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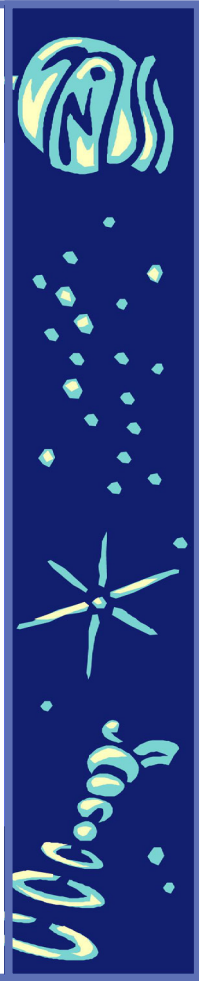


31st Annual Conference



April 11-13, 2012

The Westin Huntsville
Huntsville, Alabama



Alabama Gerontological Society
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Montgomery, AL 36124-1264

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Deadline for early registration is March 16, 2012.

Regular registrations will be accepted until March 30, 2012. On-site registration will be available. All conference participants must register.

Refund/Cancellation Policy: All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing. Cancellation requests received on or before March 16, 2012 will be refunded in the following manner: the amount paid less \$30 membership fee plus a \$10 handling fee. No refunds will be made after March 16, 2012.

Please print

NAME _____

ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

COUNTY _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Special Request: If you need special accommodations, please indicate below. AGS will make every effort to accommodate your request if made by March 16, 2012.

Vegetarian meal

Unable to attend the conference? Join AGS anyway!

If you cannot attend the conference, but would like to pay your 2012 dues: Please fill out the above contact information and the information within this box. Mail to the address below.

New Renewal

Individual (\$30)

Full-time student (\$10)

Senior, age 60+ (\$10)

NOTE: Registration for the AGS Conference, including the AIRS pre-conference intensives, is not the same as registration for the AIRS Certification Exam. AIRS information is included on page 4.

FULL REGISTRATION

April 11, 12, 13 (includes one-year membership)

Early Registration - postmarked by March 16, 2012

Check appropriate box:

Individual: \$180 (Early) \$200 (Regular)

Senior (age 60+): \$150 (Early) \$170 (Regular)

Full-Time Student: \$75 (Must show student ID)

A 10% discount is available for three or more persons; must be processed together for the discount to apply.

TOTAL CEUs APPLIED FOR:

Nurses - 12.0 contact hours.

Social Workers - 12.0 contact hours

Nursing Home Administrators - 12.0 contact hours

Assisted Living Administrators - 12.0 contact hours

SINGLE DAY REGISTRATION

(includes one-year membership)

Early Registration - postmarked by March 16, 2012

Check appropriate box:

Wednesday, April 11 - Includes opening session and reception.

\$80 Early \$100 Regular \$25 Student

Thursday, April 12 - Includes plenary session, sessions I, II, III, IV workshops, awards luncheon and President's Reception.

\$115 Early \$135 Regular \$25 Student

Friday, April 13 - Includes business meeting and closing session.

\$80 Early \$100 Regular \$25 Student

Additional Special Event Ticket:

Awards Luncheon _____ x \$25 = _____

President's Reception _____ x \$15 = _____

TOTAL: _____

Checks payable to AGS. (Separate checks for each, please)

Conference Registration AGS Dues (not attending conference)

AGS Margaret S. Odom Scholarship Fund, in the amount of \$ _____

AIRS (check payable to A4A)

Pre-Intensive (\$75) Exam (\$25) Pre-Intensive and Exam (\$75)

Mail completed form with payment to:

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2012 AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

1 - 3 p.m. Opening Session

“The Politics of Aging: A Washington Perspective”
by Laura Feldman

Ms. Feldman is the Grassroots Manager of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. She brings her bipartisan observations and perspective on the current politics of Congress and the impact on issues of aging with her teacher’s skill and a wacky sense of humor.

3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

- Session 1 “Fine Wine and Vinegar: When Memory Improves and Sours with Age”
by Jodi Price, PhD
- Session 2 “Getting Comfortable with Uncomfortable Situations: How to Talk to Your Family About LTC Issues” by Christy Baynes, MSHA, MBA
- Session 3 “Generation Y: How to Prepare for the Next Generation of Health Care Professionals”
by Jennifer Johnson, NHA, MPA
- Session 4 “Taking the Trauma Out of Care Transitions”
by Sheila Collins, MA, MS, CSA, CMC
- AIRS Review Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS). Must be pre-registered.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

8:30 - 10 a.m. Morning Session

Panel discussion of prescription drug abuse - “What Everyone Needs to Know” sponsored by Partnership for a Drug Free Community - Huntsville.

10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

- Session 1 “Comprehensive Health Care Model for the Elderly” by Zaheer A. Kahn, MD
- Session 2 “Identifying and Preventing Financial Elder Abuse” by Melodie Brier, BS, MS
- Session 3 “Educating Rural Caregivers with Mobile Technology” by Emily Myers and Kathy Jo Ellison, DSN, RN
- Session 4 “Communicating with your Doctor: How Health and Media Literacy Impact your Care” by Channing Ford, MPA, MA
- Session 5 “The New Alabama Uniform Power of Attorney Act” by Clayton Davis, JD

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

1:45 - 3 p.m.

- Session 1 “Intervener Survival: Caring for the Interveners”
by Jeannie Duke, MSW, LCSW, ACSW
- Session 2 “Spiritual, Emotional and Caregiving Issues at the End of Life” by Marsha Farrell, BSN, RN-BC, CHPN
- Session 3 “Mental Health Issues in the Elderly”
by Carmen Knox, BS, MSW
- Session 4 “Virtual Dementia Tour” by Mary Wedgeworth, BSW, and Gloria Goldman, BS

3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

- Session 1 “Medicaid Eligibility for the Nursing Home”
by Connie Glass, JD
- Session 2 “Activities that Involve All” by Ina Brown
- Session 3 “Understanding the Medicaid Elderly and Disabled Waiver Program” by Jean Stone, BSN, CMC
- Session 4 “Virtual Dementia Tour” by Mary Wedgeworth, BSW, and Gloria Goldman, BS

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

- Session 1 “The Multi-Generational Workforce”
by Jeannie Duke, MSW, LCSW, ACSW
- Session 2 “The Role of Instructions and Social Support in the Use of Technologies among Older Adults”
by Marita O’Brien, PhD
- Session 3 “Professional Boundaries” by SueAnn Bingham Brown, LCSW, PIP, CCJTS
- Session 4 “A Comparison of Rural and Urban Care Resources for the Older Adult and Caregiver”
by Rita Ferguson, RN, MSN, CHPN, CNE
- AIRS Exam Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) Exam. Must be pre-registered.

10:00 - 11:45 a.m. Closing Session

“Sometimes Ya Gotta Laugh” by Karen Stobbe

Karen was working as an actress, director, writer and instructor of theatre when her Dad was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease. Her life has taken on a new focus and new meaning in combining the knowledge of her two worlds into one life’s work.

UAH Student Career Panel (UAH Campus): Friday April 13, 1:30 p.m.

AIRS AND HOTEL INFORMATION

AIRS INFORMATION

The AGS Conference is again a site for those wishing to take the AIRS Certification Test. Please be aware that registration for the AGS Conference is not the same as registration for the AIRS Certification exam. All certification exam applications, supporting documentation and appropriate exam fees must be mailed to the AIRS National Office in Fairfax, Virginia, and must arrive 30 days prior to the exam. You can find additional information at www.airs.org

An additional fee, made payable to the Alabama Association of Area Agencies on Aging (A4A), is required prior to the Conference. This fee must be paid separately from the Conference registration fee.

Pre-Intensive (4/11/12): \$75.00
AIRS Exam (4/13/12): \$25.00
Pre-Intensive and AIRS exam: \$75.00

SPONSORS

For information on becoming an exhibitor or sponsor, contact Rachael Creech at 205-299-0371.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

For accommodations during the Conference at The Westin-Huntsville, call Melissa Bowling at 256-428-5406 or 1-888-627-8560. Please identify yourself as part of the AGS Conference when making reservations. All hotel reservations must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

HOTEL RATES

Single/Double Rate: \$129.00

All guest room rates are quoted exclusive of applicable state and local taxes, currently 12%, as well as the \$1.00 city surcharge per room/per night.

DIRECTIONS

From North

Travel to Memorial Pkwy south onto Interstate 565 west and take Research Park Blvd. Exit 14 north onto Research Park Blvd. Take Madison Pike exit. Turn right at light onto Madison Pike and right onto Governors West.

From West

Travel onto Interstate 565 east to Research Park Blvd. Exit 14 north onto Research Park Blvd to Madison Pike exit. Take a right at light onto Madison Pike and right onto Governors West.

From East

From downtown Huntsville, travel onto Interstate 565 west to Research Park Blvd. Travel north to Madison Pike exit. Turn right at light onto Madison Pike. Then turn right onto Governors West.

From South

Travel onto Memorial Pkwy and continue onto Interstate 565 west to Research Park Blvd. Exit 14 north onto Research Blvd and continue onto the Madison Pike exit. Take a right at the light onto Madison Pike and then right onto Governors West.

THE WESTIN HUNTSVILLE

Located within Huntsville's Cummings Research Park – the second largest technology center in the United States – and less than two miles from the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, our hotel offers everything a business traveler demands and everything a vacation visitor desires. Our elegant hotel is an integral component of Huntsville's newest mixed-use development, Bridge Street Town Centre, featuring Connor's Seafood, J. Jill, Banana Republic, J Crew, Monaco Pictures, Anthropologie, PF Chang's, Barnes & Noble, Coldwater Creek, and Chico's, to name a few.

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