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GAELO 2024 Fall-Winter Newsletter

Hello!

As the holidays approach, we hope everyone is able to appreciate the people, places and things in their lives that they are grateful for.

This newsletter includes updates on GAELO's new executive director, our Death Cafés, including an upcoming exciting free event, fundraising, and our ongoing recruitment efforts.

As always, we sincerely thank you for your support. We are here for you. Please do not hesitate to reach out for more information about our available resources or how you can become more involved with GAELO. Contact info below.



Meet our new Executive Director, Michelle Garrido!

We are thrilled to announce Michelle Garrido as our new Executive Director. A Georgia native, Michelle is an End of Life Doula and the owner of Death Doula Atlanta. She also volunteers

with WellStar Hospice, where she co-organized and co-facilitated it's first-ever grief group specifically for the LGBTQIA+ community. Additionally, Michelle brings over 23 years of experience as a paralegal to GAELO's leadership team.

Michelle is jumping right into this work and has already taken on many challenges. She kicked things off by representing GAELO at this year's Atlanta Pride parade where she introduced herself in her new role as our Executive Director. The experience she brings to this work and her passion for end of life advocacy is exciting and we are thrilled to have her on board.

Michelle replaces Phyllis Talley, our Board Chair who has been filling this role in an interim capacity. Welcome Michelle!



GAELO Death Cafés

We are excited to announce that GAELO is planning to host another Atlanta Death Café at Manual's Tavern on December 11th, 7:30-8pm. Manual's Tavern is a fun environment for a death café and the food is great, so come hungry! (More details at the end of this Newsletter.)

We are also excited to announce that we have started a UGA Student Death Café in Athens. Organized by board members, Drs. Jeremy Davis and Lisa Oliver, the initial event was a big success! Jeremy reported that the event seemed clearly to have invigorated the students in a lasting way, and he thinks there is great potential for more events like this that spread GAELO's mission across campus and in the Athens Community.

We are FINALLY Fundraising - DONATE NOW!

After gaining 501(c)(3) status from the IRS earlier this year, GAELO is now accepting donations. As we approach Giving Tuesday, (Tuesday, December 3), an international day to recognize

philanthropy, we ask you to please consider including GAELO in your charitable giving plans this year. Donations made to GAELO will directly support our mission by funding awareness campaigns, events and administrative and technology expenses. All of us at GAELO contribute to the organization as volunteers so 0% of donations will be allocated to any kind of compensation for our team.

Donations made to GAELO are tax-deductible, and while we are not yet set up to accept donations on-line, we are accepting checks! Our federal ID (EIN) number is 88-3918606 and each donor will receive a personalized receipt which will include all information necessary for tax purposes.

If you would like to make a donation, please send a check, personal or certified, made out to Georgians for End of Life Options, mailed to: Georgians for End of Life Options, 235 Peachtree St NE, Ste. 400, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Every donation of any amount helps and we appreciate your consideration!

Recruitment: Interested in Getting Involved with GAELO?

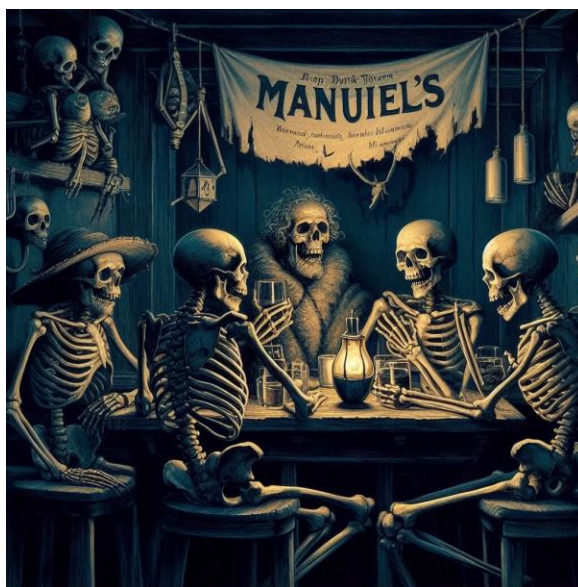
With the role of Executive Director finally filled, we will be focusing our recruitment efforts toward finding the right individuals to fill some other crucial roles.

Do you enjoy social media and website work? We are looking for someone to keep our website and social media accounts updated. Under the direction of our executive director, this person will curate and post content to our social media accounts and keep our website updated as needed.

Are you interested in taking a leadership position with GAELO? Several of our board members are stepping back in 2025, and we are recruiting to fill those seats. We are particularly looking for a board member who is a CPA and could oversee our financial matters.

Are you someone with experience in advance care planning? We are looking for volunteers who can give our Advance Care Planning presentation, either in person or virtually. These volunteers would also be available to meet individually with Georgian's seeking guidance on advance care planning

Are you interested in another aspect of our work? If you think you can help out in a different way, please do not hesitate to reach out. We can use all the help we can get to grow our organization to its next level. We always have room on the team for those who are dedicated to our causes and passionate about our work. If you are interested in talking with us about how you can get involved, please contact us at admin@gaelo.org.



Death Café in Atlanta: Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 7:00p-8:30p

Not able to donate? How about a free event? Join us for a Death Café at Manuel's Tavern in the Virginia Highlands neighborhood of Atlanta. Death Cafes are informal conversations about death related topics. Their purpose is to normalize conversations about death and inspire attendees to appreciate and make the most of their lives. GAELO believes that normalizing conversations about death is an important precursor to expanding end of life options. Space is limited and registration is required. We will send a flyer for this even which will include a link to register soon, so keep an eye out for that.

Legislative Update: Coming Soon

The Co-Age MAiD Working Group will be meeting later this month to determine their strategy for the 2025 legislative session. We will update you on the outcome of that meeting in a separate email blast soon.

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