

May 7, 2009 Chapter Meeting

The Nashville Area Chapter held its May monthly meeting at the Wildhorse Saloon on Thursday, May 7, 2009. President Kathy Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:00 and welcomed everyone in attendance including guests and new members. The invocation for the luncheon was offered by Tommie Pendergrass.

Kathy announced the minutes for the April 2009 meetings have been posted to the website. If there are no corrections requested they will be considered approved as posted.

Kathy announced the new members John Pyne, Wendi Goodwin and David Crouse. Kathy also asked members to consider joining a committee for the next program year.

Awards and Special Recognition:

Teresa Kennedy and Jeff Hughes, Awards Co-Chairs, presented the Fawn Ellis scholarship award to Nu Nguyen and the William Snodgrass scholarship to Regina Dobbins.

Karen Hale recognized Ron Anderson (not present), Charles Bilbrey (not present) and Charles Harrison as retired AGA members. Charles Harrison was also presented an award for his many years of service to AGA and he spoke of the benefits of the organization and encouraged others to participate.

Suzanne Sawyers, Community Service Co-Chair, presented two community service awards to Jeff Hughes and Todd Liebergen. The winners will have \$50 donated to the charity of their choice.

Robyn Probus, Early Careers Chair, presented two early careers awards one to Jeff Hughes for submitting a newsletter article and the second MVP award to Jeff Hughes for being the early careers member who earned the most points. She also gave away two Early Career membership dues reimbursements to Erin Tucker and Jennifer Sidney.

Jennifer Lewis, Membership Co-Chair, conducted a drawing for the members who renewed their membership by March 31 and Lucis Hoffman won \$100. Drawings were held out of all the members who had sponsored new members during the year. First was the prize of \$100 and two Universal Studios tickets. Jeff Hughes' name was drawn and he declined the Universal tickets part of the prize. Another name was drawn for the tickets and Sharon Barnard was selected and the second prize was for \$100 and Ann Collett's name was drawn.

Rhonda Williams, Newsletter Editor, presented two newsletter awards one to Jeff Hughes for his financial article and Suzanne Sawyers submitting a non-financial article.

Teresa Kennedy, Awards Co-Chair, presented two members of the year award to Jeff Hughes and Tammy Fruscione.

Kathy Anderson presented two president's awards one for Chas Taplin, Chapter Treasurer, for his hard work both with the regular chapter business and with the financial needs of for the Regional Professional Development Conference. The second to Michelle Earhart, Program Co-Chair, for the incredible program she pulled together for the chapter meetings and for the Professional Development Conference. Michelle also organized the social and networking events.

PDC Drawing:

Corey Tester won the drawing to attend the National Professional Development Conference in New Orleans, Susanne Sawyers 1st alternate, Jennifer Lewis 2nd alternate, Angela McElrath-Prosser 3rd alternate, Charles Harrison 4th alternate (he declined), Rusty Lacy became the 4th alternate.

Other Business:

Kathy announced the officers and directors for the 2009-10 program year and conducted the oath of office. She encouraged others to serve in the chapter leadership in future years. Kathy passed the gavel to Karen Hale, 2009-10 President-elect, who presented a president's award to Kathy and spoke of the coming program year.

Tommie Pendergrass won the \$25 door prize.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 P.M.