



## Minnesota Gerontological Society

*Bridging the gap in Minnesota between research and practice in the field of aging, with special emphasis on developing and supporting tomorrow's leaders*

### News Bulletin

*Offering updates in the field of Gerontology and information about MGS for its members*

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#### **MGS Webinar – Free to members – register at [www.mngero.org](http://www.mngero.org)**

November 19<sup>th</sup>: Join Dutch Kastenbaum Outstanding Gerontologist Award Recipient Dr. Jan Hively who will explore the pressures for working longer from different perspectives, demographics of work and retirement in U.S. and Europe, the public policies needed to support older workers, the impact of ageism and recession on work and retirement, and the goals of meaning in work and retirement.

#### **MGS 2010 Conference – April 30, 2010**

Join practitioners, academics, and students from throughout Minnesota for a thought provoking day and engaging exploration in current aging services innovations at MGS' 2010 Conference *Be the Change: New Ideas for Transforming Aging Services*. Through keynote Dr. Harry R. Moody, presentations, poster sessions, round table discussions and networking, conference attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about current research and how it translates into practice in our rapidly changing world of aging services. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from professionals and researchers located throughout Minnesota.

#### **MGS Membership Drive**

Take an opportunity to renew your membership and invite your colleagues to join MGS during MGS' membership drive. Visit [www.mngero.org](http://www.mngero.org) to renew your membership. Members receive free Webinars, discounted conference rates, e-Bulletins, networking opportunities, and much more!

#### **tpt Program: *Love of Car: Transportation as We Age***

A joint project of MGS with *tpt*, and supported by many community partners, this program will help older persons and their families in decisions related to driving, using available resources for safe driving, and in finding alternative transportation options when driving is no longer safe. Mark your calendars for these dates:

tptMN

Sunday November 8 at 8:00pm

Monday November 9 at 2:00am

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tptLIFE

Sunday November 15 at Noon

#### **November is National Family Caregiver Month**

National Family Caregivers Month is a time designated to thank, support, educate and empower family caregivers across the country currently providing over 80% of all long term care in the United States. The [National Family Caregivers Association](#) offers helpful resources on celebrating the month.

### **December 5<sup>th</sup> Caring for a Parent with Memory Loss Free Educational Conference**

Join experts in nursing, occupational therapy, financial/estate planning, and holistic health services at the University of Minnesota in a lively, informative discussion related to memory loss, caregiving tips, and what you can do to help! More information can be obtained from Dr. Joseph Gaugler at 612-626-2485 or [gaug0015@umn.edu](mailto:gaug0015@umn.edu).

### **Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging Policy Summit**

The Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging presents its 4th annual policy summit in an extended session designed to provide critical information about: perspectives of announced gubernatorial candidates on issues affecting seniors, implementation of the Communities for a Lifetime legislation passed last session, current and future policy environment, long-term care reform as a focus of civic duty, and Twin Cities Compass - a comprehensive new source of data on older persons. More information is available at [www.mnlcoa.org](http://www.mnlcoa.org).

### **Work Status of People 65 Years and Older**

Read this [report](#) about the work status of people age 65 and older at the national and state levels based on the 2008 American Community Survey. Work status includes both currently employed and those employed in the past 12 months. According to 2008 US Census Bureau projections, the 65-and-older population is projected to increase by 79 percent from 2010 to 2030. By 2030 nearly 20 percent of the total population will be in this older category.

### **World Alzheimer Report**

Scientists see that the number of people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias are moving up. Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) commissioned this [report](#) in order to support Alzheimer associations around the world. The ADI wants their partners to work with their governments on strategies to improve the lives of people living with dementia and to increase their research efforts.

### **Positive Aging Conference**

The Third National Positive Aging Conference will be held at Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida, from Dec. 7-9, 2009. The Conference focuses on four themes: Life Transitions, Creativity, Wellness, and Community. Dr. Bill Thomas, founder of the Eden Alternative, will be Keynote Speaker; other speakers include Richard Leider, Meg Newhouse, Susan Perlstein, and Peter Whitehouse. For details about the event and registration, visit the [conference website](#).



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