



# The AGS Voice

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## Society Notes

The Board of Directors and Officers are excited to share with our members the winners of our "Name that newsletter" contest. LaVone Traywick and Lindsey Smith provided "The AGS Voice" and while it was a tuff call from all the amazing names entered, the AGS selection and scholarship committee unanimously agreed.

Congratulation's to LaVona and Lindsey! The committee did decide due to the quality of entries that all that submitted to the contest would also receive scholarships to this years spring conference! We thank all of you for support and contribution!

So, welcome to The AGS Voice and remember we would like to hear from all our members as to what you would like to see and how the Society can best meet your needs. Visit our website at [www.agsociety.org](http://www.agsociety.org) or call us at 1.800.272.5528, ext 7632

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**Congratulations to the 2008 AGS Volunteer Awards!**

### **Intergenerational Award**

Nancy Mulhern, Executive Director

Ozark Mission Project

### **Most Innovative Award**

L.A. Robinson

### **Freshman Award**

Madisyn Ashcraft

### **Oldest Award**

Elma Herrod

### **Outstanding Volunteer Award**

AR Volunteer LTC Ombudsman Program

### **Sister Pierre Vorster Award**

Delois Sykes

## **Our Spotlight of Interest**

Each year AGS recognizes AGS members from around the state for their above and beyond work and contribution to the Geriatric field by bestowing three gerontological professionals AGS Fellows Awards. These prestigious AGS Fellows Awards are presented at the spring AGS Conference. In addition, we offer scholarships to students and retirees from the field of geriatrics to cover the cost of attending the conference.

In 2007, the AGS selection and scholarship

committee developed qualifications and criteria for these nominations. Please, don't miss this golden opportunity to nominate a dedicated candidate who deserves so much for what they have contributed to those we serve.

The complete Code of Criteria and Qualifications, nomination forms and instructions for submission are on our website at [www.agsociety.org](http://www.agsociety.org).

Here are some of the core highlights for the

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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***

started on brainstorming that individual that you feel merits this Society status.

A member of The Arkansas Gerontological Society, upon recommendation by the Arkansas Gerontological Society Selection and Scholarship Committee, may be awarded Fellows status by the Council of the Society to be effective after a minimum membership in the Society of three years.

The individual must have been engaged in recognized work related to gerontology for at least five years prior to nominations such as research, teaching, administration, public or professional service.

The individual must have substantially demonstrated an active interest and responsibility in gerontology as shown by publications or presentations at scientific or professional meetings, or public leadership in one of the fields recognized as pertaining to gerontology.

Individuals who have made substantial contributions but who do not meet the formal educational requirements or specifically recognized activity in gerontology can be nominated for Fellows. In such instances, a supporting statement from the Board of Director nominating must accompany the application. This statement must give information about the accomplishments of the individual

such that the requirements should be waived.

As you can see, AGS Fellows Award is a recognition by peers in AGS for outstanding contributions to the field of gerontology and represents the highest class of membership.

We welcome your nominations! So, please begin the process today! The deadline for this years nominations is February 14th, 2008. Gee....I wonder if that date is significant for another reason?

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!!!