



# NUSA NEWS

## *Be Seen in Eugene in 2014!*

The Neighborhoods, USA's 39th Annual Conference on Neighborhood Concerns, hosted by the City of Eugene, Oregon, is the place to be May 21 - 24, 2014.

### *Conference Activities*

The City of Eugene's goal for the conference is to create a vibrant and exciting event that embraces diversity, as well as one that embraces economic and environmental sustainability. Plans call for 9-10 Neighborhood Pride tours and more than 40 workshops. Conference workshop tracks include:

- Eating Well Close to Home: Food Security & Culture
- Growing Green
- Town-Gown and Neighborhood Relations
- Caring and Safe Communities
- Creating Inclusive Communities
- The ABC's of Organizing
- Bring on the Fun - Parks, Arts and Culture
- All About NUSA

Keynote speakers have also been selected to complement the conference and motivate attendees. The three keynote speakers are:

- Michele Hunt
- Julian Agyeman
- Jim Diers

### *Conference Hotel*

The Hilton Eugene & Conference Center is the host hotel for NUSA's Annual Conference. The conference hotel rate is \$99 a night (not including taxes). Reservations for hotel rooms will open at a later date.

The hotel, located in the heart of downtown Eugene, has numerous restaurants, entertainment and art venues located nearby. The hotel is readily accessible with complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport, as well being within walking distance from the Amtrak station.

### *Conference Registration*

The conference registration fee is \$225. Registration will open in early 2014, and information on registration and the conference in general will be updated regularly on Neighborhoods, USA's website at [www.nusa.org](http://www.nusa.org), so stay tuned!

The City of Eugene looks forward to welcoming you to its lovely city. For more information, contact our Conference Coordinator Rene Kane at [rene.c.kane@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:rene.c.kane@ci.eugene.or.us).

## *Celebration of Retirement*

Please join the Neighborhoods, USA's (NUSA) Board of Directors in wishing our Administrative Assistant Karen Harber a happy and well-deserved retirement so that she can spend more time with her family!



Karen has served the NUSA Board for more than 20 years. In that time, she has worked with 10 different NUSA presidents, more than 100 different Board Members, and thousands of NUSA

members. Karen has also attended more than 20 different NUSA conferences and at least 60 board meetings.

Karen has been a huge asset to the organization and the Board Members. She has kept us all organized and prepared, all the while with good humor and a smile. We will miss her greatly!

Karen has assured the Board she will continue to hold NUSA near her heart and that she plans to see us at future NUSA conferences.

The NUSA Board wishes Karen all the best, and instead of goodbye we wish her a fond farewell ...until we meet again.

# Who's Who Award Recognizes Individuals In America's Neighborhoods

Neighborhoods, USA 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.

Ideal candidates are individuals whose work exemplifies NUSA's mission to build and strengthen neighborhood associations, encourage neighborhood involvement in the decision-making process in their local government and work to promote productive communication and collaborations between neighborhood associations, local government and the public/private sector.

No more than four individuals may be selected for the Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods Award each year. Only current NUSA members may nominate an individual for consideration and only one nomination per person is allowed every year. Current NUSA board members are ineligible for nomination.

Nominations must include:

- A description of the nominee's neighborhood involvement.
- An explanation of how the nominee has proven to be a leader in their community.
- An explanation of why the nominee deserves the Who's Who award recognition.

Who's Who award submission requirements and application guidelines can be obtained by visiting <http://www.nusa.org/nusa-awards/award-application>. Who's Who award recipients must be able to attend the 2014 NUSA Awards Luncheon held on Friday, May 23 during the 39th Annual NUSA Conference in Eugene, Oregon. All nominations for the Who's Who award should be postmarked by February 1, 2014 in order to be eligible for consideration. For additional details on this award, contact Robert Gibbons by phone at 608-244-0582 or by email at [AwardsProgram@nusa.org](mailto:AwardsProgram@nusa.org).

## In Memory



Charles Kelly, a former NUSA board member for eight years, passed away on October 12.

Mr. Kelly, 74, was a lifelong Baton Rouge, Louisiana resident who served as Baton Rouge Parish metro councilman from 1997 - 2008.

NUSA Board members and friends remember Mr. Kelly as a dedicated, hard-working community volunteer, as well as a man of integrity with a passion for life.

## Best Neighborhood Program Award

Established in 2007, the Best Neighborhood Program award recognizes the outstanding work of government entities and businesses for their work to improve the quality of life in their communities. Best Neighborhood Program awards are given in two categories: Social Revitalization and Physical Revitalization.

To be eligible for the 2014 award, applicants must have completed a noteworthy neighborhood improvement project in 2013. Award application guidelines can be obtained by visiting <http://www.nusa.org/nusa-awards/award-application>.

All submissions must include the \$100 entry fee and be postmarked by February 1, 2014. Best Neighborhood Program Award recipients will be recognized during the closing luncheon on Saturday, May 24, 2014. For additional information contact Robert Gibbons by phone at 608-244-0582 or by email at [AwardsProgram@nusa.org](mailto:AwardsProgram@nusa.org).

## Financial Report

<b>Beginning Balance (10/01/2012)</b>	<b>\$ 24,004.76</b>
<b>Income (10/1/12 - 09/30/2013)</b>	<b>\$ 124,431.61</b>
<b>Less Expenses (10/1/12 - 09/30/2013)</b>	<b>\$ 113,861.29</b>
<b>Balance on Hand (10/01/2013)</b>	<b>\$ 34,575.08</b>

# 2014 Neighborhood of the Year Awards

2014 marks the 30th year that NUSA will recognize the outstanding work of neighborhood organizations, from all across the United States, for their efforts to improve the quality of life in their communities.

Neighborhood associations may compete in three Neighborhood of the Year award categories:

- Physical Revitalization/Beautification - 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.
- Social Revitalization/Neighborliness - Projects that focus on the social or cultural aspects of a neighborhood and make neighbors feel connected to each other.
- Multi Neighborhood Partnerships - Projects, undertaken by a least two neighborhood and/or community organizations in partnership, that focus on social or physical revitalization efforts.

A panel of national neighborhood leaders will review applications and select a minimum of four finalists in each category. Finalists then will present their projects, with in-person presentations, to a judging panel during the 2014 NUSA Conference. A first

place winner will be selected in each category, and those winners will then be evaluated to determine the grand prize Neighborhood of the Year winner. All winners will be announced during the Neighborhood of the Year luncheon on Friday, May 23.

Award submission requirements and application guidelines can be found at <http://www.nusa.org/nusa-awards/award-application>. All submissions must include the \$65 entry fee and be postmarked by February 1, 2014. For additional information contact Robert Gibbons by phone at 608-244-0582 or by email at [AwardsProgram@nusa.org](mailto:AwardsProgram@nusa.org).



## Newsletter Award Recognizes Excellence in Communication



Established in 2010, the Neighborhood Newsletter Award highlights the importance of a vital communication tool for neighborhood organizations, community groups and local governments. The competition features three award levels: Gold, Silver and Bronze and two categories: Electronic Format and Print Format. Each entry will be evaluated by a panel of judges for content, layout and overall appearance.

To enter the competition, two consecutive issues of a newsletter published in 2013 must be submitted with a completed application and entry fee - \$50 for electronic format submissions and \$65 for printed format submissions. Submission requirements and application guidelines can be found at <http://www.nusa.org/nusa-awards/award-application>. Entries must be postmarked by February 1, 2014 in order to be eligible for consideration.

Winners will be announced during the 2014 NUSA Conference being held in Eugene, Oregon from May 21-24, 2014. Entrants need not be present to win.

For additional information or questions regarding the newsletter competition, contact Robert Gibbons by phone at 608-244-0582 or by email at [AwardsProgram@nusa.org](mailto:AwardsProgram@nusa.org).

# NUSA Affiliate Memberships

## ALABAMA

- Birmingham:  
Hands on Youth Activities Program, Inc.
- Montgomery:  
Building our Neighborhoods for Development and Success

\* Affiliation in Process

## CALIFORNIA

- Southern California Neighborhood Partners
- Livermore - Stop Urban Blight
- Long Beach - California Heights Neighborhood Association\*

## FLORIDA

- Florida Neighborhoods Conference, Inc.
- Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations, Inc.
- St. Petersburg:  
- Yacht Club Estates Civic Association  
- Historic Kenwood Neighborhood Association\*

## IDAHO

- Idaho Crime Prevention Association

## INDIANA

- Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center
- South Bend - Neighborhood Resources Corporation

## IOWA

- Iowa Department of Economic Development/  
Iowa Neighborhood Resource Center

## KANSAS

- Wichita Independent Neighborhoods, Inc.

## MINNESOTA

- Minneapolis - Northside Residents Redevelopment Council\*

## SOUTH CAROLINA

- Columbia Council of Neighborhoods
- Richland County Neighborhood Council
- Rock Hill Council of Neighborhoods\*

## VIRGINIA

- Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference, Inc.
- Roanoke - The Urbiculture Foundation

## WASHINGTON

- Community Council of Tacoma\*

## WISCONSIN

- Madison Neighborhoods, Inc.

## INTERNATIONAL

- Japan Association for Community Policy

# NUSA City/County Memberships

## AB-CANADA

Edmonton

## ALABAMA

Birmingham

## ALASKA

Anchorage

## ARIZONA

Chandler  
Tempe

## ARKANSAS

Little Rock

## CALIFORNIA

Carlsbad  
Chino Hills  
Citrus Heights  
Compton  
Davis  
Dublin  
Escondido  
Long Beach  
Los Angeles  
Modesto  
Monrovia  
Riverside

## FLORIDA

Coral Springs  
Hollywood  
Miramar  
Oakland Park  
Orlando

## GEORGIA

Fulton County

## ILLINOIS

Decatur

## INDIANA

Indianapolis

## KANSAS

Topeka  
Unified Government-  
Wyandotte County  
Wichita

## MARYLAND

Westminister

## MINNESOTA

Minneapolis  
Saint Paul

## MISSISSIPPI

Hattiesburg

## MISSOURI

Gladstone  
Kansas City

## NEBRASKA

Omaha

## NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh  
Winston-Salem

## OREGON

Eugene

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia  
Richland County  
Spartanburg

## TENNESSEE

Memphis

## TEXAS

Arlington  
DeSoto  
Fort Worth  
Houston  
Plano  
Round Rock

## VIRGINIA

Roanoke

## WASHINGTON

Kent  
Tacoma

## WISCONSIN

Green Bay  
Madison

# Become A Member Today!

There are five categories of membership in NUSA:

- Affiliate - NUSA affiliates are composed of groups of neighborhood leaders /practitioners who actively work to build and strengthen neighborhoods. There is no charge to become a NUSA affiliate.
- City/County - City/County memberships are available for \$100 annually.
- Corporate - Corporate memberships are available for \$150 annually.
- Individual - One year individual memberships are included in the conference registration fee or by a separate payment of \$50.
- Youth- Youth memberships are available for \$25 annually.

For more information on memberships visit - [www.nusa.org](http://www.nusa.org).

