

NUSA NEWS

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Little Rock City Manager Bruce Moore and Mayor Mark Stodola display the NUSA flag, presented by NUSA president Elton Gatewood at opening of the October board meeting in Little Rock.

Little Rock Conference Plans In Progress for 2010

As Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) Board members discovered during their October visit to Little Rock, AR for the fall board meeting, planning is well underway for the NUSA conference to be held there in May 2010. With 10 local planning sub-committees comprising "Team NUSA" as well as national partnerships created with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), National Park Services, Americorps and the Clinton Presidential Center, preparations are ahead of schedule at this point, says Team NUSA coordinator Joan Adcock.

"NUSA attendees are going to have a wider choice in workshops this year, thanks to the recent federal partnerships forged with HUD and FEMA," says Adcock, "and I think they're going to be pleased with the hospitable Neighborhood Pride Tours we've planned as well."

A total of 60 workshops and 20 tours are confirmed at this point, Adcock reports, with several options for networking in other venues.

"One thing we're really excited about is the new concept of "Table Talk," Adcock says with a smile. "This is an idea we're initiating for informal visits around tables to be set up in the exhibit area. If you have questions that weren't covered



Team NUSA member Linda McConnell introduces "Table Talk," a new networking feature for the NUSA 2010 conference

in one of your workshops, or if you had to miss a workshop because of scheduling conflicts, this is where you can go to get one-on-one answers."

Table-Top discussion cards will be available from the on-site Table-Top Coordinator. Details will be provided on the NUSA website, in the next NUSA Newsletter and registration and program booklets.

Another area of special emphasis for NUSA 2010 is its Youth Track. Through the partnership with AmeriCorps' City Year, team leaders will conduct workshops, tours and entertainment designed especially for youth ages 16-19. City Year is a non-profit organization that unites young people of all backgrounds and gives them the skills and opportunities to become tutors, mentors and role models who can make a difference in the lives of children and transform schools and neighborhoods. Little Rock is one of 19 City Year locations across the United States.

More information about the conference, including hotel reservation options, can be found on page seven with updates on the NUSA website (www.NUSA.org) and in the conference registration book, scheduled for mailing in January.

NUSA Representatives Visit First International Affiliate

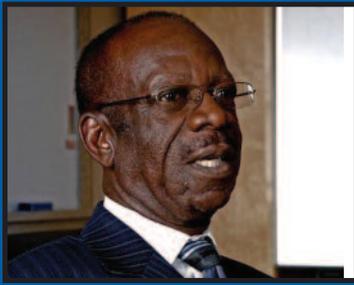
At the Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) 34th Annual Conference on Neighborhood Concerns held in Spokane, WA, the Japan Association for Community Policy (JACP) was recognized as NUSA's first international affiliate. As a result, NUSA's President Elton Gatewood and Public Affairs Chair Richard Whipple were invited to participate in a Joint Exchange and Symposium on Japan-U.S. Relationship. These symposiums, held July 29-August 4 and entitled "Civic Society, Roots of Global Governance," were sponsored by the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership.

As guests of the Foundation, Gatewood and Whipple were invited to observe and share information and ideas on local governance and citizen involvement in the governmental process in Kashiwa, Nagareyama and the Chiba. On July 31 and August 1, meetings were held with elected officials to discuss citizen participation structures and with residents and citizen volunteers to tour programs and services in which they are involved. They also met with faculty and students in an Edogawa University classroom to discuss and tour a private-public partnership project.

On August 1, a workshop was held with a keynote speech on "Empowerment" delivered by Gatewood, followed by a presentation from Whipple on "Networking."

On August 2 and 3, Gatewood and Whipple traveled to Hachinohe City and Hashikami City. They met with representatives from the Hachinohe City Mayor's Office and 17 representatives from other cities to discuss strategies for establishing processes to empower citizens and enhance civic engagement in the decision-making process.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Elton Gatewood

Dear NUSA Members:

It has been a pleasure serving as President of Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) for the past year. I am again honored to be elected to continue to serve as President of the organization for the coming year, and look forward to working with the membership and Board of Directors.

This is an exciting time for NUSA, and I am encouraged to have the opportunity to share and fulfill the vision of the organization and its members.

As the nation continues to face unprecedented challenges, citizens remain optimistic about the promise of better days ahead. They have risen to the occasion by assisting each other and providing for the needs of their neighbors, neighborhoods, and communities. This banding together was demonstrated at the Spokane conference in May 2009. Economic conditions prevented many individuals from attending, but the quality of workshops, information and activities made this conference an overwhelming success.

Little Rock, Arkansas, host city for the May 2010 conference, has vowed to follow the success of Spokane by continuing to offer quality workshops and information, providing unlimited opportunities to learn, share and network with others, as well as a promise of memorable southern hospitality. Little Rock has launched the new Federal Partnership Program that includes representatives from HUD, FEMA, City Year, National Park Services, and Clinton Presidential Center.

Please mark your calendar for May 26-29, 2010. Be part of this exciting event of building stronger communities.

I look forward to working with you, value your continuous support and encourage and welcome your ideas.

Respectfully yours,

NUSA Board Meets in Little Rock

The NUSA Board of Directors met October 22-24 at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock, AR to install new board members, elect executive officers for 2009-2010, hear committee reports and conference reports, tour the 2010 conference facilities and to elect a host conference city for 2012. Administrative Assistant Karen Harber was ill and unable to travel. Robert Gibbons was asked to perform her duties for this meeting.

On Thursday, October 23, President Elton Gatewood called the meeting to order and outgoing Board Development Chair Estelle McCadden introduced the two newly elected board members, Jason Bergerson of Anchorage, AK and Bob Clement of Roanoke VA.

A quorum of 19 board members were present to elect the following board officers, who immediately took office:

President - Elton Gatewood

Vice-president - Tige Watts

Secretary - Robert Gibbons

Assistant Secretary - Renea Nash

Treasurer - John Hargroves

Assistant Treasurer - Judy Martinson

Sergeant-at-Arms - Tony Olden.

President Gatewood appointed new committee assignments for the coming year. Rod Minarik distributed the wrap-up report from the 2009 Spokane Conference. Jason Bergerson gave an update on planning for the 2011 conference.

Detailed reports on the 2010 conference were presented by "Team NUSA," Little Rock's Planning Committee. Team NUSA coordinator Joan Adcock introduced representatives from the five new national partners: FEMA, HUD, National Parks, City Year and Clinton Presidential Center. After lunch, the meeting reconvened to hear NUSA committee reports.

Friday morning, the Board of Directors heard presentations from five cities bidding to become the host city for NUSA 2012. Cities competing were Louisville, KY; Rochester, MN; Pasadena, CA; Eugene, OR; and Indianapolis, IN. After calculating evaluation points, the Program Development Committee recommended that Louisville, KY be the 2010 host city and the Board voted it so.

President Gatewood then invited all interested board members to join the Executive Committee in meeting with

the national partners. In the afternoon, the board toured the convention facilities and other points of interest in the city.

Saturday, unfinished and new business were conducted by the board as follows: adoption of the 2010 budget presented by the Steering, Budget and Finance Committee; NUSA Treasurer asked to develop a process to use for requesting proposals (RFPs); overview report of meeting with national partners; registration fee for the Little Rock conference set at \$180; Executive Committee to complete the paperwork for NUSA to become a Citizen Corps affiliate of FEMA.

The next NUSA Board meeting is scheduled for February 2010, location as yet unnamed.

2009-2010 NUSA COMMITTEES

Board Development

Chair Mike Gibson
Bob Clement, Terri Strong

Awards Program

Chair Robert Gibbons
Arma Hart, John Hargroves

Bylaws and Rules

Chair Judy Martinson
Charles Armstrong, Rod Minarek

Program Development

Chair Richard Whipple
Andre Bernard, Jason Bergerson
Renea Nash

Membership Services

Chair Margaret Madden
Tony Olden, Erma Markham

Public Affairs

Chair Angela Rush
Tige Watts, Gerri Robinson

Resource Development

Chair Harry Giddens
Fred Ralston, Bridget Schwartz

Financial Report

Balance on Hand (5/15/09)	\$29,834.62
Income (5/15/09 - 10/15/09)	\$26,282.78
Less Expenses (5/15/09 - 10/15/09)	\$22,809.19
Balance on Hand (10/15/09)	\$33,314.21

COMPETITION OPENS FOR 2010 NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDS

Neighborhood of the Year Awards

Did your organization complete a neighborhood improvement project or activity in 2009?

Your neighborhood, homeowners or business association may be eligible to enter the 2010 Neighborhood of the Year Award (NOTY) competition that will bring national attention to the project that made your neighborhood a better place.

Your organization is eligible to submit an application if it has developed and completed a project that benefited your neighborhood in 2009. (Entries that have been previously considered for this award are ineligible.)

There are three categories in which to compete:

1. Physical Revitalization/Beautification – Single Neighborhood

Projects that focus on physical aspects of improving a neighborhood such as parks, lighting, litter control, traffic management, housing improvements, green spaces or business district enhancements.

2. Social Revitalization/Neighborliness – Single Neighborhood

Projects focusing on the social or cultural aspects of a neighborhood such as safety, youth and/or senior programs -- activities that make neighbors feel connected such as an ice cream social, picnic, holiday celebration or festival.

3. Multi-Neighborhood Partnerships

Projects that are jointly produced by at least two neighborhoods or community organizations in a partnership effort, addressing either physical or social concerns.

A panel of national neighborhood leaders will review applications and select a minimum of four finalists in each category.

These finalists will compete with in-person presentations to a judging jury at the NUSA conference.

First, second and third place designation will be awarded in each category and the three first-place winners will be evaluated together to determine the 2010 Neighborhood of the Year Grand Prize Winner. Winners will be announced and plaques and cash prizes presented during the 2010 conference NOTY Awards Luncheon.

NOTY applications can be found on the NUSA website www.NUSA.org.

Entries must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2010.

For more information, contact Awards Program Chair Robert Gibbons, (608) 244-0582, Email robert.gibbons1@charter.net

Best Neighborhood Program Awards

Established in 2007, the Best Neighborhood Program Award recognizes **government entities, businesses and corporations** who have implemented programs to improve neighborhoods. The award is presented in two categories, Social Revitalization and Physical Revitalization. Noteworthy projects eligible for this award must have been completed in 2009. Applications, along with appropriate fee, must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2010.

For details on both of these award programs visit the NUSA website at www.NUSA.org or contact Awards Program Chair Robert Gibbons, telephone at (608) 244-0582 or email at Robert.gibbons1@charter.net.

WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA'S NEIGHBORHOODS

Nominations Invited for Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods Award

In 2009, the Neighborhoods, USA Board of Directors established the "Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods" award as a way to recognize individuals who are neighborhood leaders or who have an obvious and professional dedication to neighborhood issues at the grassroots level and have made their communities better places to live, work and play. The 2010 Little Rock Conference will be the inaugural presentation of the **Who's Who** in America's Neighborhoods Award.

The **Who's Who** in America's Neighborhoods Award was created to recognize those individuals whose work mirrors the mission of Neighborhoods, USA: to build and strengthen neighborhood associations; to encourage neighborhood involvement in the decision-making process in local government; and to promote productive communications and collaborations between neighborhood associations, local government and the public/private sectors.

Only current NUSA members may nominate an individual for the **Who's Who** award and only one nomination per year will be allowed. Current (seated) NUSA board members are ineligible for nomination. Nominating criteria will include: describe the neighborhood involvement of the nominee; explain how the nominee has proven to be a leader in the community; and explain why the nominator feels the nominee has earned the award's recognition. A copy of the complete nominating guidelines can be found at www.nusa.org

No more than four individuals will be selected for the **Who's Who** in American Neighborhoods Award each year. **Who's Who** award recipients for 2010 must be able to attend the NUSA Awards Luncheon held on Friday, May 28 during the 35th Annual NUSA Conference in Little Rock, AR. For details on this award, contact Robert Gibbons, Awards Program Chair, 608-244-0582 or email robert.gibbons1@charter.net.



Good-bye, Mary Brill: NUSA's 2005 Dawson Award Recipient

Sacramento, CA - Mary

Brill, a prominent community organizer who inspired and empowered community residents to get involved in efforts to improve their quality of life, has died Saturday at age 59. She was founder and president of the Sacramento County Alliance of Neighborhoods, a coalition of more than 100 associations that gave communities a voice in the halls of government. Recognized by residents, government and the media as a leading authority on issues relating to the health and well-being of her community, she was named "Woman of the Year" by the California State Assembly and was recognized by NUSA in 2005 as recipient of the "Dawson Family Award."

This award is given in honor and memory of the Dawson family of Baltimore, MD who were killed when their house was firebombed in apparent retaliation for their repeated complaints to police about persistent drug abuse in their neighborhood. Mary Brill was one of only four recipients who have exhibited the values of the Dawson family. We were honored to have known her.

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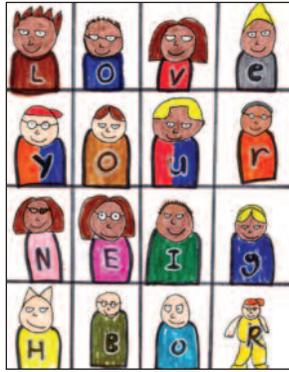
"Grassroots Exchange" Toiro Sakasoukai (Support Group for School Children)

They were also involved in providing input on establishing a Local Governance Institute that would offer practical skills on community organizing and neighborhood planning.

On the final day, a symposium/forum was hosted by JACP entitled "Japan-US Machizukuri (Neighborhood Planning) in Hashikami City: "How Citizens are Involved in Neighborhood Action Plans, Grassroots Organizing for Neighborhood Improvements."

Says Gatewood: "The entire experience was valuable and memorable as it offered great opportunities for global exchange and sharing."

Seattle to Celebrate February "Neighbor Appreciation Day"



**Gerald Tolentino
Dunlap School
Grade 5**

Seattle, WA - February 6, 2010 will mark Seattle's 16th annual Neighbor Appreciation Day, a grassroots celebration in which people and organizations organize block parties, open houses, award ceremonies, potluck dinners, and work parties to recognize and encourage caring neighbors. In addition, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods sponsors an art contest for K-12 students. The winners of the contest have their art featured on Neighbor Appreciation Day greeting cards distributed free to Seattle residents, schools and community organizations. The cards are typically sent to acknowledge the good work of immediate neighbors and others who make their neighborhoods a special place to live. For more information on the greeting cards program, contact Wendy Watson at wendy.watson@seattle.gov or 206-684-0719. To see events planned for Neighbor Appreciation Day, visit the on-line events calendar at www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/calendar

Adopt a Senior This Holiday Season Through Project CARE

Los Angeles - The Los Angeles Department of Aging and the Los Angeles Foundation on Aging created Project CARE (Caring Actions Responding to Elders) in 2006 as an anti-poverty program targeting low income seniors by finding sponsors to fill their holiday wish list. Last year, Project CARE adopted 634 seniors in need and has a goal of 700 seniors this year. For more information on this program, email projectcare@lacity.org or call (213) 252-4042 - Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment. Excerpted from Empower LSA E-News.

NUSA Affiliate Memberships



ALABAMA

Birmingham - Hands-On Youth Activities Program
Montgomery - Building Our Neighborhoods for Development & Success (BOND)

CALIFORNIA

Southern California Neighborhood Partners
Pasadena - Flintridge Operating Foundation

FLORIDA

Florida Neighborhoods Conference
Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations, Inc.

IOWA

Iowa Dept of Economic Development
Iowa Neighborhood Resource Center

NEW JERSEY

Millville Neighborhood Council

SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia Council of Neighborhoods
Greenville - Healthy Greenwood Neighborhoods, Inc.

TENNESSEE

Chattanooga Neighborhood Assn Council
Memphis - Uptown Community Association
Memphis Housing Authority Resident Advisory Board

WASHINGTON

Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

WISCONSIN

Madison Neighborhoods, Inc.

INTERNATIONAL

Japan Association for Community Policy

Neighborhood Alliance Presents "Good Neighbor" Awards

Oklahoma City - The Neighborhood Alliance announced its Good Neighbor Award winners at the Third Annual Good Neighbor Awards Banquet held on November 12, at the Petroleum Club in Downtown OKC. This year's recipients were awarded in five categories: Best Neighborhood Project; Best Neighborhood Newsletter; Corporate Neighbor of the Year; Good Neighbor of the Year; and Neighborhood of the Year.

With over 350 neighborhood associations in the OKC area to choose from, Neighborhood of the Year Award went to Jefferson Park, a historic neighborhood located known for its beautiful parks and bungalows, and its ability to re-create itself. With 11 active board members, it has monthly meetings, publishes a bi-monthly newsletter and maintains a website. Association members take pride in distributing welcome baskets to all new homeowners in the area. They also review and distribute all crime statistics received from the OKC Police Department in an effort to control crime. They participate in the Oklahoma - City Beautiful - sponsored Litter Blitz effort each year, the annual crime prevention activity, National Night Out, and joyfully welcome runners during the Memorial marathon.

The neighborhood has also applied for and received a Margaret Annis Boys Trust grant and a couple of Neighborhood Partnership Grants which have been used to landscape their median and erect signage throughout the neighborhood. The neighborhood actively participates in the feral cat trap, neuter and release program helping the neighborhood to successfully manage cat colonies.

Jefferson Park is the only neighborhood association in Oklahoma City that has an active Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDO) which aims at creating housing stock in low income neighborhoods for first time home buyers. At a recent City Council sub-committee, Jefferson Park was singled out as one of the CHDO success stories because they have so successfully built up their neighborhood that they have almost priced themselves out of the first time housing market!

"The Good Neighbor Awards continue to be an excellent way for us to recognize the outstanding efforts of neighbors and neighborhoods in OKC," said Rocky Williams, Board President. "Every year, we are inspired by the nominated stories of the extraordinary deeds of our neighbors right here in Oklahoma City."

Neighborhood Alliance is a 31 year old non-profit whose mission is to create safe, beautiful and healthy neighborhoods. Through education, advocacy and grant writing assistance, Neighborhood Alliance works closely with over 400 different neighborhood associations, assisting them in creating great places to live and play. Neighborhood Alliance knows that strong, social neighborhoods have less crime and enjoy higher property values, which creates a stronger city for all.

Happy Holidays

FROM NUSA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS



NUSA City/Municipal Memberships

NUSA affirms its role as advocate for neighborhoods through working with city government and encouraging them to create partnerships with their neighborhood associates. Letters have recently been sent to mayors across the country inviting city memberships. Current city memberships are below. If you do not see your city listed, contact Karen Harber, NUSA Administrative Assistant, at kharber1@woh.rr.com or go to www.nusa.org. Click on "memberships".

<u>AB-CANADA</u> Edmonton	<u>COLORADO</u> Commerce City	<u>KENTUCKY</u> Bowling Green Louisville Richmond	<u>PENNSYLVANIA</u> York
<u>ALABAMA</u> Birmingham	<u>FLORIDA</u> Coral Springs Fort Lauderdale Hollywood Jacksonville Lauderhill Leesburg Melbourne Miramar Oakland Park Orlando Pinellas Park	<u>MARYLAND</u> Westminster	<u>S. CAROLINA</u> Spartanburg
<u>ALASKA</u> Anchorage	<u>ARIZONA</u> Chandler Phoenix Tempe	<u>MINNESOTA</u> Rochester	<u>TENNESSEE</u> Chattanooga Memphis
<u>ARKANSAS</u> Little Rock	<u>CALIFORNIA</u> Buena Park Chino Hills Citrus Heights Compton Davis Escondido Long Beach Lynwood Monrovia Palm Springs Pasadena Riverside	<u>MISSISSIPPI</u> Hattiesburg	<u>TEXAS</u> Arlington Fort Worth Garland
	<u>GEORGIA</u> Moultrie	<u>MISSOURI</u> Gladstone	<u>VIRGINIA</u> Chesapeake Roanoke
	<u>ILLINOIS</u> Champaign Peoria Rock Island	<u>NEVADA</u> Henderson Las Vegas	<u>WASHINGTON</u> Auburn Kent Seattle Spokane Tacoma
	<u>INDIANA</u> Indianapolis	<u>N. CAROLINA</u> Raleigh Winston-Salem	
	<u>KANSAS</u> Wichita	<u>OHIO</u> Cincinnati Dayton	
		<u>OREGON</u> Eugene Oregon City	<u>WISCONSIN</u> Madison

Running for the NUSA Board

Now is the time to consider becoming a NUSA Board Member. If you are ready to make a difference by helping build stronger neighborhoods and communities, then you are the type of person we are looking for. It is important that you become acquainted with the following requirements to be considered:

- Must be a member of Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) for at least one year.
- Must have attended a NUSA conference within the past three years.
- Must submit a (2" x 3" or a 3" x 5") color photo with nomination form postmarked by February 15, 2010 (see address below).
- Must attend the 2010 opening breakfast.
- Must attend the 2010 NUSA business meeting held on Saturday morning.
- Must attend the 2010 closing luncheon on Saturday.
- All 2010 prospective candidates must attend one of the Running for the NUSA Board workshops during the annual NUSA Conference unless they attended it in Baton Rouge, LA, Hampton, VA or Spokane, WA. Future prospective candidates should also attend one of the Running for the NUSA Board workshops.
- Must be able to attend the 2010-2013 NUSA board meetings, as follows:

October Mandatory for all new and re-elected board members
March Preferred that all board members attend
May Mandatory for all board members

There will be nine (9) board members vacancies for the three (3) year term of 2010-2013. All candidates' photos and qualifications for the nine positions will be published in the Spring issue of NUSA Newsletter.

Elections will be held 7:30 am - 5:00 pm on Friday at the May conference.

Requests for the official application form and and/or questions regarding the 2010 elections should be addressed to:
Mike Gibson, Board Development Committee Chair, 1027 South Queen Street, York, PA 17403
Email: mgdolphin@yahoo.com

Deadline to submit an application is February 15, 2010.

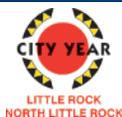
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Neighborhoods, USA Conference

NUSA Comes to Little Rock, Arkansas with Brand New Federal Partners



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- **60 WORKSHOPS**
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Advanced.

- **25 NEIGHBORHOOD TOURS**
Diversity for All

- **SPECIAL YOUTH TRACK**
Workshops & Tours for
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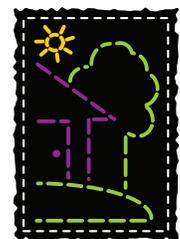
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for your registration
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Convention Facilities

- 1 Statehouse Convention Center
Physically attached to Peabody Hotel
200,000 total sq. ft. including 89,235 sq. ft. of Exhibit Halls (divisible by 4), 18,500 sq. ft. Ballroom (divisible by 8), Eleven (11) meeting rooms
- 2 Robinson Center
Physically attached to DoubleTree Hotel
2,609 Seat Music Hall, 21,237 sq. ft. Exhibit Hall, Eight (8) meeting rooms

Downtown Hotels

- 3 Capital Hotel
- 4 Comfort Inn and Suites
- 5 DoubleTree Hotel
- 6 Holiday Inn Presidential Center
- 7 Legacy Hotel
- 8 Courtyard by Marriott
- 9 Peabody Little Rock
- 10 Radisson Hotel
- 11 Wyndham Riverfront

Attractions

- A Alltel Arena
- B Arkansas Arts Center
- C Arkansas Repertory Theatre
- D Arkansas State Capitol
- E Central High School Museum
- F Clinton Presidential Center
- G Curran Hall Visitor Info Center
- H Governor's Mansion
- I Hoior International World Headquarters and Global Village
- J Historic Arkansas Museum

- K Little Rock National Airport (6 miles from downtown)
- L Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce
- M McArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History
- N Museum of Discovery
- O Old State House Museum
- P River Market Amphitheatre and Pavilions
- Q River Market Entertainment District
- R Riverfront Park



“Team NUSA has made special arrangements with the Little Rock Convention Bureau staff to assist NUSA members in selecting and reserving their hotel accommodations for the 2010 conference. A Housing Bureau form is available at the littlerock.org website and in the conference registration book. Rooms are subject to 11.5% tax in Little Rock.

Airport shuttles (Little Rock Tours) will be running from the airport to the hotels from 2pm - 10:30 pm on Wednesday, May 26 and from 6:30am - 5pm on Saturday, May 29.

Hotel shuttles will run Thursday: 6:30am - 9:30am and again 4:30pm - 9:00pm
Friday: 6:30am - 9:30pm and again 4:30pm - 10:00pm

HOTELS

1 bed 1 person	1 bed 2 people	2 beds 2 people	2 beds 3 people	2 beds 4 people
Peabody Little Rock (Headquarter Hotel)				
\$129	\$129	\$129	\$139	\$149
Comfort Inn & Suites Downtown (Suites \$95)				
\$85	\$85	\$85	\$85	\$85
Holiday Inn Presidential				
\$99	\$99	\$99	\$99	\$99
LaQuinta Inn & Suites Downtown				
\$79.99	\$79.99	\$79.99	\$79.99	\$79.99

Housing Bureau forms must be received by 4/24/10. Contact the Housing Bureau at 501-376-4781 to make changes until 5/11/10. Contact hotel direct after this date. Housing Bureau hours are 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.



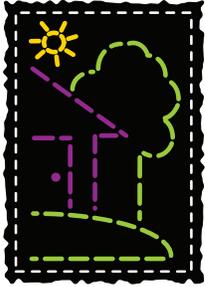
Left - NUSA board members view exhibits at the Clinton Library.



Right - NUSA Awards Program Chair Robert Gibbons assists the hotel Peabody Duck Master in leading the Peabody ducks to water.

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NUSA NEWS is a publication of Neighborhoods, USA, a national non-profit organization created in 1975 and committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. NUSA is dedicated to developing partnerships between neighborhoods, local government and public/private agencies.

This newsletter is sponsored by NUSA's Board of Directors with the intent of sharing with the membership the events and activities taking place across the nation to benefit neighborhoods.

We solicit and encourage submission of articles from local and regional newsletters for reprint in this publication.

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