

DELEGATE'S REPORT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION MEETING IN KING OF PRUSSIA, PA

The 57th Pennsylvania Division Annual Meeting was at the Park Ridge Hotel in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania from May 15 – 17, 2009. I attended the division meeting as Presque Isle Chapter's delegate. The theme for the 57th Annual Division Meeting is *The Royal Treatment* and had the opportunity to learn tips that will help us direct our careers and lead our chapters. The professional development seminars included: "Get the Most from your Investment in the Microsoft 2007", presented by Hope Lindauer President of Lindauer Learning systems which is a computer training, consulting and programming company. Two Recertification Credits were awarded for this presentation. The next presentation was an International workshop by Janine Riemersma CPS/CAP 2008-2009 International Secretary on "Becoming the Kind of Person Every Team Wants." We were awarded 1 Recertification Credit for this presentation. The excitement continued with the Friday evening Open House which included an 80's Dance Party!

The Saturday business session started bright and early with the introductions, presentation of colors, etc. and welcomes by all dignitaries from IAAP and The Bucks County, Cephalon, Liberty Bell, Montgomery County, Rohm and Haas Delaware Valley and Wyeth Chapters and Park Ridge representatives. The keynote speaker was Charlene Holsendorff CTM. Charlene transitioned from pharmaceutical industry to become an independent training professional with premier career transition and training administrative and training positions, then as a certified facilitator of Stephen Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. Charlene's training experience led her to Community College Annual Women's Conference, the American Society of Training and Development (ASTD) and IAAP. She has earned Competent Toastmaster (CTM) designation through Toastmasters International, the public speaking and leadership Association. Charlene also narrates audio books and resides in Montgomery County, PA. Charlene's presentation was entitled "Widening Your Circle of Influence."

There were 100 registered attendees by Saturday morning. Reports of officers and committees were given, after which candidates for office were presented and voted upon. They are Diana Comber, President; Catherine Hoke CPS/CAP, President-Elect; Carol Lundgren CPS/CAP, Vice-President; Juanita Mort CAP, Secretary and Maria Carney CPS, Treasurer. The 2010 meeting will be held in Gettysburg, hosted by the South Central Council, and the 2011 meeting will be held at Clarion, Pennsylvania. The theme for 2009-10 is "Power of Commitment. Attached is a copy of Pennsylvania Division President, Diana Comber, Installation Speech.

The recognition luncheon ran very smoothly. Attached is a copy of the 2008-2009 Pennsylvania Division Annual Award Winners. Presque Isle Chapter won Honorable Mention for the Website Award. There is a Recruiter of the Year Award and Recruiting Chapter of the Year Award, the chapter receives \$100 and it was won by Sheila Lidwell CPS/CAP who recruited 6 new members.

The banquet, "The Crowning Event" was excellent as usual, with entertainment with a pianist and soloist Connie and Sarah.

On Sunday morning, registration was down to 88. Janine Riemersma CPS/CAP provided an International Update. The largest item on the agenda at International is of course the dues increase. The Division Officers presented a workshop, "Narrowing the Generation Gaps." We were awarded 1 recertification credit for this presentation.

By attending the division meeting I received 5 recertification points towards my CPS designation. All in all, I feel the weekend was a success and one of the best division meetings I have attended. The Bucks County, Cephalon, Liberty Bell, Montgomery County, Rohm and Haas Delaware Valley and Wyeth Chapters did an excellent job.

Thank you for the opportunity to attend as your delegate for the Presque Isle Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

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