



## 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 Call for Sessions**

The Minnesota Gerontological Society (MGS) invites you or someone you know in the field of gerontology to submit a session abstract for the 2011 Conference (see attached for details). About 250 participants from a wide variety of disciplines typically attend the yearly MGS conference. The deadline for break-out session submissions is November 29, 2010. Submissions and questions should be sent to [submissions@mngero.org](mailto:submissions@mngero.org). Download the submission form at [www.mngero.org](http://www.mngero.org).

#### **DVD of Program: Love of Car; Transportation as We Age**

MGS' Love of Car DVD is available to members. The DVD includes the whole program plus a chaptered version which allows you to stop and discuss specific topics. Copies of the DVD are available without cost to Minnesota organizations and residents while supply lasts. Out-of-state requests will be honored with a contribution of \$10 per DVD. Visit <http://www.mngero.org/academics/loveofcar.html> to order the DVD.

#### **Federal Report Details Health and Economic Status of Older Americans**

The Federal Interagency Forum on Aging-Related Statistics has released their 2010 Key Indicators of Well-Being. This publication provides a comprehensive look at aging in the U.S. This fifth edition provides an updated compendium of indicators drawn from the most reliable official statistics about the well-being of Americans primarily age 65 and older. The 155-page report can be downloaded at [www.agingstats.gov](http://www.agingstats.gov).

#### **Suicide Prevention Toolkit Aimed at Care Providers**

The United States Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released a guide to help staff working in senior living communities recognize and take steps to help someone at risk for suicide. To download visit <http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/SMA10-4515/SMA10-4515-01.pdf>.

#### **Eighth Annual Institute on Aging & Social Work**

The College of St. Scholastica has announced that the 8th Annual Institute on Aging & Social Work will be held July 10-17, 2011. Nationally recognized experts in research methodology will lead a training institute specifically designed for social work faculty who received their doctoral degree at least three

years ago in any area of social work. The institute, funded by the National Institute on Aging (NIA), NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Research, and the Hartford Foundation, aims to strengthen participants' knowledge and skills essential for developing an active research agenda and integrating scholarship with teaching. For more information contact Dr. Chandra Mehrotra at [cmehrotr@css.edu](mailto:cmehrotr@css.edu).

### **\$68 Million for Understanding and Navigating Health and Long-Term Care Options**

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced that \$68 million in grants will go to help seniors, individuals with disabilities, and caregivers to aid in the better understanding and navigation of health and long-term care options. These grants, made possible by the Affordable Care Act, are going to states, territories, tribal and community-based organizations. The funds will be used to help families understand their Medicare and Medicaid benefits, including coverage for preventive services, navigate options for long term care including community-based services that can help individuals remain in their home, and assist those transitioning from nursing or rehabilitation facilities back home to put the supports in place to make that transition successful. These grants are being administered collaboratively by Health and Human Services, the Administration on Aging, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. For more information visit [www.aoa.gov](http://www.aoa.gov).

### **United Nations Second World Assembly on Ageing Follow-Up Report**

The United Nations released a follow-up to the status of the Second World Assembly on Ageing. The report provides a comprehensive overview of the current status of the social situation, well-being, participation in development and rights of older persons worldwide. You can download the pdf of the document at <http://www.globalaging.org/elderrights/world/2010/GA65en.pdf>. It addresses: demographics of older age; economic status, labor force participation, income and poverty; health and access to healthcare; perception, participation, and integration of older persons in society and development; and human rights of older persons.

### **NTSB to Host Forum on Aging Driver Safety and Mobility**

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) will host a two-day public forum on safety issues related to the aging driver population. The "Safety, Mobility, and Aging Drivers" forum, chaired by NTSB Chairman Deborah A.P. Hersman, will be held Nov. 9-10, 2010, in the NTSB Board Room and Conference Center in Washington, D.C. Although a number of organizations have focused on the safety and mobility of aging drivers in recent years, this forum marks the first time that the NTSB will analyze the issue. The forum is intended to identify safety issues related to aging drivers by identifying data needs, potential technologies, and possible strategies to prevent accidents and reduce the number of injuries and fatalities within this growing segment of the nation's drivers. The public is welcome to attend the forum in person or view the live webcast on the NTSB's website. An agenda and webcast details will be posted on the NTSB's website closer to the dates of the event. Learn more online at <http://www.nts.gov/Pressrel/2010/100909b.html>.



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