

October 2, 2008 Chapter Meeting

The Nashville Area Chapter held its October monthly meeting at the Nashville City Club on Thursday, October 2, 2008. President Kathy Anderson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance including the guests, new members.

Note: the minutes from September 4th Chapter Luncheon and recent CEC meeting on September 29th are pending and need review and approval by the CEC or membership.

The president introduced the member of the head table to include: Charles Harrison, Assistant to the Comptroller of the Treasury, Commissioner Jim Fyke, Department of Environment and Conservation, Philisa Bennett, Assistant to the Commissioner for Support Services, Jennifer Lewis, Membership Co-Chair and Two-Year Director, and Michelle Earheart, Director and Co-Chair of Chapter Program.

The invocation for the luncheon was done by Chas Taplin. Subsequently, Kathy asked for volunteers to coordinate money collection to be donated to the surviving children of Liz Birchett, former employee of the Division of State Audit and Bond Finance. The membership had a minute of silence to pay respect for the recent departure of Mrs. Birchett.

Charles Harrison, Assistant to the Comptroller of the Treasury introduced the luncheon speaker Mr. Jim Fyke, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The Commissioner thanked Mr. Harrison for the lengthy introduction. The Commissioner talked about Tennessee's development in the State Parks, the awards and recognition to the park among the nation, the shared vision and morale of the staff that support these recreational venues, the efforts of conservancy by the federal government, the proactive measures and partnerships to continue improving the development and conservancy of the State of Tennessee's parks. The Commissioner showed a 12-minute video about the beauty of the parks, locations, costs, expansion, etc. The Commissioner encouraged the membership to visit the parks, help conserve them and, contact his office with ideas to improve the parks.

The Chapter President presented a check for \$35.00 to Commissioner Fyke as a token of appreciation for coming to speak at the monthly luncheon. The donation was made to the American Cancer Society, charity of choice by the Commissioner.

Announcements:

A \$25 cash gift was awarded to Joe Kimery. Kathy mentioned that a "wish you well" card was going to be passed around the members for Melvin Jones, President Elect who is experiencing knee and health problems and unable to be with us at CEC or luncheons.

Jennifer Lewis from Membership Committee announced that the Chapter will reimburse \$35.00 to the existing members who pay their dues by March 31st of 2009, and also enter a drawing for a free lunch.

Past President and Co-Chair of CGFM Committee Gerry Boaz announced the upcoming dates for Exam 1 training session on September 29th and, to email the Committee by September 19th to express interest on the free training. Furthermore the Committee will be purchasing two complete sets of the new CGFM Exam 1, 2, and Exam 3 Study guides developed by the National AGA office. These study guides are available for checkout after each training session on a first come first serve basis.

Beth Pugh from Community Service announced the upcoming community service events by the Chapter to include: Hands on Nashville Day 9/27/08, Step Out To Fight Diabetes Walk 10/07, Project Pencil 10/08, Second Harvest Food Bank Drive 10/08 and, Bingo Night 10/14/08.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.