

57th Annual DE-MD-DC Division Meeting and Education Forum Wrap-Up

The 57th Annual DE-MD-DC Division Meeting and Education Forum was held May 20-22, 2011, in Hagerstown, Maryland and was hosted by the Hager Chapter. The theme was “Explore Your Potential Through the Seasons.” Those attending from First State Chapter were Karen Garrison, Debbie Turner, Roylene Marvel, Kathy Kucek, Faye Myers, and Lu Ann Jester.

The conference began in earnest on Friday at 8:30 a.m. Our speaker for the day was Sandy Geroux who spoke on “Creating the WOW For Your Company, Your Career and Your Life.” She began the morning with her hit single, “I Feel Administrative,” sung to the tune of Shania Twain’s “Man, I feel like a Woman. We learned the importance of teamwork, recognition, and celebration of each other’s accomplishments, breakthrough performances, categories and levels of risk-taking, and gaining buy-in to move to a WOW place. A point of interest – do you all know the company Chadwicks of Boston? Ms. Geroux was part of the team that launched that company! She is a dynamic speaker, and it was clear everyone enjoyed her presentation.

The Recognition Luncheon (“Spring” theme) was held Friday at noon. Those recognized from our Chapter included Karen Garrison, CAP (recertified as CAP), Kathy Kucek and Lu Ann Jester recognized for obtaining CPS/CAP designation. Other recognition categories included Membership; Workplace Recognition; Education; Completed Workshops or Taught Courses for Job/School; and Community Service. The highlight of the luncheon was the keynote speaker, IAAP’s International President, Mary Ramsay-Drow. Ms. Ramsay-Drow provided a PowerPoint presentation, “Explore Your Potential to Transition Through Change.”

A Vendor Fair was held on Friday, and we collected lots of goodies to bring back to our offices. The Hager Chapter also hosted a very nice Hospitality Suite (“Summer” theme) with plenty of drinks and snacks.

Friday evening’s festivities featured an Oktoberfest Celebration (“Fall” theme) – complete with an authentic German food buffet and an Oompah Band. We thoroughly enjoyed the red cabbage, German potato salad, sausage and peppers, roast beef, and apple strudel! The Hager Chapter presented us with complimentary beer mugs, which could be filled with your beverage of choice! We were quite excited to meet our International President; she very graciously agreed to take a picture with us.

The Division’s business meeting began at 8:30am on Saturday. The meeting began with a procession and introduction of the Division Officers and VIPs, and then the official Roll Call of Delegates and Report of Registration, which included 108 attendees.

Patricia May, CPS/CAP, Division Vice President, presided over the Omega Ceremony, which honors Division members who passed away during the year by inducting them into the Omega Chapter. This year Peg A. Jannuzzio, CPS from the Delaware Chapter was inducted; Faye Sappington, President of the Delaware Chapter lit the memorial candle, and the song “The Rose” was played. Ethylyn DeStefano, past Division President, “signed” while the song played. It was a very moving moment for all in attendance.

Division President, Diana Worley, CPS/CAP proceeded to work through the agenda. The agenda item, “Division Bylaws and Standing Rules” received the most attention. Our delegate, Kathy Kucek, CPS/CAP was an active participant in the meeting and represented First State Chapter very well.

All Division committees’ reports were previously submitted for inclusion in the program book. New Division officers were elected. Kathy Kucek, CPS/CAP, as our delegate, seconded the nomination from the floor for Division Secretary, Ginny Hussey, CAP from the Tri-State Chapter.

During this meeting we received an International Update from International President, Mary Ramsay-Drow, CPS/CAP. She reported on International activities during the past year and plans for the future. She fielded questions and concerns and responded concerning the proposed International Bylaws and Rules.

The Installation Banquet began at 6:30pm on Saturday night. The theme was Winter Wonderland (obviously a “Winter” theme) complete with reindeer, snow people, and two beautiful winter-themed murals. There was even Christmas music! After dinner, the 2011-2012 Division officers were installed by Sandra Chandler, CPS, former International President. She chose the Sparkle Ceremony, and compared each position with a precious jewel. Bette Midler’s “Wind Beneath My Wings” was played, and Ms. DeStefano again signed for us. A very impressive ceremony!

Then, the moment everyone was waiting for – Chapter Awards! All our members’ efforts during the year paid off – we did very well! Division awards for 49 members or less: First State Chapter, First Place in Community Service; First Place in Participation; and Second Place in Professional Development.



After Awards and Installation Banquet on Saturday Evening

Left to Right: Roylene Marvel CPS;
Karen Garrison, CPS/CAP;
International President, Mary Ramsay-Drow,
CPS/CAP;
Faye Myers, CPS;
Lu Ann Jester, CPS/CAP;
Kathy Kucek, CPS/CAP; and
Debbie Turner, CPS/CAP.

