

AGA Chapter Meeting Minutes September 2010

Submitted by Shirley Henry

The Nashville Area Chapter held its September meeting at the Nashville City Club on Thursday, September 2, 2010.

President Melvin Jones, Jr. called the meeting to order, and he gave the invocation. Melvin introduced the individuals at the head table: Sandra Tulloss, CEC Director; Wynett Jones, Cancer Walk speaker; Tammy Thompson, Co-Chair of the Meetings and Attendance Committee; Chuck Holland, member of the Program Committee; and Dave Goetz, speaker.

Melvin recognized AGA chapter member Steve Phillips, who will be retiring on September 16, and thanked him for his many years of service.

Melvin welcomed everyone and asked those who had guests to introduce their guests. He also announced that the chapter has eight new members, and he called out their names at the meeting. The new members are Nena Graham, Joseph Waldrum, Joseph Lipman, Justin Wilson, Robert Burns, Kristie Bailey, Gertrude Luther, and Doreen Zientar.

Chuck Holland introduced the speaker, Dave Goetz, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration. The Commissioner provided a financial overview of the State of Tennessee based in part on a slide presentation that was used recently by the Governor in a meeting with the bond rating agencies in New York City. In appreciation for Commissioner Goetz's speaking to us, the chapter will make a donation to his charity of choice, which is the Second Harvest Food Bank.

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

Melvin asked Sandra Tulloss to come forward for an announcement. Sandra said that for the first time the chapter is sponsoring a team for the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk, which will be on September 25, 2010, at Edwin Warner Park at 10:00 a.m. It is a one-mile walk, and there is no fee to participate. Everyone is welcome to participate in the walk; you can make a monetary donation in support of the AGA team even if you are unable to participate in the walk. Members can sign up for the walk and also make donations at the web address that Sandra had sent out earlier in an e-mail. Sandra shared some statistics regarding the prevalence of Alzheimer's and the fact that there is no cure. Sandra also shared her personal story about her father who died with Alzheimer's.

Sandra introduced Wynett Jones, who spoke about the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, which will be on October 30, 2010. It is a 5-mile walk/run and will begin at LP Field with registration at 8:00 a.m. She said the event raised almost \$500,000 last year. Rhonda Williams, Co-Chair of the Awards Committee, is the contact person for our chapter if you want to participate in the walk or make a donation.

Melvin then called for announcements from the various committees.

Announcements

Education - Corey Tester, Chair of the Education Committee, reminded everyone to sign the sheet for today's meeting to get the CPE. Corey announced that the next audio conference will be on September 29, and Keevia Battle is coordinating the event. She will be sending out specific information later.

Membership - Jennifer Lewis, Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, announced that the committee has a new member incentive from May through the end of October with the member who sponsors the most new members receiving \$100, and the other sponsors being put in for a drawing for \$50. She reminded us that first time guests can attend free, and if they join, their first lunch as a new member is free. Any members who sponsor two new members will get a certificate for a free lunch. Jennifer said that our new member goal set by the AGA National Office is 37 new members.

Melvin noted the recognitions that some of our members received in the Fall 2010 *AGA Journal*, which was celebrating AGA's 60th anniversary. Tammy Fruscione, Co-Chair of the Community Service Committee, was recognized on page 30 in the "Members Who Made a Difference" for her many years of community service work. On page 31, where there was a write-up about the establishment of a Facebook page for AGA, Karen Hale's and Jeff Hughes' pictures were included. Richard Norment was recognized in the "National President's Gallery" for his service in 2001-2002.

Jane Lacy won the \$25 door prize.

Melvin announced that he had two tickets for tonight's Titans game compliments of the Southeast Financial Credit Union on a first-come first-serve basis.

There being no further business, Melvin declared the meeting adjourned.