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## EDITOR'S PEN

Gary Barg, Editor-in-Chief

### **An Interview with Gail Hunt**

**President and CEO - National Alliance for Caregiving**

**Gary Barg:** Gail, can you tell me about the work of the National Alliance for Caregiving?

**Gail Hunt:** We're a coalition of about 45 national organizations that have come together around the issues of family caregiving—family meaning friends and neighbors, as well as relatives across the life span. [...more](#)

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## FEATURED ARTICLE

# Financial Power of Attorney: Who Needs One?

*By Sandra Ray, Staff Writer*

Many people feel nervous at the thought of a power of attorney. It can be intimidating to consider giving another person or agent the authority to make financial decisions on your behalf.

There are valid reasons to consider a power of attorney if the need arises. In layman's terms, a power of attorney is a legal document that allows someone (an individual or an entity) to conduct business on your behalf. There is more than one type of power of attorney. These include both financial and medical ... [more](#)

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## GUEST ARTICLE

# Caring for Individuals with COPD

*By John W. Walsh*

A diagnosis of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a life-altering event for both the individual and the family members or friends who ultimately sacrifice everything to help during a difficult life passage. Taking on the role as caregiver has its challenges, but it can also be the opportunity of a lifetime. ... [more](#)

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## CARETIPS

# Your Home Health Care Aide: Establishing A Positive Relationship

by Kim Champion

You've made the decision to let an aide come into your home to assist. That was hard enough. Now you're getting apprehensive about what to expect when the aide arrives for work. If you don't have experience with in-home assistance, all sorts of "worst case scenarios" are whirling about in your head. And then there are the questions. What should you do if you don't like the aide? [...more](#)

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### From Phyllis:

My mom is 88. She is getting short term dementia but every 3 to 3 1/2 weeks she gets into crying hysterical spells then refuses to eat for days. Anything sets her off. She lives with me. What can I do? [...more](#)

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