

*Legislative Advocacy for Seniors*

## *January 2010 Newsletter*

### *from the Chair . . . by Hannah Timmons*

Our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Session begins Thursday, February 4, 6:30 PM, with a meeting of the Board of Directors. Activities for Friday, February 5, include the Board meeting continued (if needed), registration beginning at 11:00 AM, our first dinner meeting at 6:30 PM, and regional and state caucus meetings after dinner.

If you are a region or state chair, please try to recruit Silver Senators, Silver Representatives, and Silver Alternates. Guests are always welcome. If you need or know of anybody who needs registration material, get in touch with Pat Porter at **432-399-4456** or **pjathome@gmail.com** in time for the January 5 deadline. If you are about to miss the deadline, send your check to Pat at **1651 CR 255, Big Spring, TX 79720-0704** and worry about the paper work later. Also, make reservations with the hotel on or before January 5. Rooms are not guaranteed after that date.

We need participation, enthusiasm, smiling faces, charming presences, and everything else that will enhance this Annual Session! Attend and bring others!

## **ANNUAL SESSION SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 4 – 9, 2010**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of NSHC will be held at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, VA, Thursday–Tuesday, February 4–9, 2010. Early bird registration for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Session will be \$350 for delegates and \$250 for guests (the same as last year). Postmark deadline is Tuesday, January 5; after January 5, registration will be \$400

for delegates and \$300 for guests (the same as last year).

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Hilton at **1-703-845-1010** or **1-800-445-8667** no later than January 5. Rates for a single or double room will be \$99, plus tax, for a total of approximately \$113 (the same as last year).

### *If you plan to run for Director at Large . . .*

Dolores Olson (CA) and Lucy Peres (NV) have recused themselves as members of the Elections Committee because they have become candidates. Chuck Richards (OR) and Carolyn Thomas (GA) will conduct the election for the Director-at-Large positions. Nominations that have already been made have been forwarded to the new Elections Committee. Nominations not yet submitted should go to **Chuck Richards at 5517 7th Avenue SE, Salem, OR 97306** or **503 363-4627** or **silverhairedworker@yahoo.com** or to **Carolyn Thomas at 241 North Irwin Street, Milledgeville, GA 31061** or **478 452-3670**.

Ballots will be prepared in advance, and the election will be held during a membership meeting at the Annual Session in February.

## ***2010 ELECTIONS TO BE HELD***

*NSHC elections are held in even-numbered years for the offices listed below. All terms are for two years, with terms ending at the Annual Session in February, 2012.*

### **REGION AND STATE OFFICERS**

Regions will elect chairs, vice chairs, secretaries, and treasurers during the Region caucuses. States will elect state officers during the state caucuses.

### **SILVER SENATE AND SILVER HOUSE OFFICERS**

The Silver Senate will elect a President and President *pro tem*, and the Silver House will elect a Speaker and a Speaker *pro tem* at the end of the closing session of each body. Each body will determine its own election procedure.

### **AT-LARGE DELEGATES TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Four (4) Directors-At-Large will be elected to serve on the Board of Directors by the NSHC members present at the Annual Session. Any NSHC member who has two (2) years of NSHC service is eligible to run for one of these positions. The procedure to become a candidate for one

of the Director At-Large positions requires submission of a nomination to the Elections Committee. Further details will be furnished at the Annual Session by the Elections Committee.

**OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

New officers of the Board of Directors (Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer) will be elected for two-year terms at the Board meeting Monday, February 8, at 4:00 PM.

All states should have procedures for electing or appointing members of their state delegations. Printed copies of the procedures should be submitted to the NSHC Chair for approval by the Board of Directors.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE  
for  
13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION

Thursday, February 4

6:30 – 8:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, February 5

10:00 AM– 3:00 PM Board Meeting continued (if needed)

11:00 AM – 6:00 PM Registration

4:00 – 5:00 PM Legislative Chairs & Vice Chairs

6:30 – 9:00 PM Dinner / Orientation / Speaker

9:15 – 10:00 PM Region / State Caucus Meetings

Saturday, February 6

7:00 – 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:30 AM General Session

10:30 – 11:00 AM Coffee Break

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM Legislative Committee Meetings  
Civil / Criminal Justice  
Commerce / Consumer Affairs  
Finance / Taxation  
General / Medicare  
Health  
Social Service

6:30 – 9:00 PM Dinner / Speaker

Sunday, February 7

9:30 – 10:30 AM Interdenominational Worship Service

10:30 – 11:00 AM Coffee Break

1:00 – 5:00 PM Silver Senate / Silver House Sessions

Monday, February 8

7:00 – 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast

*Competition Planned for State Night*

**Showcase your state and win!!!**

State Night will be held Monday night, February 8. Exhibits should be in place by 6:00 PM for judging. First, second, and third place plaques will be awarded.

Displays may include anything that is characteristic of the state.

Let State Night Committee Chair Lue Chandler know if you will have a display and if you will need a whole table. Write her at **39 Brown Street, Clendenin, WV 25045-9781**; phone her at **304-548-6923** or **304-542-3722**; or e-mail her at **luegene@verizon.net**.

**Bob (Robert B.) Blancato**, NSHC Advisory Council Chair, will serve as emcee for dinner meetings and as advisor for governance meetings.

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9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Silver Senate/ Silver House Sessions
2:30 – 4:00 PM	(NCSHL Board of Directors Meeting)
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 – 9:00 PM	Dinner / Speaker / State Night

**Resolutions will be ranked as soon as ballots are ready.**

**Tuesday, February 9**

7:30 – 10:00 AM	Breakfast / General Session / <i>Sine Die</i>
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**GO TO CAPITOL HILL TO PROMOTE NSHC'S TOP FIVE!**

Delegate registration will begin at 11:00 AM, Friday. The final schedule and other materials will be distributed to delegates as they register.

Check the NSHC Website often at [www.natlshc.org](http://www.natlshc.org). In order to access the Members section, you must use the password, **silvermember**.

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### Annual Session Committee Chairs

50/50 FUNDRAISER—Gladys Britt, NC

AWARDS—Dallas Knudson, ND

EXHIBITS—Craig Orange, CA

HOTEL LIAISON—Betty Wiser, VA

PHOTOGRAPHY—Warner Knudson, ND

PRINTING/SUPPLIES—Ann Collins, VA

RESOLUTIONS—Lucy Peres, NV

REGISTRATION—Charlyne Elliott, TX

RUNNERS—John Gazerro, MT

STATE NIGHT—Lue Chandler, WV

TECHNOLOGY—Pat Porter, TX

WHITE BOOK—Gloria Bonali, SC