

AGA Chapter Meeting Minutes November 2009

Submitted by Shirley Henry, Secretary

The Nashville Area Chapter held its November meeting at the Nashville City Club on Thursday, November 5, 2009.

President Karen Hale called the meeting to order, and Steve Henley gave the invocation. Karen introduced the individuals at the head table: Tammy Fruscione, Community Service Committee member; Brenda Steele, speaker; Becki Mastrian, speaker; and Jann Seymour, speaker.

Karen welcomed everyone and asked those who had guests to introduce their guests. She also announced that the chapter has eleven new members.

Tammy Fruscione introduced the first speaker, Brenda Steele, Principal of the Alex Green Elementary Impact School. Ms. Steele talked about some of the programs at the school and expressed her appreciation for the chapter's support. Tammy said that the collection of supplies for Alex Green will be ongoing throughout the chapter year and can be given to her for delivery to the school. Tammy then introduced the second speaker, Becky Mastrian, Fort Campbell Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator. Ms. Mastrian gave us some information about the Fort Campbell community and talked about the Little Soldier Tree Program, which helps provide Christmas gifts for children of military personnel. She expressed her thanks for the chapter's support of this program and said how much it means to the families. A list was included on the tables for members who were interested in supporting the program to sign up. Tammy introduced our third speaker, Jann Seymour, Assistant Director of Operation and Events, at the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Jann talked about the foundation and shared some slides with us of children whose wishes they have fulfilled, and she also told us what a difference it makes for the kids and their families. She said that at the AGA conference that was held in Nashville, our chapter raised \$2,000 for the foundation, and the money was used to cover airfare for a child and her family to go to Disney World.

Karen then called for announcements from the various committees.

Announcements

Community Service - Jacqueline Laws said that she is awaiting a response from the Nashville Rescue Mission about a tentative date of November 19 for members of our chapter to help serve a meal at the Mission. She will send out an email or include information in the newsletter when she receives confirmation of the event.

Membership - Ann Collett reminded everyone of the member recruitment campaign that is going on through the end of November. The member who recruits the most new members will receive a \$100 prize at the December meeting; in case of a tie, there will be a drawing. There will also be a drawing for a \$50 prize from all of the other members that have recruited new members. Another recruitment campaign will begin on December 1 and go through April. She

also said members earn points for recruiting new members, and the points are factored into the overall points program that might result in a partial payment of your dues.

Ann Collett announced a new program, the Educational Assistance Scholarship Program, which will provide scholarships for up to eight members to attend the Winter Seminar. This program is designed to provide assistance for those members who might not otherwise be able to obtain the funding to attend. The scholarship is based on the applicant demonstrating a genuine need for assistance. She also said that the Early Careers Committee will sponsor one scholarship. An application for the scholarship will be available online.

CGFM - Gerry Boaz asked each of the three speakers to draw a name from the seven individuals who had applied for the CGFM exam subsidy. The three winners of the drawing were Corey Tester, Angela McElrath-Prosser, and Maryanne Morris.

Gerry announced that training for the CGFM exam will begin in January for exam 1.

Education - Corey Tester announced the chapter's Winter Seminar scheduled for January 19 and 20, which is entitled the "Road to Recovery" and encouraged everyone to plan to attend.

Corey also announced that the next audio conference will be on December 16 and is entitled "Latest Trends in Occupational Fraud."

Corey also reminded everyone to pick up their CPE certificates.

Program - Nichole Curtiss announced the special program that is planned for the December meeting. Betty Ashton Mayo, a local harpist, will perform and will also speak to the chapter about her work at Vanderbilt University in music therapy.

Tommie Pendergrass won the fish bowl drawing.

Karen Hale called out the names of new members and asked them to stand and be recognized. She also asked them to see her at the end of the meeting to receive a small gift and to be in a group picture.

Karen asked if there were any corrections to the minutes for the October meeting, and since no corrections were noted, the minutes were considered to be approved.

There being no further business, Karen Hale declared the meeting adjourned.