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New Elders with New Care: The SGS Connection

By Sue Maxwell, President, Southern Gerontological Society

The first-ever joint conference with the Southern Gerontological Society (SGS) and the Virginia Coalition on Aging (VCA) coming to Richmond this spring guarantees to be the best place to “*connect*” researchers, students, advocates and providers. For those of you who have been in the field implementing all those great ideas that were generated by the great minds in gerontology will get a chance to meet each other. No matter what your particular focus is in the field of aging—be it health, politics, policy, long term care, advocacy or whatever—there is bound to be someone at the conference with whom you can *connect*.

The Conference Planning Committee has spared no expense to bring together some of the most noted names in the field of aging. At the opening session Zaven Khachaturian, Ph.D., well-known international expert in the field of Dementia, will commence the 24th SGS Annual Conference. Dr. Khachaturian is noted for ability to *connect* research to the provider community by creating networks of collaboration. Just the kind of keynote speaker to set the pace for a one of the best SGS conferences yet!

Over 75 difference workshops have been planned for the three-day symposium—everything from A (Aging

& Addition) *connecting* M (Meeting the Needs of Grandparents) to Z! There is even a Pre-conference event presented by the Virginia Chapters of Alzheimer’s Association and the Virginia Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse.

One of the highlights of the conference is the SGS/VCA is the joint meeting day scheduled for Friday, April 11th. The participants will be welcomed by distinguished member’s from Virginia Commonwealth Department on Aging, The day-long discussions will be linking the advocate to the applied and academician. Once again an opportunity to *connect* and interact with each other. Also planned for the day is the continuation of a new tradition for SGS—The Barbara Payne Stancil Memorial Symposium—*connecting* health and spirituality.

The SGS Annual Meeting is met with closure with Emily Kimball, the aging adventurer who makes it happen!! Since she has turned 61, the self-described aging adventurer has ridden a bicycle 4,700 miles across America and has hiked all 2,168 miles of the Appalachian Trail. Now at 70+, she owns her own business called Make It Happen and speaks to audiences across America, sharing her outdoor adventures and urging others to follow their

dreams. She connects inspiration to life and living in the now!

There is much more - Silent Auction, Exhibitors, Student Pizza Parties, Awards for the Best and Brightest in the field of aging. Then there is the fun part - the Gala Event planned southern style with Blue Grass music and BBQ pork - Mmm good food and great fun!!!!

So come to Richmond in April and get connected. Make your reservations now at Richmond Sheraton West and send in your registration for the best SGS conference ever!

Sue Maxwell

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Bridging gerontological education, research and practice to serve our aging society.

Mission

The Southern Gerontological Society is an inclusive membership association of diverse individuals and organizations with interests in gerontology.

Members seek to improve the quality of life for older adults through education, research and practice.

Long Term Goals

The long term goals of SGS include five priority areas which focus on aging issues, especially as these issues relate to older adults in the South.

- ✓ To foster and enhance the bridges among education, research and practice.
- ✓ To facilitate the exchange of information and ideas among professionals, students and older adults.
- ✓ To advance the leadership role of SGS in improving the quality of life of older adults.
 - ✓ To provide expanded and new forums for professional development.
- ✓ To ensure the continued vitality of SGS.

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2004 SGS 25th Anniversary Program Special Announcement

President-elect, Leonard W. Poon, has appointed Kevin C. Lomax as the Chair of the 2004 SGS 25th Anniversary Program to be held in Atlanta, Georgia. We hope to have an exciting balanced program on research, teaching, outreach, and practice in gerontology, highlighting the work of members and institutions from the Southern states. At present, the program committee is looking for a co-chair with working knowledge and networks in outreach and practice.

Nominations, including self nominations, can be sent to:

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We hope to see everyone in Atlanta to celebrate an important benchmark and achievements of the Society.

Note from Editors:

We welcome and encourage you to submit articles, upcoming events, announcement of "members in the news", titles of published books and resource materials, or other information that may be of interest to members. Send suggestions to: Jo Ann O'Quin, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Social Work, University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677 or joquin@olemiss.edu (fax: 662-915-1288)

Student Column

By Jason Rachel, SGS Student Representative

Hello student members of SGS. Our time to come together to learn from our colleagues, share our experiences, and enjoy the company of those in the field of aging is quickly approaching. As with all the SGS conferences of the past, this year's conference will be full of opportunities to listen, exchange ideas, and offer your perspective to those who share your interest in the dynamic field of aging.

One of the fun opportunities to share your ideas and visit with colleagues is the SGS Student Pizza Party that will be held on Thursday night, April 10th, at Bottom's Up pizza, a famous "Richmond-esque" pizzeria. Plans have already been made for the SGS Board to drop in for a visit and partake in all the fun we are sure to have. Also, in keeping with tradition, we will be offering the SGS Student Paper Awards at the Saturday Awards brunch, April 12th. Congratulations in advance to the eight students who submitted their work for the awards!

As you can see, this year's conference will be not only educational and productive, but also a time to visit old friends and make new ones. If I can assist you in any way with making arrangements to attend this year's meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me at jaraachel@vcu.edu.

The Carolina Program in Healthcare and Aging Research (CPHAR) program, based at the University of North Carolina Institute on Aging, announces a new opening for a post-doctoral fellowship position.

The deadline for application is April 1, for a possible start date as early as May 1, 2003, but not later than September 30, 2003.

For details about the program and application procedures, consult the CPHAR website: <http://www.aging.unc.edu/research/training/index.html>

***24th Annual Meeting
"New Elders, New Care"
April 9-13, 2003
Richmond, Virginia***

Take advantage and save!

Early registration deadline is March 15, 2003.

Hotel reservations must be made by March 19, 2003 to receive the discounted rates.

Registration information can be found at:

www.wfu.edu/Academic-departments/Gerontology/SGSPrelim2003.PDF

Hotel Reservations can be made by calling:

***Sheraton Richmond West Hotel
1-800-325-3535***



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Members in the News

Leonard W. Poon, Ph.D., University of Georgia, began his term as President of the jury for the Fondation Ipsen Longevity Prize, Paris. The prize (20,000 French Franc) is awarded annually to a researcher (biologist, geneticist, gerontologist, psychologist, demographer, statistician, etc.) in recognition of an outstanding contribution in the field of longevity. The 2002 laureate was Dr. George Martin, a geneticist, University of Washington, and the 2003 laureate will be Dr. James Vaupel, a demographer, from the Max Planck Institute and Duke University. Nominations for the 2004 laureate can be sent to Fondation Ipsen, 24, Rue Erlanger 75016, Paris, France.

Need SGS Membership Information?

Go to the SGS website found at:
www.wfu.edu/Academic-departments/Gerontology/sgs/



CALENDAR

March 13-16, 2003 - Joint Conference of the National Council on the Aging and the American Society on Aging. Contact 415-974-9600 or www.agingconference.org

March 17, 2003 - "Redesigning Healthcare for an Aging Nation", presented by Alliance for Aging Research. Connon House Office Building, room 345, Washington, DC.

March 27, 2003 - The Institute of Gerontology - Wayne State University's "Art of Aging Successfully: Humor and Aging" program. Detroit, MI. Contact: 313-577-2297 or email at j.mendez@wayne.edu

March 28-29, 2003 - "The Cultural Diversity of Aging", the 14th Annual Southeastern Regional Student Convention in Gerontology and Geriatrics, Ocean plaza Resort, Tybee Island, GA. Contact: Dr. Kevin C. Lomax (University of Georgia) at 706-425-3222 or visit www.geron.uga.edu/brochures.html

March 29 - April 1, 2003 - "Alzheimer Advocacy: Many Voices, One Message." the 15th Annual Public Policy Forum of Alzheimer's Association. Washington, DC. Information available at www.alz.org/publicpolicy2003.

April 9-13, 2003
24th Annual Meeting of SGS in Richmond, VA.
Contact: www.wfu.edu/Academic-departments/Gerontology/sgs/ or 239-541-2011

June 30 - July 2, 2003 - Sanders-Brown Center on Aging presents the 20th Anniversary Summer Series on Aging Conference. Marriott Griffin Gate Resort, Lexington, KY. Three days of innovations, discoveries and best practices in aging will be presented by national speakers. Additional information can be found at www.rgs.uky.edu/aging/summerseries.

Visit www.geron.org/calendar.htm for a concise listing of upcoming conferences.