



The AGS Voice

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Society Notes

Our 2009 AGS Annual Spring Conference was truly enjoyed by all and quite the success! What a whirlwind of networking and fellowship growth with a result of AGS members obtaining a wealth of information that will assist them in providing and furthering quality services to those we serve.

“Make No Mistake” provided background entertainment for this year’s AGS Awards luncheon, adding that extra ambiance to the celebration of this year’s Fellows Award recipients. Congratulations to **Cathleen Schultz, PhD, John King, PhD, and Cindy Orlieck, Esq.** What an honor for the recipients and for AGS to add them to our distinguished list!

The AGS Officers and Board of Directors are extremely appreciative to all AGS members who participated in our first annual Silent Auction. We are pleased with the initial success and feel confident that this addition to our conference will continue to grow. The neat part of the Silent Auction is not only is it a fantastic event to allow fellowship for AGS members, it greatly benefits students in the field of geriatrics and retired professionals. We were successful in raising funds for not one,



but two AGS scholarships to the 2009 Arkansas Aging conference. Speaking of which, please share this with those you know who are in need. Refer them to our website, and they may submit their applications today!

It was that time in our cycle of elected officers for those who have served us well to relax and a new slate to step up to the plate and carry the torch. All members and Board of Directors want to again take the opportunity to express our gratitude to **Susan Kuehner** for her leadership as AGS President. We appreciate you, Susan! Congratulations to our 2009-2012 AGS Officers.....**Catherine Edwards, President ; Kathie J. Gately, Vice-President; Connie Parker, Treasurer and Sally Johnson, Secretary. SAVE THE DATE FOR AGS Spring Conference 2010 MARCH 31ST, APRIL 1ST & 2ND!**

Our Spotlight of Interest

AGS Arkansas Aging Conference Awards

Congratulations to **Carol Wallace**, AGS Board Member, upon appointment as Chairman for the AGS Selection & Scholarship Sub-Committee! Carol and the AGS S&S committee members have their work cut out for them during the next couple of months as they review the incoming nominations. So, how can AGS members help them accomplish this task you may ask.....? By getting the word out, submitting nominations and encouraging others to do the same. Nomination forms are on our

website: www.agsociety.org.

As a reminder and for those new AGS members, here is the listing of our Awards and the criteria for each category. The nomination deadline is September 15th!

AGS Sister Pierre Vorster Award: Candidate must be 18 years or older and actively involved in providing outstanding volunteer services to individuals who are 65 or older. In addition to the Award, the recipient of this award will receive a monetary contribution to their (cont)

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AGS Mission:

To improve the options, choices and opportunities of mature Arkansas by convening public and private groups and individuals to share information and increase the knowledge and skills of members.

AGS was founded in 1972 and was established to do the following:

- Bring people together to share information and increase their knowledge and skills
- Create initiatives to meet the concerns of older Arkansans.
- Work to overcome the myths about aging and emphasize the experience, seasoned judgment and skill older Arkansans can bring to task in solving problems.
- Develop partnerships between public and private organizations to better meet the needs of older Arkansans.
- Build a statewide Aging Network.

In support of the mission, AGS offers the following:

- An annual spring conference designed to educate and inform the public about issues that affect senior adults.
- We also coordinate quarterly Colleague Luncheons.

Our Spotlight of Interest—Cont

favorite charity. **AGS Oldest Volunteer** candidate: Must be 75 years or older and provide volunteer services to individuals who are 65 years or older. **AGS Freshman Volunteer Award** candidate must be 18 years or under and provide volunteer services to those 65 years or older. **AGS Innovative Volunteer or Group Award** candidate: Must be 18 years or older, provide volunteer services to individuals who are 65 or older, and must demonstrate a unique or new service to older persons. **AGS Intergenerational Volunteer or Group** candidate: this one includes all ages, must provide volunteer services for individuals who are 65 or older and exemplify interdependence of

different generations. **AGS Outstanding Volunteer Group** candidate: category includes all ages and must provide volunteer services to individuals 65 years or older.

All candidates must be submitted to the Selection and Scholarship committee no later than **September 15th, 2009**. Selection process for all categories is conducted upon approval of application, candidate is then reviewed by the AGS S&S committee and if selected will be presented to the AGS Board of Directors for final approval vote.

We highly encourage everyone to take advantage of this honorable opportunity to salute and recognize these special individuals and groups

around our Great State of Arkansas that provide such valuable service to Arkansas elder citizens.

Lastly, we are continually seeking candidates to serve on the AGS Board of Directors. If you are interested and/or have knowledge of someone who would serve the society well, please contact any of the current officers or board of directors today!

From the AGS President, Officers and Board of Directors, thanks to each AGS member for all you do!

Not a member? Let's correct that today and **JOIN AGS!!!**

Visit www.agsociety.org and activate your membership today!