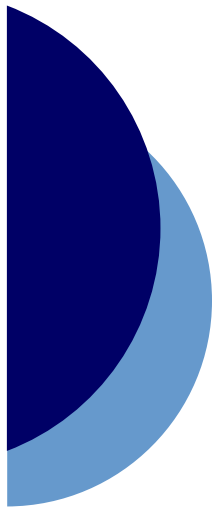


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Society Notes

What a record breaking AGS 2011 Cherishing Our Natural Resources—Aging Adults conference! Mike Worrell, Chair of the Exhibitors sub-committee really stepped it up with almost 40 vendors! Participants were exceptionally appreciative with the spectrum of resources.

Our kudos go out to **Dr. LaVona Traywick, Chair** of this year's presenters sub-committee and her outstanding team. AGS members were impressed with not only the quality of our speakers, but the quantity.

We are very pleased with the outcome of our annual silent auction and looking forward to awarding several individuals with scholarships to attend the 2011 Aging Conference in Hot Springs in October. If you are interested and/or know someone who would benefit, please visit our website for application details. **Kerri Marsh and Donna Childress accepted Co-chairing** of the AGS selection and scholarship sub-committee and are eager to get started.

Let's all mark our calendars today for the AGS 2012 Cherishing Our Natural Resources—



Aging Adults conference **March 28th & 29th.**

AGS Fellow Award

Gloria Gordon, Dr. LaVona Traywick and Phyllis Watkins were bestowed the prestigious AGS Fellow Awards at this year's AGS Awards luncheon and membership meeting on the second day of our conference. Congratulations!

The AGS Fellow Award is recognition by peers in the Arkansas Gerontological Society for outstanding contributions to the field of gerontology and represents the highest class of membership. This recognition comes at varying points of a person's career and for diverse activities that include research, teaching, administration, public service, practice and notable participation in the Society.

Our Spotlight of Interest

Can you believe that we are fast approaching our 3rd annual AGS Membership Symposium? Where does the time go?

Our Membership Symposium is set for **December the 8th at Sherwood Forest from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.**

The Membership Symposium has truly grown into an annual event that members can't wait to get to! We are applying for **2 CEU's** and know that our top notch speakers will excel at providing participants with current information

relevant to not only serving **others, yet assisting** self.

AGS members will be pleased to gain pertinent cutting edge information from our first keynote speaker **Chad Stover, Deputy Branch Chief Homeland Security**, regarding natural disasters. Chad will share with us the work and lessons learned in relation to our recent natural disasters.

We are right in the thick of the holiday season during this time of the year. We have just enjoyed or survived Thanksgiving and are eagerly or anxiously heading towards Christmas—this can be one of the most exciting and nerve wrecking times of the year.

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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.

Our Spotlight of Interest—Cont

What can we do differently to eliminate the stress, calm our nerves and promote harmony? **Bernie Quell, Program Manager with Division of Aging & Adult Services A+** will enlighten us on strategies that are proven to lighten the load we carry as both Professionals and Caregivers.

We are encouraging all to register early so that we may better prepare materials and nutrition.

Registration is easy and quick! You may complete registration by contacting our **President, Kathie Gately, at 501.319.3288 (cell) 501.682.8952 (office) or email at kathie.gately@arkansas.gov**. A second registration contact is our **Secretary, Sally Johnson at**

800.272.5528-ext. 7632 or sjohnson@afmc.org. Don't hesitate—register today!

We look forward to our 3rd annual AGS Membership Symposium—the priceless AGS networking/friendships, and stellar education all topped off with holiday festival nutrition from the Golden Corral! Don't miss out, and we will see you at Sherwood Forest!

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 2011 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!