

September 4, 2008 Chapter Meeting

The Nashville Area Chapter held its September monthly meeting at the Nashville City Club on Thursday, September 4, 2008. President Kathy Anderson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance including the guests, and new members. The minutes from the CEC were approved. Rusty Lacy offered the invocation for the luncheon. The Awards Committee presented Stephanie Gordon with the \$1,500 Fawn W. Ellis scholarship and Christina Winch with the \$1,500 William R. Snodgrass Scholarship.

Melinda Parton introduced the head table and introduced the speaker Mr. John Morgan, Comptroller of the Treasury of the State of Tennessee. Mr. Morgan spoke regarding the challenges faced by the State of Tennessee regarding its tax structure as well as ability to finance ongoing government operations. Mr. Morgan explained that the status quo in both of these areas will not help Tennesseans compete in the 21st Century job market.

Furthermore, Mr. Morgan explained that some solutions include support for education in Tennessee remains comparably well below our peers as well as most other high performing states. Mr. Morgan encouraged each member to reflect and take activate part at promoting awareness coming up with solutions to this problem. As a token of appreciation, the Chapter donated \$35 to the charity of choice by Mr. Morgan, which was the APSU Foundation.

Announcements:

The Early Career Committee developed a myspace and a face book page to help promote and facilitate networking among our early career members. The committee will be adding information regarding early career and full membership networking events, community service events, and any other information we can find to put out there. The committee is promoting involvement of the chapter's new members by submitting an article for the Chapter's monthly newsletter and automatically be entered to win \$25. Also, by participating in Chapter activities and accumulate more points than any other Early Career member and be eligible for a \$100 "MVP" award.

The Community Service Committee announced upcoming events to Hands on Nashville Day 2008 Saturday, September 27, 2008 8:00 am – 12:00 pm McGavock Elementary. The committee announced the Step Out to Fight Diabetes Walk Nashville Zoo at Grasmere October 11, 2008, Registration Opens: 7:30 AM Event Start Time: 8:30 AM. The Project Pencil Supply Drive is still collecting school supply items for Alex Green Elementary School. These supplies will be collected until the October 2008 AGA luncheon. Bingo Night with the American Cancer Society was set for September 9, 2008 from 7:00-8:30 pm.

A \$25 cash gift was awarded to Kevin Huffman. Kathy announced that Ron Anderson was retiring and expressed the chapter's appreciation for his dedicated and contribution to the Chapter's monthly puzzles. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.