

*October 2009 Newsletter*

*from the Chair . . . by Hannah Timmons*

Our compliments and appreciation go to Lue Chandler and her entourage for hosting the NSHC Midyear Meeting and the NCSHL Annual Meeting in Charleston, West Virginia. Highlights included lunch in the WV Capitol Cafeteria, a visit to the WV Senate Chambers, and a reception at Kanawha Valley Senior Services.

Plans for next year are in progress for Charleston, South Carolina. Details will be furnished to you as they become available.

In the meanwhile, plan to attend our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Session in February 2010! Help bring former members back! Recruit new Senators and Representatives!

**ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY**

Elections are held at the Annual Session in even-numbered years, and all terms are for two years. The NSHC membership elects four Directors-at-Large to serve on the Board of Directors.

Elections Committee Chair Dolores Olson (CA), who will be assisted by Lucy Perez (NV), is asking that members who plan to run for Director-at-Large positions inform her by phone/fax at **760-257-3206**, by e-mail at **zdodyo@earthlink.net**, or by snail mail at **PO Box 538, Newberry Springs, CA 92365-0538**. Ballots will be prepared in advance, and the election will be held during a membership meeting at the Annual Session in February.

The Board of Directors will elect the following officers of the Board: Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Silver Senate will elect its President and President *pro tem*; the Silver House of Representatives will elect its Speaker and Speaker *pro tem*.

Region Chairs and other officers will be elected by their respective Regions.

Serving on the Board of Directors are four Directors-at-Large, the President and President *pro tem* of the Silver Senate, the Speaker and Speaker *pro tem* of the Silver House of Representatives, ten Region Chairs, and the Immediate Past Chair.

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*Check the National Silver Haired Congress Website regularly 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 SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 4 – 9, 2010**

The Annual Session 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). Registration material will be mailed in November.

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Hilton at **1-703-845-1010** or **1-877-783-8258** 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).

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### **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

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

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### ***Traditional State Night Competition Scheduled for 2010 Annual Session***

State Night will be held Monday night, February 8. Exhibits should be in place by 6:00 PM for judging. Awards will be pre-sented for first, second, and third place.

Please let State Night Chair Lue Chandler know whether you will have a display and whether 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**.

Suggestions for displays include your state's historic happenings, noteworthy characters, significant landmarks, economic activities, and symbols (flag, emblem, bird, flower, animal, or whatever).

### **Annual Session Committee Chairs**

50/50 FUNDRAISER—Gladys Britt, NC

AWARDS—Dallas Knudson, ND

COMMITTEE RUNNERS—John Gazerro

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10:30 – 11:00 AM	Coffee Break (in hall)	EXHIBITS—Craig Orange, CA
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Silver Senate / Silver House Sessions	HOTEL LIAISON—Betty Wiser, VA
<b><u>Monday, February 8</u></b>		PHOTOGRAPHY—Warner Knudson, ND
7:00 – 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	PRINTING/SUPPLIES—Ann Collins, VA
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Silver Senate/ Silver House Sessions	PREREGISTRATION—Pat Porter, TX
2:30 – 4:00 PM	(NCSHL Board of Directors Meeting)	RESOLUTIONS—Lucy Peres, NV
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	REGISTRATION—Charlyne Elliott, TX
6:30 – 9:00 PM	Dinner / Speaker / State Night	STATE NIGHT—Lue Chandler, WV
<b>Resolutions will be ranked as soon as ballots are ready.</b>		TECHNOLOGY—Pat Porter, TX
<b><u>Tuesday, February 9</u></b>		WHITE BOOK—Gloria Bonali
7:30 – 10:00 AM	Breakfast / General Session / <i>Sine Die</i>	
Go to Capitol Hill to promote NSHC's Top Five!		

## DEADLINE FOR RESOLUTIONS IS NOVEMBER 13

Any member of NSHC can submit resolutions for consideration at the Annual Session. Resolutions should identify issues related to the aging population and propose solutions that can be accomplished at the federal level for the whole United States. They should be written so that they inform the US Congress and the US President of pressing concerns of the aging population.

Proposed resolutions must be e-mailed by midnight or USPO-mailed (postmarked) no later than Friday, November 13, to **Lucy Peres** at **rlperes@cox.net** or **829 Antiqua Street, Las Vegas, NV 89145**.

Please e-mail your resolutions if you possibly can so that they do not have to be retyped. If you USPO-mail them, please send a typed or computer-printed copy that is clear and in large enough type that it can be scanned.

A resolution should address only one concern, should contain no more than three statements beginning with “Whereas,” and should make only one recommendation in the statement beginning with “Resolved.” The format is illustrated in the block below.

**Title**     *(The title should be clear and concise. It should relate closely to the statement beginning with "Resolved.")*

**Whereas,**

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**Whereas,**     *(There should be no more than three statements beginning "Whereas.")*

All proposed resolutions will be assigned to one of the Legislative Committees for action. Silver Senators or Silver Representatives may request permission of one of the presiding chairs to appear before a Committee.

A majority vote is required for the passing of any motion or amendment. The presiding chair will vote only in case of a tie. Votes by the Committees will be tallied and recorded on the tracking sheet attached to each resolution.

Resolutions that pass in Committee will be presented to both the Silver Senate and the Silver House. Before the adjournment of the Annual Session, delegates will prioritize resolutions to establish the NSHC's TOP FIVE. A list of all resolutions in priority order will be made available to the delegates.

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***Remembering Jean McCloud*** . . . We have learned of the recent death of Jean McCloud, for many years a member of the Texas Silver Haired Legislature and of the National Silver Haired Congress. A memorial service was held at Casa Linda United Methodist Church in Dallas, TX on September 12. Contributions to NSHC in her memory may be mailed to Pat Porter, 1651 CR 255, Big Spring, TX 79720-0704.

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## ***Highlights of the Minutes of the Midyear Meeting***

*Charleston, WV ~ August 4 – 5, 2009*

- Treasurer Pat Porter reported a balance of \$38,483.21 as of July 30, 2009.
- November 13 will be the final date (e-mail and USPO postmark) for submitting resolutions for the 2010 Annual Session. *(Late resolutions will not be accepted.)*
- If there is an emergency issue or unexpected development in the US Congress, the Executive Committee will be empowered to determine how the matter will be handled.

- All resolutions will be sent to Lucy Peres, chair of the Annual Session Resolutions Committee. Gloria Bonali and Pat Porter will also serve on the committee. The committee will review resolutions and get in touch with the authors if factual errors are evident in the proposed resolutions.
- Members of the Senate Committee on Aging will be invited to our 2010 Annual Session. NSHC members may (and are encouraged to) invite their US Senators and Representatives to one of our dinners.
- Homer Lear will chair the Scholarship Committee, which will be a reactivated standing committee.
- NSHC will pay pre- and post-session hotel room costs for persons authorized by the NSHC Chair to arrive early or stay late in order to assist with the Annual Session(s).

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The Membership Application below is being sent to you because you have not paid your dues for 2009-10. Payment of \$20 now will make you current and keep you current until January 1, 2011. Please use the form below and send your dues **ASAP!**

National Silver Haired Congress  
**Membership Application for 2009-10**

Dues for our long fiscal year (July 1, 2009 – December 31, 2010) are \$20 and were due by July 1, 2009. Checks should be written to National Silver Haired Congress.

NAME (OR NAMES)

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