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## 74<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING RURAL SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

in conjunction with the

Community Development Society

July 28-31, 2011

The Grove Hotel &  
Boise Convention Center  
Boise, Idaho, USA

with additional rooms available at the Hampton Inn

### President's Update

Happy New Year! And best wishes for continued success in your efforts to improve the quality of life in your community.

Fortunately, there are signs that the national economy is improving. While it may take several years for some areas to reach pre-recession employment levels, at least it appears that a rebound is underway. You can be a part of that recovery, and what you do is vitally important, albeit difficult. The CDS Board wants to provide materials and resources to help you succeed.

To this end, several CDS initiatives are underway this year to enhance the professional resources available to you as members and help you succeed.

- A series of Webinars that starts this week will provide information that you can use in your daily operations. The programs will involve ways to finance your

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### CDS Spotlights Members

As part of the CDS membership campaign, the Membership and Marketing Committee has initiated its Member Spotlight on the CDS website. Located under JOIN, this page puts the spotlight on CDS members, and their interests and areas of expertise in the community development profession. Each month the CDS will spotlight new members, gathering the information from the [membership survey located here](#). If you have not already completed this survey, please do so, and maybe you will be the next member in the spotlight!

[Click here to view the CDS Member Spotlight](#)

### Conferences & Meetings

February 3-5, 2011, Charlotte, North Carolina.

[More Information](#)

#### **What Works II**

March 30-April 1, 2011 at the Sheraton Society Hill, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

development organization. Connie Loden is organizing these programs. See her update below or view the CDS website to [register](#).

- The Journal is expanding in length to provide more materials and information about Community Development. Each issue includes a CD-Case to provide detail about an innovative approach. Likewise, the Journal expects to add another issue each year which will increase the volume of information available for use in your community. This information is especially useful to practitioners, so if you have an example of a technique or approach that has worked well, consider submitting it to the Journal. Help us make the journal as useful as possible by suggesting topics or articles and/or write an article, review a book, or participate in other ways.

- The *CD-Practice* series has been revamped. Two issues are currently in the review process. These are additional examples of tools and/or approaches that you can use in your community. Contact Michael Dougherty ([michael.dougherty@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:michael.dougherty@mail.wvu.edu)) if you know of a promising practice that should be highlighted and/or offer to prepare a copy based on your program or activity.

- Fourth, everyone can learn from approaches that have succeeded. Each year, CDS provides awards to programs or members that have been especially successful. We encourage you to help the Awards and Recognition Committee identify these people and help the Society call attention to their successes. Some awards can be self-nominated and, in other

**Rural Entrepreneurship as a Tool for Economic Development**

[The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development \(NERCRD\)](#)

**Broadband and Economic Development**

April 26-28, Dallas, Texas

[More Information](#)

**Food and Agriculture Under the Big Sky** The Joint 2011 Annual Meetings of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society (AFHVS), Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), & Society for Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (SAFN) will be June 9 - 12, 2011 at the University of Montana - Missoula.

[More Information](#)

**ALIA Summer Institute** June 24 - July 1, 2011, Columbus, Ohio

[More Information](#)

**25th Annual Community Development Institute Central**

August 1-5, 2011, Conway, Arkansas

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**Midwest CDI**

August 8-11, Moline, Illinois

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cases, the nomination process is easy. You can help the entire organization by nominating people or programs for these awards. See the column about the [Awards and Recognition Committee](#) by Gisele Hamm below.

- Fifth, plans are underway for the annual conference in Boise, ID, July 27-30, 2011. This will be a unique event because it is co-hosted with the Rural Sociological Society. Interactions between RSS and CDS members will expand the horizons of both groups and can move us ahead in our thinking about successful CD practices.

In many ways, there is a "light at the end of the tunnel" for the economy and, hopefully, as conditions improve this year, we as a society can seriously improve the overall status of our communities. Best wishes for continued success and let us know how the CDS can help you in this important task.

[Norman Walzer](#)  
President

**News from CDS**

**Awards and Recognition Committee**

**By Gisele Hamm, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Western Illinois University**

CDS members engage in various projects and activities that build strong local economies and healthy communities. Their efforts and successes are not always known by

## **NCBA's Annual Meeting and Cooperative Conference: The Power of Cooperative Principles**

October 5-7, 2011, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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***New Partners for Smart Growth***

## **CDS Resources**

### ***Community Pioneers: Fixing the Future***

*Fixing the Future* profiles people creating the new economy and sustainable ways of living from the ground up.

### **PBS**

#### **Food Hub Database System**

The Stroudco Food Hub (United Kingdom) has been working away at connecting local people with local food for many years. Now they are giving away a php application that runs on a web server to support a local food distribution hub to other food co-ops.

**More Information**

#### **UN Report on Poverty and Inequality Website**

The Virtual Institute joined the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development in the launch of its flagship publication.

**UNCTAD Virtual Institute**

## **Grant Opportunities**

### **US Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture - Due March 31**

**Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program Grant**

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constituents and peers. For this reason, the CDS has an *Awards and Recognition* program to recognize outstanding activities and achievements by members and associates.

The nominations process for these awards is now open and the CDS Awards Committee encourages you to help our Society recognize strong professional contributions. In addition to possible selection for an award, these efforts will be considered for a webinar, CD Practice, or other CDS sponsored product.

We recognize members and activities in nine categories: *Student; Outstanding Program; New Professional; Innovative Program; Friend of CD; Distinguished Service; Current Research; Outstanding Research; and CD Achievement*. The nominations process was revised last year. Complete information is available on the [CDS website](#). Awards are announced at the CDS annual conference which will be in Boise, ID, July 27-30, 2011.

An advantage of membership in a professional society is to learn promising practices and successful community development activities. Thus, the awards and recognition program is an integral part of the community development process since it shares promising practices as a way to strengthen efforts by members.

Please consider nominating a member or program to help recognize our colleagues who have made special achievements in the field of community development. Send nominations by March 15, 2011 to: Gisele Hamm, chair, CDS Awards and Recognition Committee (GF-Hamm@wiu.edu).



***Please indicate "2011 CDS Awards Nomination" in the subject line.***

## **Deadline Extended for CDS Scholarship Applications**

***By Linda Sunde, Corporation for National and Community Service***

Thanks to the generous contributions of our members and supporters, the CDS Endowment Fund will distribute three scholarships in 2011 to CDS members and student members presenting at the CDS Annual International Conference in Boise, Idaho, July 27-30, 2011, or at a major community development conference outside the member's home continent. The extended deadline for scholarship applications is February 15, 2011.

### ***Scholarship Fund***

The Scholarship Fund was established, to encourage students of good academic standing and CDS Members in good standing to attend the Annual International Conference. An applicant may receive a scholarship only one time. The amount of the scholarship is \$500.00. Two scholarships will be offered in 2011. The recipients of a scholarship will be recognized at a plenary session of the conference.

Grant Criteria: Student: (a) the applicant is currently enrolled and matriculating in a community development or related curriculum at an accredited college or university with undergraduate or graduate status; (b) the applicant can demonstrate a Grade Point Average of 3.0 minimum; (c) the applicant provides evidence of planned involvement in the Annual International Conference as supported by: (d) a letter of

endorsement from a faculty member who can verify the applicant's status and plans for involvement at the Conference; and (e) the applicant's commitment to participate in the entire Conference.

Grant Criteria: Member: (a) the applicant's CDS membership has been verified by the CDS Secretary or the CDS business office; (b) the applicant has provided a letter outlining his/her planned participation in the Annual Conference; and (c) the applicant makes a formal commitment to participate in the entire Conference.

#### ***Nette Nelson Travel Scholarship Fund***

This Fund was created for the dual purpose of honoring the memory of Nette Nelson and to help defray the expenses of CDS members who wish to participate in a community development conference outside of his or her home continent by presenting a paper or workshop or giving a major address. No member may receive this scholarship more than once. The amount of the scholarship is \$1,000.00. The recipient of a Nette Nelson Travel Scholarship will be recognized at a plenary session of the CDS Annual International Conference.

Grant Criteria: (a) The applicant is a current member of the Community Development Society; (b) the applicant provides evidence of an invitation to present a paper, workshop or major address at a community development conference held outside of the member's home continent plus evidence of his/her acceptance of the invitation; and (c) the applicant provides written support for the importance of the presentation to the community development profession by two other current CDS members.

All funds distributed shall be described as

having been made available by the CDS Nette Nelson Travel Scholarship Fund.

Application Process and Deadline For All Scholarships: Applicant letters will be accepted as email, fax, regular mail, or express delivery. Submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on *February 15, 2011*. Submit to the CDS Vice-President for Operations:

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If sending a fax, send Sharon a note so she can watch for it.

## **CDS Professional Development Webinar Series**

***By Connie Loden, Economic Development Corp. of Manitowoc County, WI***

All sessions are from 2:00-3:00 p.m. CDT

- **Jan 20 -What's Your Hook? - How to Make Your Grant Proposal Stand out from the Rest - Carey Kallenbach**
- **Jan 27- Building Wealth for Your Future - *Capturing the Wealth in Your Community for Public Benefit* - Don Macke and Doug Freedley**
- **Feb 3 - Build in Evaluation to Communicate Public Value - *Demonstrating Outcomes to Funders and Stakeholders* - Ellen Taylor Powell**

- **Feb 10 - How to Make Your Organization More Sustainable through establishing Social Enterprises**
- **Feb 17 - Build Partnerships to Leverage Additional Resources - 1-2 case studies - CPI Case Study with Connie Loden; SET with Bo Bealieu**
- **Feb 24 - Being an Effective Fund Raiser for Your Non-Profit - tips you should know - National Association of Non-Profits**

Please print registration form, complete and email the CDS Business Office at [mallory@assnoffices.com](mailto:mallory@assnoffices.com) or fax to 614.221.1998. When you register, you will be given the web address, password information, and telephone number of the session, which also will allow time for interaction with the speakers. [Register Here.](#)

### ***Vanguard Now Archived Online***

Looking for something you read about CDS? Did something in CDS UpFront tickle your fancy? [Back issues of the Vanguard](#) can now be found on the CDS Website.

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## **CDS UpFront**

***Compiled by Timothy Collins, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Western Illinois University***

### **The Future of Small Towns**

The Center for Small Towns at the University of Minnesota-Morris held a two-day symposium on the health and future of small towns. The article features CDS member Jane Leonard.

[Daily Yonder](#)

### **Seven New Year's Resolutions to Make Her Neighborhood a Better Place**

Instead of trying to make herself better, Sarah Goodyear is going to work harder to improve the place where she lives.

[Grist](#)

One Small Town, Three Moralities

A new book by Lyn C. MacGregor that studies a Wisconsin town finds that small-town residents see community -- and their place in it -- in three strikingly different ways.

[Daily Yonder](#)

### **KC Fed Puts Rural America at Forefront of Economic Rebound**

In 2010, rural America was at the forefront of the economic recovery. The latest edition of the *Main Street Economist* reviews developments in the rural economy and discusses prospects for the year ahead.

[Main Street Economist](#)

### **New Formula Finds More Americans in Poverty**

Under a new revised census formula, overall poverty in 2009 stood at 15.7 percent, or 47.8 million people.

[Boston Globe](#)

### **Agencies Announce Final Rule to Expand Scope of Community Reinvestment Act Regulations**

Federal bank and thrift regulatory agencies have announced changes to Community

Reinvestment Act (CRA) regulations to support stabilization of communities affected by high foreclosure levels.

[More Information](#)

### **Economic Insecurity Affects Most Americans, Report Finds**

Yale University and The Ohio State University have issued a report suggesting that economic insecurity seems to be the rule rather than the exception for most Americans.

[Read the Report](#)

### ***The Modern Utopian: Alternative Communes of the '60s and '70s***

Preview of a new book by Richard Fairchild.

[AlterNet](#)

### **Solidarity Economy**

#### ***Defined***

The Solidarity Economy is an alternative development framework grounded in practice and in the principles of: solidarity, mutualism, and cooperation; equity in all dimensions; social well-being over profit and the unfettered rule of the market; sustainability; social and economic democracy; and pluralism, allowing for different forms in different contexts, open to continual change and driven from the bottom-up.

[More Information](#)

### ***Origins and development of the concept and the movement***

Yvon Poirier, Chair of Canada's CEDNet International Committee, has prepared a historical overview of the concept of the solidarity economy.

[Read More](#)

Do you have something to share?

We welcome member input and articles for our Vanguard e-news bulletin. If you have something that you would like to get out to the entire membership, or if you have comments or suggestions, send them to [CDS@assnoffices.com](mailto:CDS@assnoffices.com) with subject e-news bulletin. We will do our best to accommodate your articles in a timely manner.

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