



The AGS Voice

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Society Notes

Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Chips, Auction Items, Reception, Exhibitors, New Resources, Door Prizes, Entertainment, Awards and an abundance of comrades!

Our 2009 AGS Annual Spring Conference is packed with a whirlwind of fellowship growth! A dynamic and low cost **hot dog roast** is one of our newest conference additions. Join in on the fun Wednesday evening from 5 till 7pm. You are sure to walk away full of food and memories for only \$5!

Networking is always a natural part of any conference and due to the overwhelming positive response from last year regarding the availability of a special room for that purpose, we are bringing it back this year and have expanded it to two rooms! So, once you have explored the exhibits, grab a beverage, a colleague or two and take advantage of the networking rooms.

For all of you bargain hunters out there you will be right at home with our **first silent auction**. This event will be featured the evening of April 2nd in conference room 3 (one of the two networking rooms) in conjunction with the **reception**. Bring your wallets and your appetite as you will not want



to miss out and remember all proceeds go towards our AGS conference scholarship fund.

What a great way to give and receive!!!!

Once again we are fortunate to have an phenomenal array of **exhibitors**. Not only will you receive substantial information on such needed resources as Alzheimer, senior services, advocacy, in home and institutional care, adaptive equipment plus more, but you will enjoy the extras our exhibitors offer! AGS is very grateful to the extraordinary generosity of exhibitors to our members.

Not a bad deal! All of this plus a years membership with registration! Visit our website at www.agsociety.org or call us at **1.800.272.5528, ext 7632** today and take advantage of the early bird rate!

Our Spotlight of Interest

My how time goes by.....

The 2009 Annual AGS Spring Conference is just around the corner! We are delighted to offer such stellar sessions and presenters this year. Kicking the conference off on April 1st are three consecutive sessions design to meet the needs of all participants. **Mark Krain, PhD** is providing the much needed three hour session on **SW Ethics**. In addition, we are pleased to have **Melodee Harris, MSN** and **Terrie James** session on **Message to Promote Sleep in**

Elders and **Bill Gurley**, session on **Herbal medications, Alternative and Common Disease Meds**. I know that it is going to be a hard decision between Message and Herb's.

The Future is Booming! What a way to start conference day two! **Carolyn Turturro, PhD** and **Rosalie Otters, PhD** prepares us for the increase Arkansas aging population. For our mid morning sessions we know that you will benefit from either **Priscilla Pittman, MSW Impact of Alcohol on Dementia** or

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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

Mary Hunt, CPM - Managers Guiding Managers. Then it is off to the Annual AGS Awards Luncheon! Make no Mistake—you don't want to miss their talent.

What a treat we have for our afternoon! Our session selections are rich! David Montague, PhD will share his wealth of knowledge on Seniors and the Legal System or you may desire to expand your knowledge on Fall Prevention with Mary Watson, MSN.

Sleep and Dementia by Cathy Cole, PhD and Spirituality in Aging by Don Streit, Adjunct Professor UALR are our two session choices to conclude our second conference day! Moving

us right into our networking room reception and AGS Silent Auction!

Grab a cup of your favorite morning beverage and take full advantage of our last AGS conference day. You won't regret it! To begin.....as Arkansas continues to serve an increasing Hispanic population, now is the time for updated, detailed and creative approaches to best meet their needs. Lavona Traywick, PhD and Terrie James, MA will enlighten us with their session on Working with Hispanic Elders.

In addition, we have Lisa Snow, MD session on Substance Abuse in Elders. This is an area that all of us see on the up rise and to have better tools on how

to identify, intervene and provide resources to assist Elders is priceless.

Speaking of priceless! We are fortunate to have Trevor Arnett, MSW conclude our 2009 AGS conference on the topic of Pet Therapy! What a warm and fuzzy way to end!

The 2009 AGS Spring Conference committee has out done themselves and the AGS Board of Directors along with AGS members are appreciative of their dedication and efforts.

Again, we are looking forward to a unforgettable event filled with networking, expertise and camaraderie

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