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Chapter Officer Newsletter

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Have You Responded to COVID-19 Food Fund Drive Appeal?

I know most of our chapters are still not meeting due to the coronavirus. In the last issue of *the fraternal link* newsletter, I asked chapters to respond to the increased utilization of local food banks and food programs due to the COVID-19 pandemic and substantial increase in unemployment by donating money to help food banks along during these trying times. I don't know if any chapters responded to the call.

If your chapter has made a donation to your local food bank or food program, please let us know about it. We are tracking our Society's total response at <http://assuredlife.org/Volunteer/Food-Drive/COVID-19-Food-Fund-Drive-Response>. If you have not responded, please talk to your fellow chapter officers about making a donation. This is when fraternal benefit societies like Assured Life Association shine; answering the call during challenging times.

Over our 130-year history, Assured Life has endured panics, disasters, World Wars, even the Great Depression, but today the Society is a stronger organization having gone through those adversities. The 2020 Coronavirus Pandemic will no doubt go down in the annals of history as yet another crisis our Society has overcome.

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Member Benefits Through American Senior Benefits Association (ASBA)

See page 3-4 of this publication for details on benefits made available to members through partnership with ASBA, a charitable organization focused on education, philanthropy and affordable benefits with a substantial community of members.

Will Food Builds Not Be for 2020?

I'm sure many of you are like me. I thought by now we would know the direction of this pandemic and have an idea of when we could resume "normal" activities (by the way I hate the term "new normal"). But in many parts of the country normal is still an unknown.

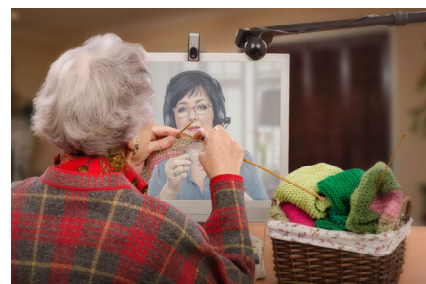
Hopefully, chapters will be able to begin meeting again later this summer or early fall. We just don't know. What we do know, is that the pandemic has already impacted our normal chapter activities and meetings and will probably have an impact on activities for the rest of the year, even if chapters do open up and begin meeting again.

For example, will we see chapter food drives and food builds this fall? We are optimistic those chapters that have done this activity in the past will do so again this year. It all depends on how strong chapter activities resume this fall and whether or not members will throw themselves into this event like they did in the past.

I suspect there will be some penned-up energy among members that will probably excite them to action and create another amazing food build. Time will tell. For those chapters that do, a \$250 reward to your local food bank or food program from the home office awaits!

Seniors' Scholarship Reminder

If you are a benefit member and cautious about getting back out and being around groups of people, consider finding an online course and apply for an Assured Life Seniors' Scholarship. We will reimburse up to \$100 in tuition for a short-term class or educational course of interest. See <http://assuredlife.org/Benefits/Seniors-Scholarship-Program>.





Comprehensive dental protection from ASBA and Ameritas.

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ASBA Membership

Complimentary membership in the [American Senior Benefits Association](#) (ASBA), a non-political, charitable organization that has given millions of dollars over the years to support worthy causes – a perfect fit that blends well with Assured Life Association's platform.



Dental Insurance

Comprehensive dental protection from ASBA and Ameritas with no waiting period. From routine care to costly root canals, here are just some of the procedures covered: *Implants, Dentures, Cleanings, X-rays, Fillings, Oral Surgery, Crowns, Root canals and more.*

To learn more about your newly available dental insurance program, call 1-866-692-1980 Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM Eastern.

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Medical Air Services Association (MASA)— Emergency Medical Evacuation Benefit

Offered through the American Senior Benefits Association (ASBA), this benefit, whether home or traveling, provides best-in-class emergency medical transportation—and protects you from catastrophic financial loss for as little as \$27 per month for a single member and \$35 per month for a family. See more information on page 4 of this publication.

Same Office Depot/OfficeMax Benefits—Different Store Purchasing Card

Assured Life is transitioning away from the administrator that was offering our Office Depot/OfficeMax discounts to a new organization; American Senior Benefits Association (ASBA). Through ASBA you will be able to continue your savings at Office Depot and OfficeMax. Get the new Store Purchasing Card at https://officediscounts.org/wp-content/uploads/asba_pyfcv2-1.pdf.

Note: To opt out of ASBA options:

By Mail:

ASBA
PO Box 300777
Chicago, IL 60630

By Email:
info@asbaonline.org

By Phone:
877-906-2722

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Vision Insurance

With vision protection from ASBA and VSP you have the freedom to choose the provider who's right for you, even if they are not in the VSP network. However, when you do visit a VSP provider, your out-of-pocket expenses are lower and there are no claim forms to complete.

To learn more about your newly available vision insurance program, call 1-866-692-1980 Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM Eastern.

Medical Air Services Association (MASA) - Emergency Medical Evacuation

A prepaid emergency assistance service through MASA whether you are home or traveling. MASA's "Platinum Membership" will provide you with potentially lifesaving, emergency ambulance transportation (via jet, helicopter or ground ambulance) to the nearest medical center that can treat your needs anytime, anywhere. Learn more at <https://www.asbaonline.org/view/download.php/member-programs/insurance/masa-brochure>. Download an enrollment form at <https://>



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Hear In America Member Benefits Include:

1. Free hearing screening for all members and their extended family, even if they live in another household
2. Purchases of hearing aids at set discounted prices (approx. 35-70% off MSRP)
3. 3-year repair warranties
4. 3-year loss and damage coverage
5. 3-year office service (clean, check, adjust)
6. 3 years of free hearing aid batteries mailed from our office to each member
7. Financing is available for those who qualify, including 12 months with no interest.

Hear in America Hearing Plans

As a member of Assured Life Association, you are eligible for Hear In America hearing care benefits with no enrollment fees and no premiums. You and your immediate/extended family now have access to free hearing consultations and **discounts on high quality hearing aids through their nationwide network of hearing professionals.**

To register, call (800) 286-6149 - tell them you are a member of Assured Life Association.

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