

AGA Chapter Meeting Minutes

October 2010

Submitted by Debra Bloomingburg, Secretary

The Nashville Area Chapter held its October meeting at the Nashville City Club on Thursday, October 7, 2010.

President Melvin Jones, Jr., called the meeting to order, and Alla Cox gave the invocation. Melvin introduced the individuals at the head table: Chuck Holland, Co-Chair of the Program Committee; Tammy Fruscione, Co-Chair of the Community Service Committee; Lillie Duncan, American Diabetes Association representative; Cynthia Setters, CEC Director and Co-Chair of the Meetings and Attendance Committee; Hank Clay, CEC Director and Chair of the Early Careers Committee; and Joe Fisher, speaker.

Melvin welcomed everyone and asked those who had guests to introduce their guests. He also announced that the chapter has three new members. The new members are Karen Degges, Mohsen Fahim, and Charles Hall.

Chuck Holland introduced the speaker, Joe Fisher who is known as the “Voice of the Vanderbilt Commodores.” Mr. Fisher spoke about his career as a sports announcer and how he got his current job as Director of Broadcasting at Vanderbilt University. He is amazed at the outreach of his sports broadcasts through radio and the internet. He’s heard from listeners from several states as well as many foreign countries. Mr. Fisher also mentioned the accomplishments of many of the athletes at Vanderbilt. Especially impressive were the comments that Vanderbilt’s student athletes maintain a Grade Point Average above 3.0 and that at least 94% graduate.

Melvin shared a poem he wrote about his remembrances of playing for his high school’s football team – the Black and Gold Trojans of Millington, Tennessee.

In appreciation for Joe Fisher speaking to us, the chapter will make a donation to his charity of choice, which is the Boys and Girls Club of Middle Tennessee.

Melvin asked if any corrections needed to be made to the minutes for the September meeting. Since no corrections were mentioned, Melvin asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Joe Holzmer moved that the minutes be approved; Cynthia Setters seconded the motion; and the members voted to approve the September meeting minutes.

Melvin then called for announcements from the various committees.

Announcements

Community Service – Tammy Fruscione, Co-Chair of the Community Service Committee, thanked the members who participated in the Alzheimer’s Walk on September 25. She said that the chapter raised \$855 and the National office matched this amount. Our total donation to the Alzheimer’s Association was \$1,710.

Tammy also mentioned that supplies and monetary donations of \$100 were delivered to Alex Green Elementary. Thirty-four members donated supplies and money. Also, Melvin Jones, Jr., and Joe Waldrum donated their time and landscaping skills last week working on the atrium at the school. All donations were greatly appreciated by the staff and students.

The coats, hats, and gloves drive is underway. If anyone would like to help collect donations, please contact Mel Marcella.

On October 30, the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk will be held at 9:00 a.m. at LP Field. Anyone interested in participating should contact Rhonda Williams.

Tammy then introduced Lillie Duncan, a representative from the American Diabetes Association (ADA), who talked about Diabetes and the work of the ADA, especially the Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes. The walk will take place Saturday, November 6, at Centennial Park. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. and the walk starts at 9:30 a.m.

Ray Register reminded everyone that boxes will be available at each luncheon meeting for food donations to the Second Harvest Food Bank. He also mentioned that monetary donations will be accepted. Checks should be made payable to “Second Harvest Food Bank.”

Education – Don Evancic mentioned the upcoming audio conference on October 20 entitled “Was it Fraud or Just Poor Audit Quality.” If interested in attending, please sign-up on the chapter’s website.

The Education Committee will be hosting a fall breakfast on November 9 at the Doubletree Hotel. Additional information and registration will be available soon.

The CPE certificates for the September meeting will be available at the November meeting.

Membership – Jennifer Lewis, Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, reminded everyone that the current membership incentive ends on October 31. Through this incentive, the member who sponsors the most new members will receive \$100, and the other sponsors will be included in a drawing for \$50. So far, the member with the most recruits has recruited two members. She also reminded everyone that first time guests can attend for free, and new members will get a certificate for a free luncheon. Also, any members who sponsor two new members will get a certificate for a free luncheon. The AGA National Office set a goal of 37 new members for our chapter. We are well on our way with 12 new members.

Kathy Anderson won the drawing for the \$25 door prize.

Melvin declared the meeting adjourned.