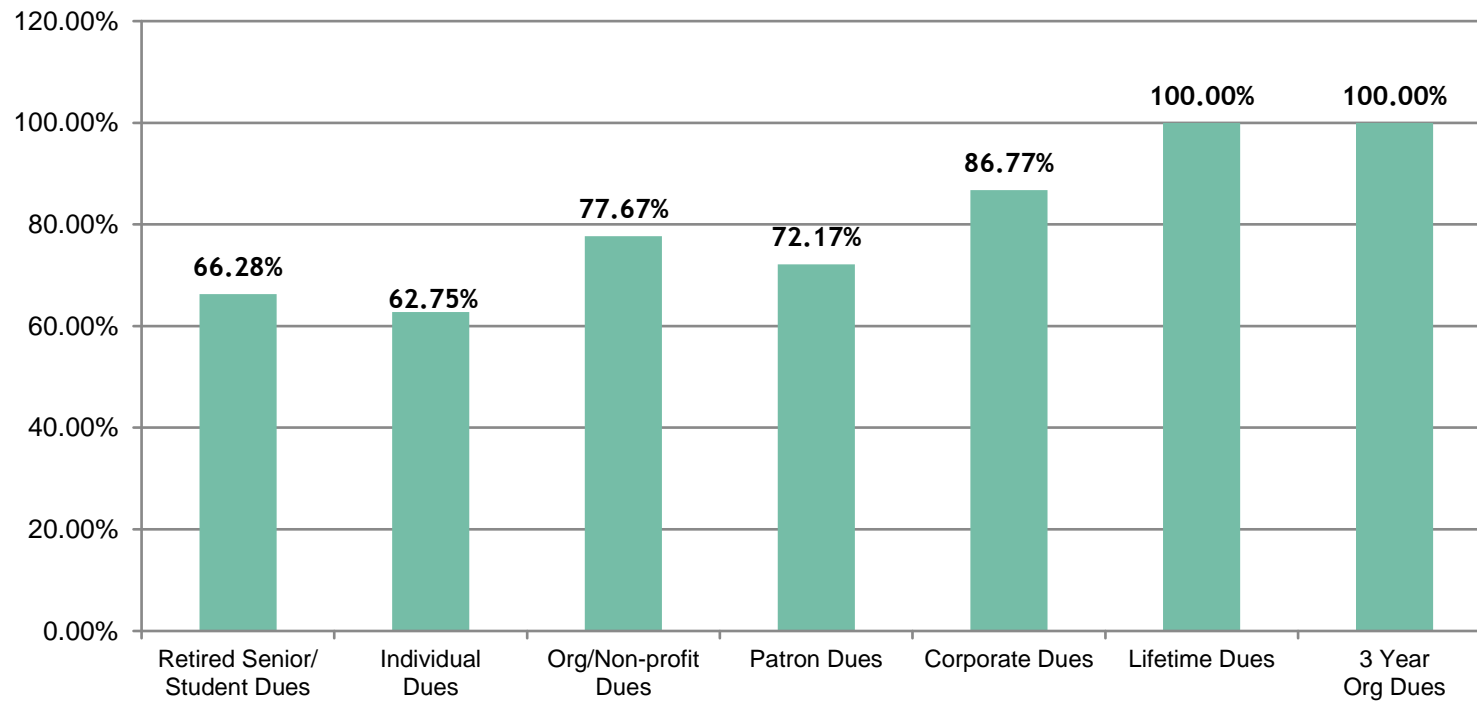
PSA/District 12 - Out of State Members



Janice Ancrum, Treasurer
Florida Council on Aging

FCOA Membership Dues Received

Membership Dollars Received
September 2024
83.14% of Budget Received



Financial Summary

- ▶ As of 9/30/2024, the balance in the operating account was \$111,303.03 and the balance in the savings account was \$65,292.10 and \$52,442.22 in a 13-month CD, or total cash on hand of \$229,037.35
- ▶ A full audit review of fiscal year 2023 was conducted by James Moore & Company, independent certified public accountants. The independent auditors' report indicated that the financial reports presented fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of FCOA as of December 31, 2023. A copy of the audit is available for review by FCOA members upon request. (FCOA Office 850-222-8877 or email moreinfo@fcoa.org)
- ▶ A financial report detailing every expenditure and receipt is provided monthly to the Treasurer and the Board of Trustees. All reports and minutes of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee are filed for audit.

FCOA Welcomes New Trustees



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Trustee At Large

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Trustee At Large

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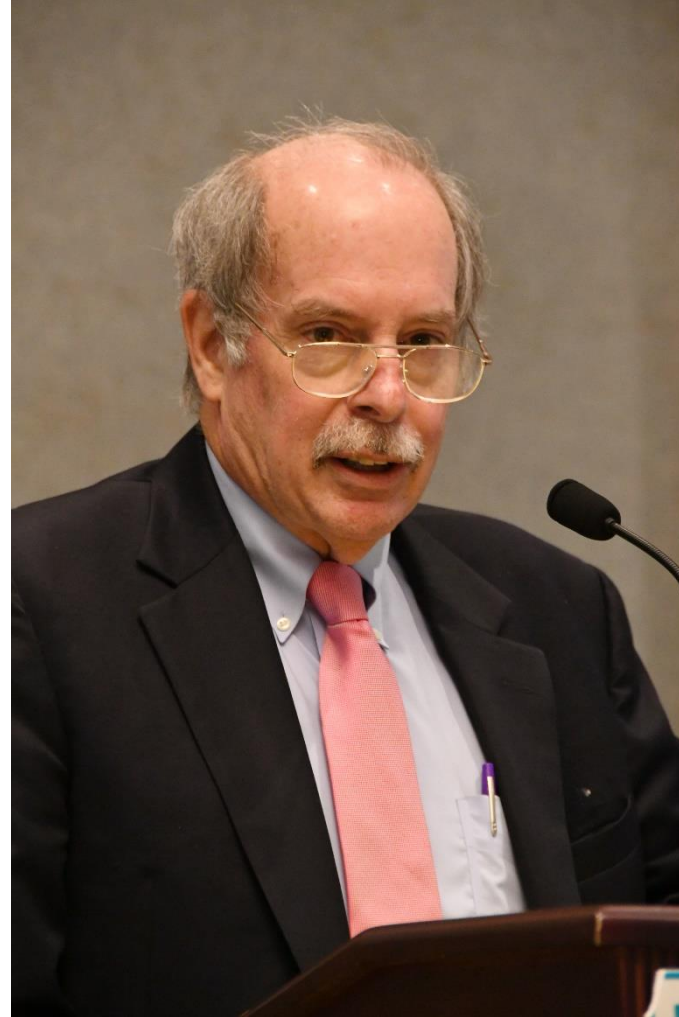
Margaret Lynn Duggar,
Executive Director
Florida Council on Aging



Advocacy - 2025 Legislative Session

- ▶ The Florida Council on Aging voted to continue the Advocacy Initiative for the 2024 Legislative Session.
 - ▶ Since 2009, FCOA has been working with partners and members to advocate for increased funding for General Revenue funded home and community based programs: Home Care for the Elderly (HCE), Community Care for the Elderly (CCE), Alzheimer's Disease Initiative and Projects (ADI) and Local Service Programs (LSP)
 - ▶ **FCOA's Advocacy Initiative has helped increase funding to home & community based programs by over \$136 million in Florida.** With over 120,000 seniors still on the wait list, there is still a lot of work to do.
 - ▶ Home based care is not only preferred by many older adults, but costs substantially less.
- ▶ FCOA is actively seeking financial support to continue our work! We hope that WellMed Medical Management and Dr. Rapier will continue their 'matching grant' support for the 2025 Session. If you or your agency can help, email us at moreinfo@fcoa.org.
- ▶ Make the commitment **TODAY** to support the Advocacy Initiative with your donations, calls/emails to decision-makers, sharing of advocacy materials and success stories.
- ▶ Advocacy Materials will be available after Christmas.

Robert Blancato, Matz,
Blancato, & Associates
Washington, DC



A silhouette of a person walking on a beach at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the water and sand. The person's shadow is cast on the wet sand. The background is a mix of blue, orange, and yellow tones.

Election Over: Next for Aging Policy?

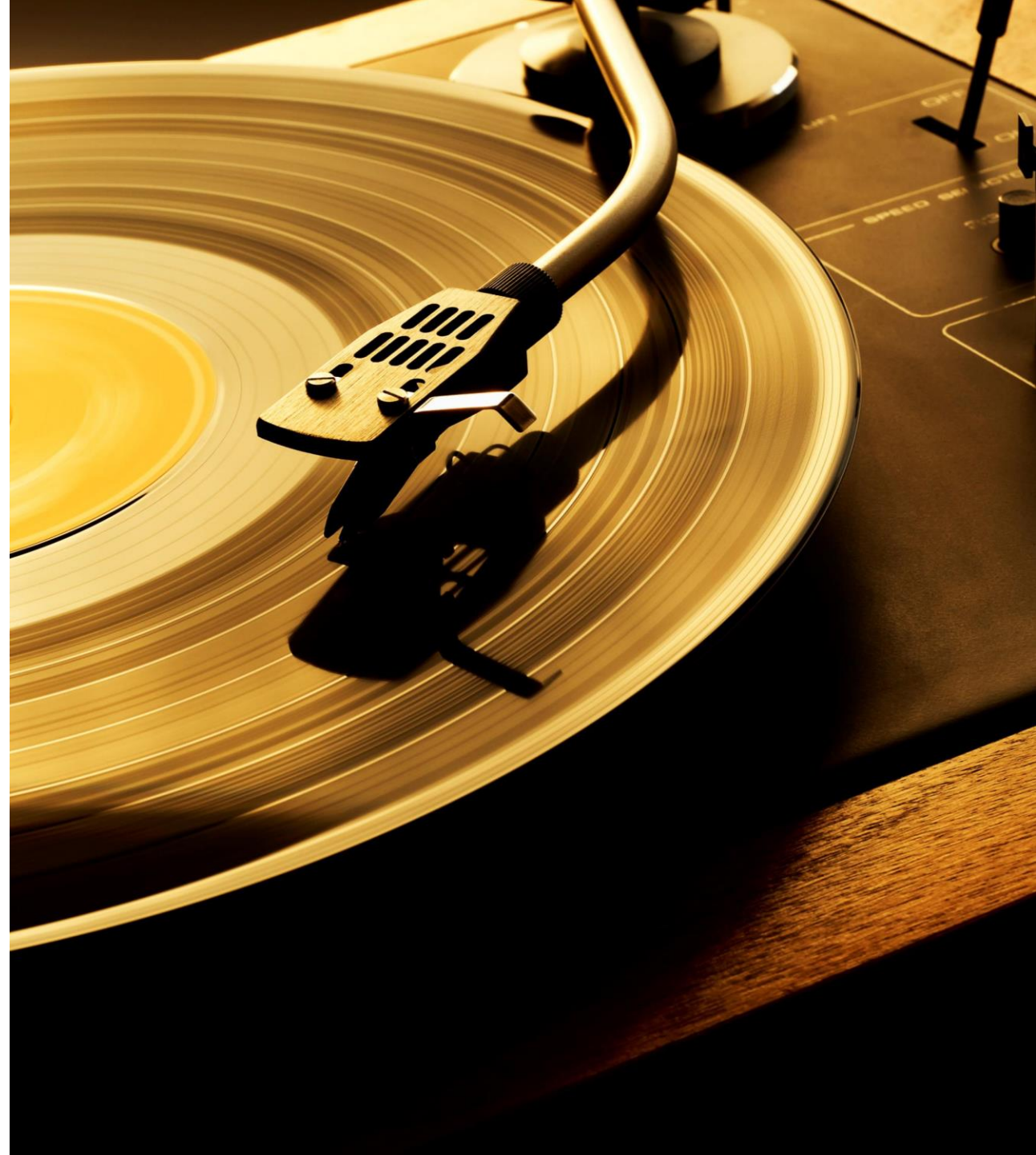
November 26, 2024

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If the election was a song

- ▶ Beatles: A hard day's night
- ▶ Rolling Stones: You can't always get what you want
- ▶ Dolly Parton: Here you come again
- ▶ How about Help?



Lessons from the election: messaging

- ▶ Don't go into the polling business. They did the impossible, they made weathermen look accurate
- ▶ Do believe in the power of messages. History shows the candidate with the better message wins
- ▶ From Bush 1: read my lips no new taxes
- ▶ To Clinton: it's the economy stupid
- ▶ To Obama: hope and change
- ▶ To Trump 1 & 2: make America great again



The votes were cast

- More than 158 million ballots were cast and 52% were older voters (AP VoteCast)
- 2ND highest turnout in 50 years
- In Arizona, men 50 to 64 years old gave Trump a 30-point advantage
- The campaign was about a lot of things, personality, issues
- Exit polls suggest issues among older adults included cost of living, social security, caregiving, and the environment (AARP)
- What comes next and what might be on the aging policy agenda?

Men 65+ (12%)

44%

55%

Women 65+ (16%)

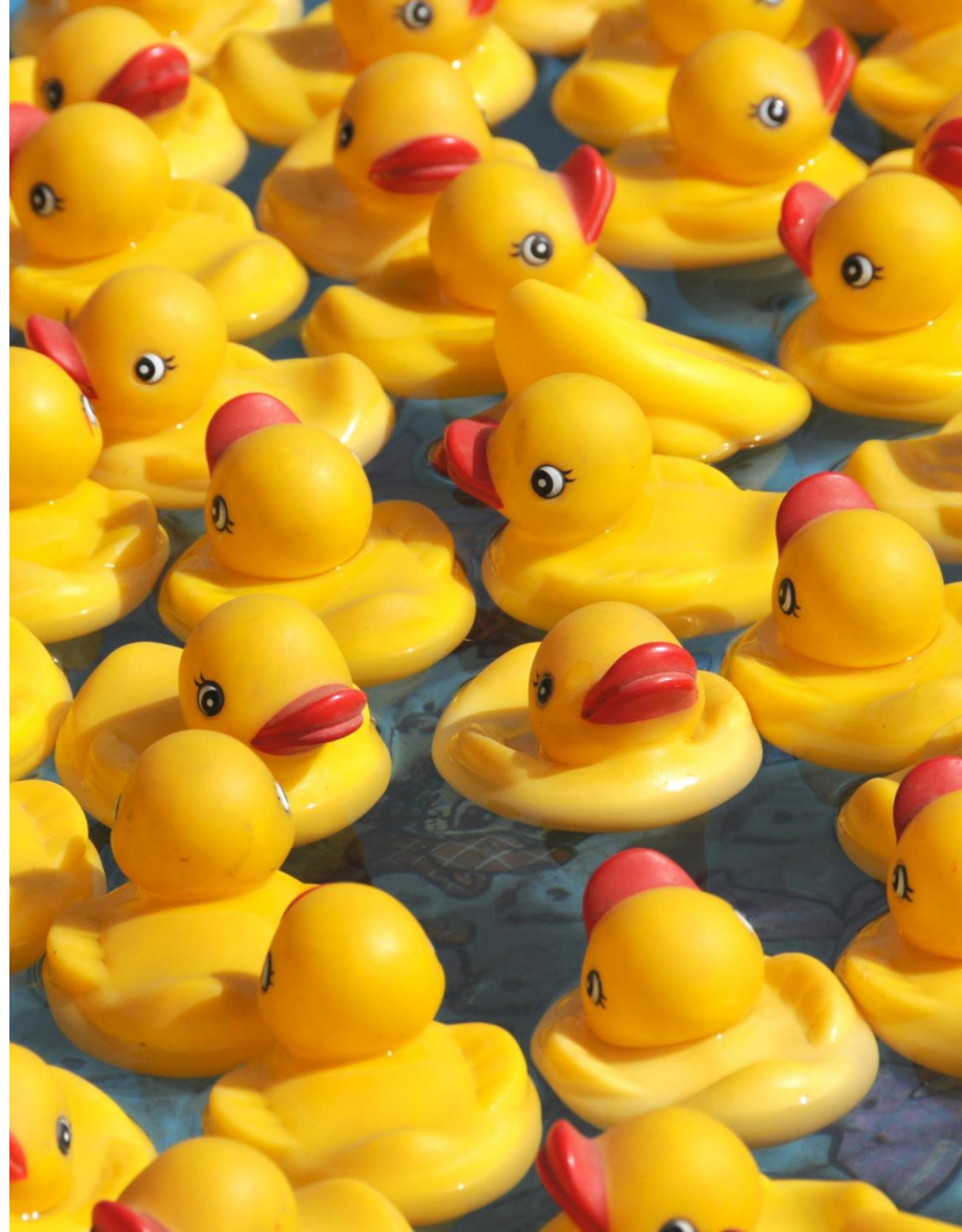
54%

45%

Source: NBC News exit polling in 10 key states.

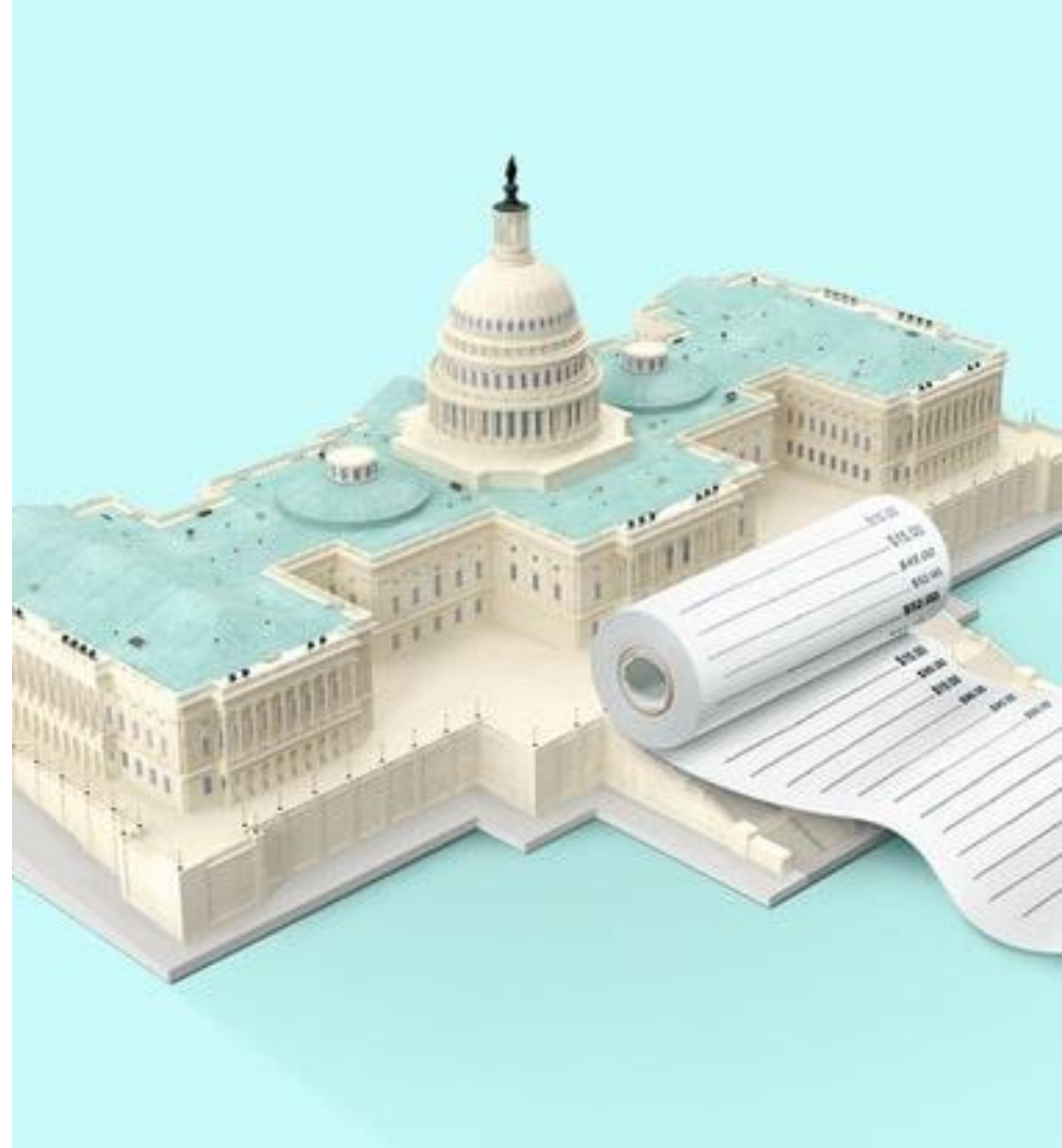
First: Convene a lame duck session in Congress

- ▶ Lame duck meaning 53 members of current Congress not returning for 2025 (8 Senate and 45 House)
- ▶ What will start the LDS?
- ▶ Emergency spending bill for disasters
- ▶ More than 100 major disasters declared by FEMA
- ▶ Biden Administration has sent a proposal to Congress seeking \$100 billion. Chance that funding for OAA nutrition could be in there



Funding for rest of FY 2025?

- ▶ Funding now only provided through December 20
- ▶ What does Congress do? What does the new President want them to do?
- ▶ Unclear right now
 - ▶ Extend the current CR into next year for the new Admin?
 - ▶ Pass an Omnibus funding bill?
 - ▶ More and more talk about a bill through next March





Healthcare Package expected

- ▶ Again, questions on how big and what role does new President play
- ▶ Expectations:
 - ▶ Extension of telehealth
 - ▶ Addressing physician pay reduction in Medicare
 - ▶ Pharmacy Benefit Managers reform (PBMs)

Possibly: Final action on the Older Americans Act (OAA) renewal

- ▶ On Friday we learned when the Senate returns in early December, they will take up the OAA under an expedited process called hotlining.
- ▶ Hotlined bills have been negotiated with House, and hopefully the House will take the OAA up after the Senate
- ▶ This means it would be renewed in 2024 as it should



OAA provisions

▶ Hotlined Bill

- ▶ Builds off S. 4776, a Bipartisan bill crafted by 8 Senators on HELP committee
- ▶ 4-year renewal of act with 18% increase in funding
- ▶ 2025 White House Conference on Aging
- ▶ New Direct Care Workforce Resource Center
- ▶ Flexibility to provide grab-and-go
- ▶ Clarifies AAA contracting



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It'll be 2025 before we know it

- ▶ What will happen between now and President Trump's swearing in on January 20
 - ▶ This is not year 1 for Trump, its year 5
 - ▶ Don't call it Trump 2 call it Trump 2.0
- ▶ Florida been right in the center of action. Gaetz, Pam Bondi - your former AG, and Weldon - your former representative.
- ▶ Of these 3, 1 has been nominated



Noteworthy Presidential Appointments

- ▶ HHS Secretary: RFK Jr.
- ▶ Head of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: Dr. Oz
- ▶ Head of CDC: Former Florida Representative Dave Weldon
- ▶ More to come for sure

Trifecta Achieved

- ▶ Now confirmed that the Republicans will control the White House, Senate and House in 119th Congress
- ▶ This means two flipped
- ▶ This election is the 16th in last 24 where at least one flipped.
- ▶ Senate margin: 53-47 largest since 2019
- ▶ Importance of Senate flip and the margin: They confirm Cabinet and subcabinet positions
- ▶ And return to reconciliation....



Senate Flip

- ▶ Changes could be profound in terms of who assumes more power
- ▶ A return to reconciliation where bills can pass Senate with simple majority vs 60 votes
- ▶ New Senate Majority Leader: John Thune from South Dakota
- ▶ Committee Leadership:
 - ▶ Appropriations: Chair Susan Collins (R-ME), RM Patty Murray (D-WA)
 - ▶ HELP: Chair Bill Cassidy (R-LA), RM possibly Sanders (I-VT)
 - ▶ Finance: Chair Mike Crapo (R-ID), RM Ron Wyden (D-Or)
 - ▶ Special Aging? Chair Rick Scott (R-Fl), RM Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)

47
Democrats

50

53
✓ Republicans



House: Status Quo

- ▶ House Speaker expected to remain Mike Johnson (R-LA)
- ▶ Committee Leadership
 - ▶ Ed and Workforce: Chair TDB, RM Bobby Scott (D-VA)
 - ▶ Ways and Means: Chair Jason Smith (R-MO), RM Richard Neale (D-MA)
 - ▶ Appropriations: Chair Tom Cole (R-OK), RM Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)
 - ▶ Energy and Commerce Chair TDB, possibly Brett Guthrie (R-KY) or Bob Latta (R-OH), RM Frank Pallone (D-NJ)
- ▶ Three seats left to decide (two in California, one in Iowa)

213
Democrats

218

219
✓ Republicans

3 to be called

A look at key members of Florida delegation

- ▶ Rep. Vern Buchanan (R): Chair, Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health
- ▶ Rep. Frankel (D): senior member of Appropriations
 - ▶ Look for action on the national plan on aging she got into FY22 bill
- ▶ Rep. Mario Díaz-Balart (R): Senior Republican on Appropriations
- ▶ Sen. Rick Scott (R): Chair, Special Committee on Aging and?
- ▶ Who will replace Senator Rubio in the special election?
- ▶ New faces: Rep Haridopolos (R-Fl-8)



Tax reform coming... For Family Caregivers too?

- ▶ Prospects are good that family caregivers will be tied to a larger Trump priority: tax reform
- ▶ Broad tax bill will be one of the first bills taken up by Congress
- ▶ This is an indication of how caregiving became a real political issue
- ▶ Could include ending taxation of Social Security benefits
- ▶ Issue here is pay fors



More problematic: Medicaid Reform

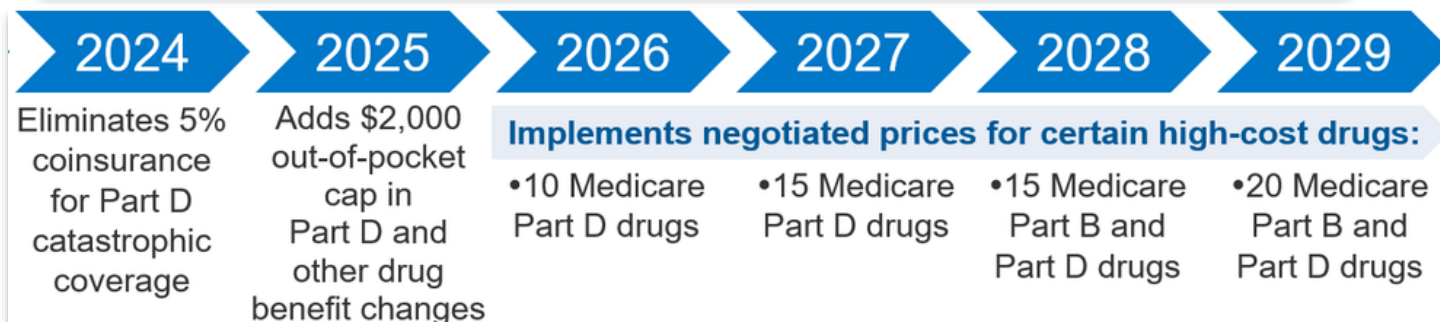
- ▶ Talks about Medicaid block grants seems to have diminished
- ▶ New twists on Medicaid waivers may happen even as 1115 waivers have expanded policy options in HCBS
- ▶ Expect an active early start including
 - ▶ capping the federal share to those states who expanded Medicaid under the ACA
 - ▶ Using Medicaid waivers to promote things like work requirements
- ▶ And what about those 13 million who lost coverage through redetermination this year



Unclear: Medicare

- ▶ Less clear is what happens to Medicare
- ▶ One likely target: Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation established as part of the ACA
- ▶ Another likely target: prescription drug provisions of the IRA, especially Medicare negotiation
- ▶ But IRA will not be repealed as \$2000 cap supported by both sides
- ▶ Other issues
 - ▶ Date of Solvency
 - ▶ Value based care do better or worse?

Implementation Timeline of the Prescription Drug Provisions



Future of ACA

- ▶ It will not be repealed but could go after premium subsidies
 - ▶ used by some 20 million (9 out of 10 qualify)
 - ▶ If abolished could lead to 79% premium increase
 - ▶ Average 2025 benchmark premium \$497/month without subsidy



ACL and a Trump Administration

- ▶ Should be noted that among initiatives taken by ACL in first Trump Admin included:
 - ▶ “Commit to Connect” Campaign - Addressing Social Isolation using public-private partnerships (2020)
 - ▶ Started developing National Family Caregiving Strategy
 - ▶ RAISE Family Caregivers Act and The Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act passed in 2017
- ▶ Other initiatives of note
 - National Center on Advancing Person-Centered Practices and Systems (2019)
 - First ever Research Agenda for Adult Protective Service (APS) (2020) (NAPSA says started under Greenlee)
 - ACL Health IT Prize Competition (2020)
 - First national data on adult maltreatment (NAMRS) (2017)

What will happen to Elder Justice under Trump 2

- ▶ First action could be the repeal of Nursing Home minimum staffing rule which has drawn ire of the nursing home industry and Republicans
- ▶ Prior Trump Administration approached elder abuse as a crime and dedicated important law enforcement resources to fighting scams
- ▶ Scams both in number and in type have grown dramatically, including deceptive campaign tactics
- ▶ Money Wise: Campaign ads pressured 52 seniors into donating over \$6 million to both parties



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Elder Justice Act up for renewal

- ▶ Celebrates 15 years in 2025
- ▶ Will be a 2025 issue but what role will Trump Administration and Congress play? Will it go back to being bipartisan?
- ▶ Work of our EJC will be to build relationships on both sides to move EJA to the forefront



Messages and promises are different than actual policy getting done

The candidate with the message won again.

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No question Trump will move quickly especially in areas where he does not need Congressional approval



What motivated Trump voters in the end?

- ▶ We must adapt to the political environment we are entering. Assuming the worst does not allow you to work for what's better.
- ▶ The economy and how people felt it impacted them
 - ▶ Our aging agenda should allow older adults to achieve and maintain economic security
- ▶ Cost of living: from food to medicine to health care
 - ▶ Lets push the value of social care in America as one driver of lowering costs and improving outcomes
- ▶ Remember and reinforce your mission, purpose and principles

Happy
Thanksgiving to
you all



Thank You

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Great things are
happening at FCOA!

FCOA Webinars

December 10, 2024 at 10:00 AM ET

Medicare Part D in 2025

Big changes are coming to Medicare Part D in 2025. Dr. Cynthia Griffin, Vice President of Medicare Pharmacy Programs with Florida Blue Medicare, will share more details about these changes, including the new prescription drug payment plan, the end of the coverage gap stage (donut hole) and more.

STREAM NOW! Posted to fcoa.org/respiratory_vaccines

Vaccine Literacy and Health Equity - Respiratory Vaccines Reduce Hospitalizations and Premature Deaths

Walter Arenzon, M.D., from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will provide an overview of the campaign and what some of the goals are. Respiratory viruses hospitalized over 1,000,000 people across the United States last fall and winter. This session will discuss the importance of staying protected from respiratory viruses, the benefits of getting vaccinated and the characteristics of people who are at higher risk for severe illness.



FPL

Emergency Meals Project Returns in 2025!



- \$300,000 grant;
 - Nearly 10,000 people served;
 - Almost 90,000 meals delivered;
 - 28 counties impacted; and
 - 34 agency partners!
- Thank you FP&L

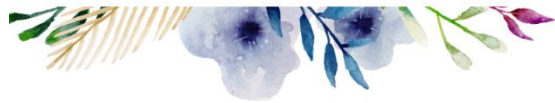


TECO, Tallahassee & Tornadoes

In May 2024, the greater Tallahassee area experienced devastating tornadoes. Rare, this weather took many people off guard.



THANK YOU



The FCOA Board of Trustees was meeting in St. Augustine when word began to come in about the devastating impacts the storm had.

A senior apartment complex had a number of residents in distress due to the lack of power and inability to evacuate the building due to the elevators not working.

FCOA Trustee and FP&L representative Laura Bayona reached out to her network and TECO generously donated \$5,000 to support emergency meals distribution to impacted seniors in Leon County.



TECO is not even a provider in Leon! FCOA worked with TECO and Advantage Aging and Elder Care Services to purchase and distribute meals.

Thank you!

Duke Energy & Jefferson Senior Center \$70,000 Gift!

The tornadoes and torrential rains also had a significant impact on Jefferson County.

At the same Board Meeting Duke Energy came forward with a \$10,000 gift to support Leon County. FCOA consulted with providers who indicated Leon was accessing needed resources, but the Jefferson County Senior Center had impacts that included flooding and wind damages. Their insurance was not going to pay enough to even begin roofing work.

FCOA consulted with Duke Energy who said they would be happy to move the gift to Jefferson Senior Center AND they gave that gift an upgrade to \$70,000!!

Senator Simon and Representative Tant participated in a press conference at the center where the gift was presented, among many other dignitaries, to the Center.

We are happy to report that they put that donation to good use and while the repairs continue, seniors are able to attend the center once more. FCOA is thankful to have wonderful partners who prioritize the health, wellness and safety of older Floridians.





Hurricane Helene Support



Duke Energy gifted FCOA \$50,000 to help with Hurricane Helene recovery in 5 declared counties – Pinellas, Pasco, Taylor, Madison and Suwannee.

FCOA worked with local service providers to distribute nearly 500 gift cards valued at \$100 each.

Most recipients talked about purchasing food to replace what they lost in the storm with their gift card.

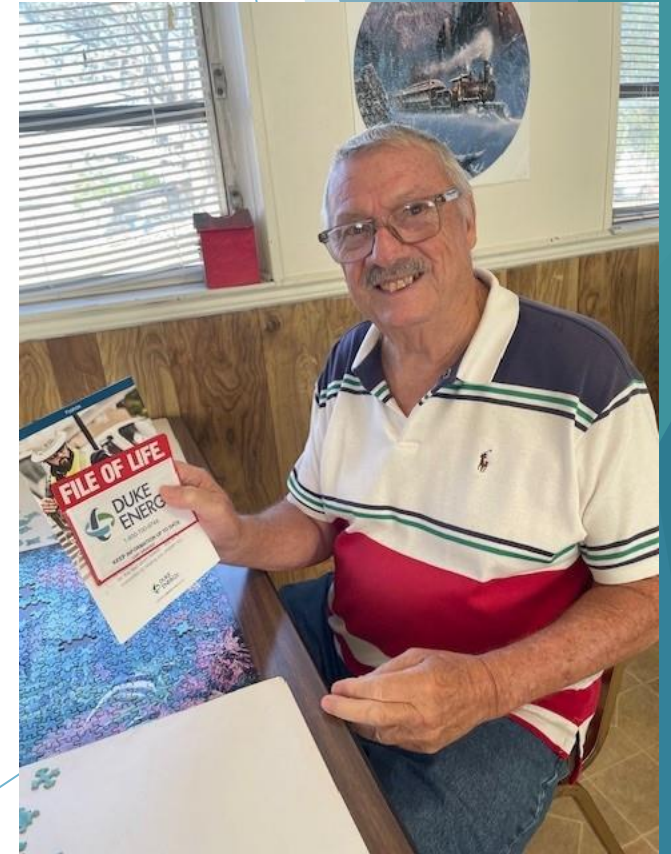
Providers have emailed FCOA over and over again to thank Duke Energy for supporting Florida seniors!





File of Life Project

• 25,000+ being distributed in FL
Thank you Duke Energy





Foundation

Florida Blue Unmet Needs Grant Hurricane Milton

Hurricane Milton cut a path of devastation across Florida hitting many regions that were impacted by Hurricane Helene, Hurricane Debby and the May Tornadoes.

Residents in these regions found themselves AGAIN picking up the pieces after only a short break in the destructive weather.

Florida Blue Foundation granted FCOA \$50,000 to address unmet needs in the impacted counties. We still have funds to support the unmet needs of clients! fcoa@fcoa.org to see if your agency/request qualifies for fulfillment.

To date, Volusia County has received 36 cases of nutritional drinks and Gulfport Senior Center has received 20 back up batteries for clients with special needs.





The Field Museum Store

THE WORLD'S MOST DIVERSE
FIELD MUSEUM

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United Club Restrooms

HHS Vaccine Project

- The Florida Council on Aging was awarded \$200,000 to promote respiratory vaccine awareness, literacy and clinics from September 2024 - January 2025.
- The grant was written so we could send financial resources and supplies to providers who would host vaccine clinics and educate about respiratory vaccinations - flu, COVID and RSV.
- Have a clinic scheduled or want to schedule? Email moreinfo@fcoa.org to see how we can support you!
- FCOA is working with Walgreens Pharmacy to support clinics with our partners. Thank you to the many partners who are already work with us to increase the vaccination rate among older adults.
- Do you have a newsletter? If so, FCOA would like to put an ad in your publication! Whether it is electronic or print - we would like to reserve a spot to get this public health message in front of your clients. Compensation may be available!
- We have funding available to sponsor van trips with seniors to Walgreens - REACH OUT TODAY if this sounds like something your agency wants to participate in.



**Help them get vaccinated
so they can spend more time
with the people they love.**

**RISK LESS.
DO MORE.**
Get this season's vaccines

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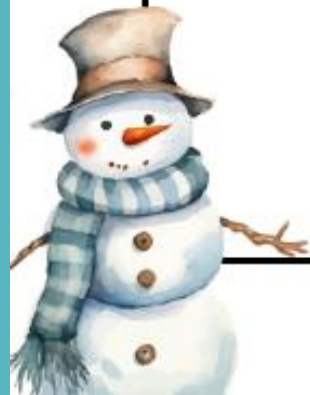


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