



The AGS Voice

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Society Notes

Kudos to our AGS Selection & Scholarship committee chaired by **Carol Wallace** on a stellar job with this year's AGS Volunteer awards. What a beautiful event to behold as each recipient arrived and accepted their award at the 2010 Aging Conference.

Congratulations to our 2010 AGS Volunteer Award recipients!

Outstanding Volunteer or Group

Maumelle AARP Chapter #5359

Oldest Volunteer

Edith and Louis Felter

Freshman Volunteer

Natalie Williams

Most Innovative Volunteer

Joyce Rodatz

Sister Pierre Vorster Award

Rozella (Rosie) Scott



Speaking of celebrations—**AGS Board of Directors** is pleased to extend a welcome back to **Theresa Horton** and welcome three new members—**Margaret Drangle, Donna Childress** and **Kerri Marsh!** What a substantial contribution each one brings to our Society!

In addition, a change of guard took place at our September **Board of Director's** meeting as **Catherine Edwards** handed over the gavel to **Kathie J. Gately** for President. **Catherine** has served the Board in countless ways and will continue as a Board member. **Carol Wallace** was nominated by the Board nomination committee and elected as Vice-President and **Susan Kuehner** was appointed by the President as Chairman of the Selection and Scholarship sub-committee.

Our Spotlight of Interest

The **2nd Annual AGS Membership Symposium** is just around the corner! We are excited to have not only two excellent speakers, but exceptional information. **Herb Sanders**, Associate State Director for Advocacy AARP Arkansas, will discuss the Health Care Reform Act with an emphasis on how this effects the aging and disabled population. **Eddie Schmeckenbecher**, Marketing with Increasing Capabilities Access Network (ICAN), will be demonstrating multiple up-to-date adaptive devices that enhance the ability of aging and disabled adults to maintain their quality of life

and independence in their homes.

We are very pleased to offer **2 approved CEU's** for Nursing Home Administrators and Nurses. Social Workers and all other professionals will receive a Certificate of Attendance for submission to their respective licensure boards.

What a deal! Great speakers, 2 CEU's, lunch, networking and more! Golden Corral will be on hand with an assortment of delicious meats, vegetables and desserts.

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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

In addition, we are very fortunate this year to have both the **Arkansas Chapter of the National Gerontological Nurses Association** and **Cookie Lee Jewelry** as sponsors for our luncheon.

Cookie Lee Jewelry will be setting up a display booth—so be prepared to knock out some of that Holiday shopping.

Registration is open and seats are filling up quickly! So, go to our **website — www.agsociety.org** and register today! The Symposium is only **\$25.00**. It is not necessary to be an AGS member to attend, yet if you would like to sign up for the rest of the year, you may do so for only **\$25.00 additional**. Don't miss out!

We will see you at **Sherwood Forest Community Center (1111 Maryland) in North Little Rock on December the 9th from 8:30 until 12:30!**

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!