



The AGS Voice

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Society Notes

Our 2010 conference theme, *Cherishing Our Natural Resources-Aging Adults* set the pace for our 2010 AGS Spring Educational Conference, and what a tremendous resource the conference proved to be to all AGS members! The conference was well attended by over 200 members.



Our opening keynote speaker, **Ms. Jane Krutz** delighted members with her humorous yet enlightening presentation providing an uplifting start. **Ms. Sherry Middleton** brought the conference on home as the keynote speaker for our closing session, sending members off with motivation and inspiration. Premiere speakers throughout the conference provided in-depth knowledge on an array of topics.

Our hallways were packed with over 30 exhibitors that intrigued members with their products, services and beautiful smiles.

What a joyous celebration we experienced at

our 2nd Annual Silent Auction and what a success! AGS Officers and Board of Directors are excited as this successful project will enable additional scholarships for applicants to participate at the annual Aging Conference in October.

Of course, the conference would not be complete without our AGS Awards luncheon. **Linda** from the Ferncliff center provided soothing background music on her dulcimer. The ambiance was set with elegant decorations as **Carol Wallace**, Chair of the selection/scholarship subcommittee, stepped up to the podium to announce **Kathie Gately** as this year's recipient of the 2010 AGS Fellow Award!

Our Spotlight of Interest

AGS Sister Pierre Vorster; AGS Oldest Volunteer; AGS Freshman Volunteer; AGS Innovative Volunteer; AGS Intergenerational Volunteer and AGS Outstanding Volunteer Group are the six opportunities that we provide each year for individuals and organizations to recognize the generous and invaluable service that a person or group provides to our aging population. These awards will be presented at the 2010 Aging Conference in Hot Springs. **Carol Wallace**, Chair of the selection and scholarship committee, is currently accepting

applications. This is an excellent stage to give back to those that give freely daily! Please mail your nominations today to AGS, PO Box 2371, Little Rock, AR 72203-2371 or fax the form to **Sally Johnson** at 1-479-649-0004. Our deadline for accepting nominations is September the 15th! The award nomination forms and detailed information are available on our website at **www.agsociety.org**. Visit it today! While you are visiting the AGS website be sure and check out the information regarding our scholarships

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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

for the Aging Conference. If you are in need or know someone who would benefit, please share this information. Our cutoff date for scholarship applications is **September 30th**. Scholarship applications may be mailed to AGS.

MARK THE DATE!!!

Save the Date—Mark the Date and get ready for the **2nd Annual AGS Fall Membership** meeting on **December the 9th** at the **Sherwood Forest community center in North Little Rock (1111 Maryland)**.

The committee is working diligently on our speakers, CEU's and membership activities. We will have

additional information in our September *The AGS Voice* and coming soon on our website!

A Call to Action!

AGS is steadily growing in membership and support, yet we need your help! We encourage all members and friends of AGS to assist with **recruiting new members** and to come on board one of our standing committees—be active. Lastly, we had several members express interest at the 2010 Spring conference to serve on our Board of Directors, and this was great! We still have a few seats left and would love to have you serve with us! If you are interested in serving on one of our committees and/or on the Board of Directors, please visit our website at www.agsociety.org and contact us today!

As always, we are open to suggestions and ideas from all members as to how we may serve you better and what we can do as a society to better serve our aging Arkansas populations. Don't hesitate to let us know what you are thinking. From the President, Officers and Board of Directors, we thank you so much for your dedication and support!