

The AGS Voice

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Society Notes

Our 2nd Annual AGS Membership Symposium was well attended by over 60 AGS members on December the 9th at Sherwood Forest in North Little Rock. **Herb Sanderson, AARP Associate State Director for Advocacy**, presented an excellent overview of the Health Care Reform Act and its effects on Senior Citizens. **Eddie Schmeckenbecher, ICAN Program Coordinator**, dazzled all with his charm, knowledge and assistive devices. We truly appreciate both Herb and Eddie for their time and expertise.

In addition, **Golden Corral** catered the event with some incredible comfort food. No one left hungry! All enjoyed marveling over the exquisite jewelry that was offered throughout the symposium by **Cookie Lee**.

We are currently working on setting the date, speakers and agenda for our **3rd AGS Membership Symposium**—so keep a look out and don't miss out!



AGS Fellow Award

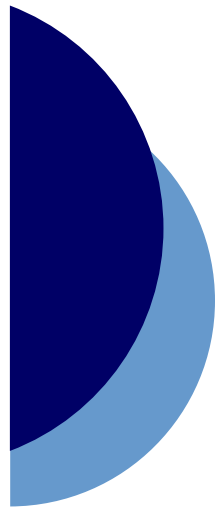
We are actively seeking nominations for our 2011 AGS Fellow Awards to present at the conference on March 31st. If you are interested in submitting a nomination, please visit our website at www.agsociety.org. Please send your nomination to Susan Kuehner, S & S Chairman as soon as possible or to any AGS Board of Director. Deadline for submission is March 1st.

Our Spotlight of Interest

We are ecstatic with the array of nineteen sessions at this year's ***Cherishing Our Natural Resources—Aging Adults 2011*** AGS Spring Educational Conference! **Zumba, “Go Take a Bath; It Will Make You Feel Better” Dealing with Caregiver Stress, Who gets Grandmother’s Yellow Pie Plate?, When Down Syndrome and Alzheimer’s Disease Meet, Estate Planning/Legal Issues/Long Term Care Insurance** are just a few of the astounding educational opportunities participants will receive. Plenary sessions regarding **Patient Care and Protection Act and Nature as a**

Therapeutic Resource for Older Adults will begin and end this year’s conference with informative, inspirational and innovative concepts. Hats off to **LaVona Traywick, Chairman of the Presenter Committee** and her team for their stellar selections!

The path to this year’s conference is already well traveled by AGS Members and first time attendees!!! So, don’t wait! Register today by visiting our website at www.agsociety.org, download the registration brochure, complete and mail.



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AGS Mission:

To improve the options, choices and opportunities of mature Arkansans 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

Mike Worrell, Chairman, Exhibit Committee, is anticipating over 30 exhibitors! Excelling 2010!

We had a record-breaking year in 2010 with our AGS Silent Auction room and folks, the donated items are already pouring in from around the state for this year's. Now you can jump in on this in one, two or both avenues. First, if you would like to make a contribution, please let us know. **Call 501-319-3382** or simply bring your item to the conference! Secondly, visit the silent auction room during the conference and bid, bid, bid!!!

We look forward to seeing you at the conference—what a magnificent stage to stay on the cutting edge, network

and be a change agent in the field of aging.

Lastly, check out the AGS website for conference scholarship opportunities!

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!