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IAAP - PA Div – 58th Annual Meeting
May 14 – 16, 2010
Wyndam Hotel, Gettysburg PA

Thursday, May 13 & Friday, May 14

Six members of our Lehigh Valley chapter went to Pennsylvania Division meeting this year held the weekend of May 14-16 at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg. President, Linda Schmoyer, CPS (Delegate) picked up Jean Meckly, CPS on Thursday and arrived in time for the Ghost Tour. Sandy Dredge, CPS drove Carol Ziegler, CPS/CAP, Rosemary Geosits and Jayne Sullivan (Alternate) on Friday morning. We arrived in time for lunch and met up with the group arriving from the Battlefield Visitor' Center and Eisenhower Site tour.



Our registration process went smoothly with a small Office Expo. Diane Comber, CMP called the afternoon business meeting to order and welcomed all members and guests and introduced our first speaker, David A. Berger, Trainer who presented: "Wild and Productive Thinking." He presented us with some techniques to being more creative and productive by using both the right and left side of our brains. We were given several handouts/puzzles offering help with our creativity.



Our next speaker was Susan Shamali, CPS/CAP, the current IAAP International President, spoke about "Power of Commitment" – what it is, and what does it do for you.

Tammy Coleman, CPS welcomed everyone to Gettysburg, and "An Evening with Abraham Lincoln." We were entertained by Mr. James Getty who portrayed Abraham Lincoln and gave us a detailed (and marvelous) description of the events surrounding the Civil War.

Saturday, May 14

Credentials sign in went smoothly on Saturday morning, along with the Delegates/Alternates Briefing conducted by Dawn Hall, CAP, Parliamentary Advisor.

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At 8:30 a.m. Diana Comber, CMP, called the meeting to order and opened the Business Session. Katherine Hook, CPS/CAP welcomed and introduced everyone on the PA Division Board. The Presentation of Colors was conducted by volunteers from various chapters. These volunteers had very special personal ties to military service men and women, and it was an emotional ceremony, followed by the National Anthem and Pledge of the Allegiance.

Susan Shamali, CPS/CAP welcomed and introduced Lisa Moreno, Adams County Commissioner and a representative from The Wyndham Gettysburg. Melissa Wandell, CAP introduced the keynote speaker, Col. Cole C Kingseed, US Army, Retired.

Colonel Kingseed spoke about the skills of: leadership, character and competency. He talked about his own father's leadership role and the skills he handed down. His favorite stories revolved around the leaders he admired most: Lincoln and Eisenhower – stories which included the humorous episodes of young cadets from West Point to leaders in various battle zones.



After a recess, Juanita Mort, CAP, PA Division Secretary, reopened the meeting with Roll Call of Chapters, including report of registration: Total 107 members and guests. Credential Committee Chair, Sue Palmer, CPS reported of credentials: 16 out of 18 Chapters were represented. Several corrections to the agenda were noted.

PA Division Treasurer Report presented by Maria Carney, CPS/CAP, PA Division Treasurer, referred to the audit committee with no discrepancies – as reported by Jodi Mattern, CPS. The Bylaw-proposals were read and discussed. Some discussion was centered on the proposed PA Division date change from May to June starting with the 2012 meeting. All Bylaws proposals were approved as presented.

The Retirement Trust Foundation report was given by Lyndee Long, CPS/CAP. Special thanks was given to members and chapters who support the trust throughout the year.

The meeting continued with Diana Comber, CMP, PA Division President, who introduced the slate of Officers for 2010-2011. President, Catherine Hoke, CPS/CAP; President-Elect, Carol Lundgren, CPA/CAP; Secretary, Maria Carney, CPA/CAP; Treasurer, Patricia Clark.

The meeting continued with the State of the Division reported by Diana Comber, CMP, PA Division President, and selection of the Lehigh Valley Chapter to host the 2010 PA Division Meeting on June 22-

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24, 2012. Members also received an invitation to the 2011 PA Division meeting, hosted by Western Council in Clarion, PA – May 20-22, 2011. Carol Lundgren, CPS/CAP, PA Division Vice President Elect, extended an invitation to the 2010 EFAM (International Convention) in Boston.



With our morning business completed, the meeting was recessed to prepare the room for our Recognition Luncheon Tea. After our meal, Diana Comber, CMP called the meeting to order and she introduced the members of the 2009-2010 Committees followed by recognition of CPS/CAP recipients and those members who had recertified in the past year. Next order of business was the presentation of chapter awards.

The Lehigh Valley Chapter was recognized with the following awards:

- Website award for a chapter with 30 and over members
- Program award for “What Do You Mean I Have To Plan An Event?”
- Attendance honorable mention for a chapter with 30 and over members



Sandy Dredge CPS and Carol Ziegler CPS/CAP were also presented with a Power of Commitment pin in recognition of their hard work in developing our new chapter website.



Saturday evening's Presidents' Blue/Grey Ball began with Linda Schmoyer, CPS participating in the Parade of presidents and introduction of special guests by Diana Comber, CMP. Susan Shamali, CPS/CAP presided over the installation 2010/2011 Officers and Catherine Hoke, CPS/CAP, newly installed 2010-2011 PA

Division President, presented her president's message.

After a short recess, our evening continued with a moment of reflection by Dawn Hall, CPS followed by dinner. During dessert, our entertainment for the evening was presented by The Civil War Dance Foundation. The ladies and gentlemen, dressed in period costumes, demonstrated dances that were popular during the civil war era. As we watched them dance, we were at times swept away to the 1860's as history came alive. Our evening ended with the 2010-2011 Division Officers' receiving line.

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Sunday, May 16

Our morning began at 8:15 a.m. with credential's sign in, introductions and moment of reflection by Pam Rehm, CPS, Sunday Business Session Co-Chair. After breakfast, the business session continued with my participation in a moving memorial service remembering all members who have joined the Omega Chapter during the past year: Honor Rose Marie Mark, CPS, former Scranton Chapter; Laura M. Brunner, Lehigh Valley Chapter; Nancy Mills, CPS, former Scranton Chapter; Miriam A. Swan, Harrisburg Chapter and Mary Ann (Richards) Bankosh, former DuBois Chapter.

Jan Lang, CPS/CAP gave the report of recognition with 108 Members and guests in attendance. Sue Palmer, CPS presented the report of credentials with 15 delegates and 11 alternates in attendance. The meeting continued with Lynda Boulay, CPS/CAP and her retirement trust foundation update followed by the international update by Susan Shamali, CPS/CAP.



The highlight of the weekend was the Division Officers' Workshop, "Let Rob Do It". The ladies hilariously entertained us with their version of "Nonsense" while teaching us the proper use of Roberts Rules of Order at our chapter meetings. I haven't had such a good laugh in long time. Well done ladies!



Catherine Hoke, CPS/CAP announced the 2010-2011 Division Committees and the morning ended with raffles and drawings. Carol was the lucky winner of a gift basket. Following announcements by Kathie Hood, CPS/CAP the meeting was adjourned at noon.

After a successful weekend, our group traveled back to the Lehigh Valley.

Respectfully submitted,
Jayne Sullivan, Alternate
Linda Schmoyer, CPS, Delegate

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