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Exciting news in Vanguard! 50th Anniversary Conference registration open - get all the details here. Update on CDS as we enter our 50th year.

President's Update by Cindy Banyai



I've been reflecting on the old adage for March, "In like a lion, out like a lamb." March certainly has been a lion for many places around the US this year and I'm sure we're all hoping that the month ends in a more gentle, lamb-like fashion. This is particularly true to ease the burden of our friends and neighbors suffering through extreme temperature swings and flooding this season.

Since I live in Florida, I have the pleasure of a constant stream of northern guests through the month of March. It's wonderful to connect with family and friends and bring them a literal dose of sunshine during the deary late winter months. I'm very fortunate to have so many lifelong friends and close family members that make the trip. These connections, our own social capital, are the building blocks of communities and what we as practitioners of community development seek to build and support in the areas we serve.

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NEWS

50th Anniversary Conference Registration Open



upheaval (sound familiar?) on this campus in these beautiful rolling hills of Missouri.

Come home to Mizzou this summer where it all started in 1969! Bet you didn't know that we are all honorary Tigers! CDS took root back then, in the midst of national and world

In fact, the Missouri CDS and the University of Missouri are rolling out a warm welcome to you for this 50th Anniversary Celebration of CDS, via the 51st Annual International

[Register Here](#)

50th Anniversary Conference Events

You won't want to miss the Opening Reception, Sunday night, July 14, honoring our past with former leaders and founding members, connecting with new and old friends, plus a great 50th anniversary tribute video, and unveiling of a new book detailing the CDS history. On Monday evening, July 15, (after fabulous Mobile Learning Workshops in the afternoon!) there's the Ice Cream Social with Columbia's famous Central Dairy ice cream (a longtime local favorite) at the Orr Street Studios. Then stay tuned Tuesday, July 16, for the re-appearance of the legendary CDS Soap Box.

The CDS Silent Auction will be open throughout the conference, and the Live Auction on Tuesday evening will feature the extraordinary 50th Anniversary CDS Quilt composed of fabric blocks designed by various CDS participants at the 2015, 2016 and 2018 CDS conferences. Start planning today what items you can contribute to the auction, too, to help raise funds that support CDS scholarships and development.

[Conference Details](#)



Family Activities at the Conference

Columbia and surrounding area have so many opportunities for every age. Learn more in the Resources area of Vanguard.

Meanwhile, Doris Littrell is coordinating family activities based on interest during the CDS Conference. See the link below for the wonderful options she has pulled together that will be sure to please children, grandchildren, spouses, significant others, and friends you may wish to bring with you to our 50th Anniversary Conference.

The deadline for activity sign-up is June 15.

[Activity Details](#)

Conference Lodging Options

Three options for lodging nearby the conference venue have been organized by the Local Host Committee for conference participants, all within walking distance. There will be a shuttle to and from the conference hotels to the Bond Center each day.

Please reserve hotel rooms by June 12 to take advantage of the "CDS" room block and get the conference rate of \$149/night (before taxes) for single or double room.



Affordable and modern, suite style dorms on campus at \$57/night single/\$ 32/night double. **Please reserve dorm rooms by May 10.** If you want to reserve dorm rooms, you can do so as an option during the conference registration process.

[Lodging Options](#)

Board Communique on CDS Status

The Community Development Society (CDS) Board of Directors have prepared a communique which aims to provide a status report and vision for CDS as the Society enters its 50th year. The CDS board has been working actively to build financial stability, operational capacity and member engagement. The board would like to inform members of progress in these areas.

Please review the communique which outlines the steps the Board is undertaking.

CDS Board Communique

The Board would also like to remind all members to review the revised bylaws. Comments or questions may be directed to **Margaret Stout**

Bylaw Changes Report

Revised Bylaws



Make history! Be a 50th anniversary CDS volunteer!

Serve as a moderator for one (or more) of the many concurrent break-out sessions we will have over the course of the July conference. Moderators get everyone started on time, welcome attendees and introduce presenters in the break-out room, and get everyone out the door on time. Contact **Jane Leonard** if you are interested in helping out!

RESOURCES



Visit Columbia



ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Community Development Conference June 24-26, 2019 in Dundee, Scotland
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GET INVOLVED



Stay informed. Review the latest minutes from our Board of Directors.

Nov 16, 2018 - Board of Directors - regular meeting

Jan 18, 2019 - Board of Directors - regular meeting

Feb 15, 2019 - Board of Directors - regular meeting



Our committees do valuable work to further the work of the Community Development Society. Stay tuned for updates on Committee Structures and opportunities to get involved.



MEMBER BENEFITS



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What do you look forward to most when

attending a conference?

Networking with colleagues

Select

Mobile learning workshops

Select

Exploring the conference city

Select

Key note presentations

Select

In February we asked, "What is the biggest barrier to good governance that you have experienced?"

Answers were pretty even last month!

Failing to understand fiduciary duties, Avoiding hard questions or discussions, and Operating with outdated or inconsistent governance documents each garnered 26% of the replies.

21% of us answered Micromanaging staff.

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