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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year!

I want to give a big "Thank You" to the staff at RSES Headquarters, especially Jean Birch, and to the Atlanta RSES Chapters for putting on another great conference. We had a great time on the tours and at all the programs. I was honored to be installed as RSES President. We have a great group of Officers and Directors, so please contact any of us if you have questions or suggestions.

Mike and I will hopefully be able to attend a few conferences in addition to Region 9. We are already planning to attend the SWRA Conference in February. I am really looking forward to it since it will be the first "out of region" conference I have ever attended. I would also like to extend an invitation to everyone to come to the Mid-West (Region 9) Conference to be held in Wichita, Kansas March 15-17th. Contact me for details.

Since the International Conference will begin earlier this year, (week of September 10, 2007) please be thinking of your nominations for "Take Off the Door" and "To Make Life Worthwhile" awards as early as possible.

Wishing you a Happy, Healthy, & Prosperous New Year!

Sandy Ralston
RSES President

FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to all!

I trust 2007 finds you all doing well. The Conference in Atlanta was great, the conference team did a fantastic job. The programs were very good. I was reminded how important it is for each of us to take care of ourselves so that we can take time to enjoy our friends and families. I encourage each of you to add a pause in your day just to sit quietly and "be", you may be surprised how good it makes you feel.

There were a lot of good ideas shared in the meetings in Atlanta. I hope that we can take these ideas and improve meeting the ever changing needs of the RSES Membership and reach potential members. I know that any of the Officers/Board Members would be glad to hear your ideas and feed back on what you think is working and what is not.

I look forward to another great year of RSES

Susan Eckstein
Vice President
HELLO FROM WISCONSIN

The conference in Atlanta was well organized in "southern style" and really a lot of fun. The meetings were well attended and as President, I found that conducting a meeting is not such a scary thing after all. If I can do it without any business training, anyone can.

Dr. Sally Beer was well received by RSESA members, as they participated in a heart health program. The second program, presented by Adam Stone from the Atlanta Zoo, was very educational. In September the zoo welcomed a baby panda. Pandas survive against great odds. The area in China where the pandas live is remote, but their habitat is dwindling and they rarely breed in captivity. The Chinese government is doing a lot of work to preserve the panda and its habitat. To see some pictures go to Panda Bear AtlantaZoo.com.

We toured the new Atlanta Aquarium. We liked the beluga whales and tropical fish. On our trip home, we toured the Cumberland Gap, a pass in the Blue Ridge Mountains that allowed early immigrants to enter Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio. Daniel Boone entered Kentucky through the gap as did Abraham Lincoln's ancestors.

NOVEMBER 20th: We vacationed in Ireland. We did circle tour, Galway, Donnegal, Giants Causeway, Bushmill Distillery, Armagh, Leslie & Bunnraty Castle, Newgrange & Limerick. There is an adventure to go along with each of the above names. For instance, I noticed my passport was missing as we approached Dublin on the Motor Way (M1) - like our expressways. We returned to Armagh and searched our friend's house where we have stayed without success. We had spent the morning at a Craft Fair so we contacted the local police to see if it had been turned in and can you believe
it—it had been. They had put it in an administration safe that couldn’t be opened until Monday morning. Since it was Saturday, we spent two more days with our friends. While there, we followed a scenic route sign through the country. Farms, forests, “deer crossing” signs, a mountain and a wind farm (modern wind mills). We toured Castle Leslie, a beautiful English Castle. On Monday, we retrieved my passport and were again on the road.

The Giants Causeway and Newgrange were the highlights of our trip. The main feature at the Giants is the thousands of naturally formed octagonal pillars formed by ancient volcanoes. They are packed tightly together and lead down to, into, and under the sea between Northern Ireland and Scotland. About 30 miles across the north channel of the Irish sea, Scotland has the same features. Newgrange is one of three burial mounds. They are older than the pyramids, the main feature of one of the burial mounds is a shaft which allows sunlight to flood the tomb on December 21st each year for just 17 minutes. Near Limerick, we did some Christmas shopping at Blarney Woolen Mills across from Bunratty Castle (a Norman Castle). We sampled mead at Bunratty Winery and had dinner that evening at Durty Nellies Pub (opened for business in 1620).

It is not too early to plan for the San Antonio conference and the RSESA officers and board for 2008. It is important to bring new people onto the board. If you hear a small voice saying “I Can Do THAT”, please listen and email me. Only with new people will our organization grow. The years I have spent on the Auxiliary Board have given me more benefits than I can ever repay.

“May God Bless”
Peggy B Vircks, Past President

NEWS FROM OUR PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

It doesn’t seem possible that it is now a new year and the International Conference in Atlanta was three months ago! As usual, it was a great conference with the programs, meetings friends and sightseeing. The top on my list in sightseeing was the aquarium, and it was as great as expected. The surprise for me was the Installation Breakfast when I was made an “Honorary Member”. I was really surprised and honored.

With the holiday season over, it is time to get started on the job of Publicity Director. Hopefully we can increase the ads in the “Sight Glass” to cover the cost of publishing. The cost of ads is as follows:

- Business Card Size: $100.00
- Two Business Card Size: $200.00
- Full Page (8” x 5”) $300.00

This covers publishing the ad in three (3) issues of the “Sight Glass”. Three clean black and white copies of your ad artwork should be sent to the “Sight Glass” Editor and a check to cover the ad cost sent to the RSESA Treasurer. If you have any questions or need suggestions on ads, contact me at my email address, phone number or address listed on page two of this issue.

Just wonder how many people made the resolution of exercising more in the new year. I am anxious to get back to the class that I have been in for the past year and a half. It is a class for seniors and we all see how much good it does. We have been out for two weeks as the gym is moving. Hopefully we can start again soon. While out of class, I have been doing quite well on the treadmill in the basement. I asked for a small TV
for Christmas as this passes the time better than looking at a block wall. Santa was good with my request, and now I can get the two miles done much easier.

I am really looking forward to the January “Sight Glass” with the new editor. I know Linda will do a great job. Pat did a great job last year, but after having helped Louise Blair when she was editor, I know how huge a job it is. Hope that everyone will help with sending in articles and information early.

From Tennessee,

Ceel Hudelson
Publicity Director

TREASURES FROM OUR TREASURER

Hello to all. Can you believe it is already a New Year? Seems as if the conference was just a few weeks ago. I made it through the holidays and hope all of you had a nice holiday season. The grandbaby was her the week of Christmas and he kept Mac and me busy. I know I watched the movie “Cars” at least 10 times but we enjoyed every minute of his visit. My daughter-in-law and I shopped and shopped and had a great time. We go to Toronto for Aaron’s 4th birthday in March and I’m really looking forward to seeing them again. Having a little one around for Christmas really makes the holiday so special. All he could say Christmas morning was WOW! WOW! He was so excited.

It’s that time of year again. I need your dues for the year 2007. Please send them in as soon as you can. The International conference is early again this year so I would like to be able to get the Treasurer’s Books all up to date by the end of July.

Hope all of you have a great New Year with good health.

Pat McCarthy
Treasurer

Ceel Hudelson with her “Honorary Member” Award
LET'S MEET OUR INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY –

Denise Ziegelbein writes:

Greetings and Happy New Year from the heart of Missouri! We really are having a winter that we haven’t had for years. The warmth and comfort and good times of Atlanta sure are a great memory. We started out December with 15 inches of snow. The biggest snowfall Central Missouri has received in one night in 35 years. We had an additional snowfall with an ice storm, or was that the other way around. We were blessed that we didn’t suffer any large outages or damage, but the cold just doesn’t seem to go away. We had a few family and friends that have had a harder time with this weather than we did.

For those of you that don’t know me personally I thought I would share a few things about myself and my family. My husband Keith and I will be celebrating our 33rd anniversary this September. We have three grown children. Our daughter, Nikol, teaches high school in Odessa, MO. She just bought a home and is planning on Dad helping her fix it up in his spare time. Our older son, Adam, proposed to his girlfriend this past November and is getting married in October. He also bought a house this past year about 2 miles from our home. He also is fixing it up and uses Dad’s expertise and assistance whenever possible. Our youngest son, Sam moved in with his brother last fall, but plans on having his own home by the end of 2007.

I work for the Missouri Secretary of State in the Archives Division. I will celebrate my 15th year this summer. I assist patrons with research questions whether it is while they are using our facility, contacting us by email or asking questions via the telephone. Tracking down family history is still a very big thing. Since Missouri served as “Gateway to the West,” we are contacted by people all over the United States as well as foreign countries. One thing I will never be heard saying is that my job is dull and boring.

Keith and I are looking forward to our Regional Conference in Wichita, KS in March. Since we have been involved in hosting the conference the past two years, we are looking forward to really enjoying this one without all the pressure.

God be with you and your family as 2007 rolls right along.

Denise Ziegelbein

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50 YEAR MEMBERSHIP IN RSESA RECOGNIZED

Just a note to wish you all the best in 2007.

We have had a mild January so far but in December we had snow and ice, we were without power for 3 days. It really makes you appreciate electricity, heat, food, etc. I feel sorry for those people in Denver with all their snow.

We really enjoyed the conference in Atlanta, the committee had two great conferences back to back and they did an excellent job both times. I took time to visit the new aquarium, it was fabulous and also a visit to the zoo was a challenge but did see a video of the new baby panda. I am looking forward to the conference in September 2007 in San Antonio as that is where I attended high school while my dad was in the army. I know RSESA is way ahead in panning activities for us in San Antonio.

We are looking forward to attending Region Nine’s conference in March being held in Wichita, Kansas.

Take Care! Make the most of each day.

Diane Smith, Sgt-at-Arms

Pat McCarthy (on left) presented Florine Vickrey of Cowtown Chapter her 50 year plaque for membership in RSESA.

Florine was the first President of the Southwest Regional Association Auxiliary in 1955. She was one of the original members of the Dallas Chapter until they disbanded and then joined the Cowtown Chapter. The plaque was presented to Florine on the occasion of her 95th birthday. Many of her friends were able to see her receive this recognition.

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SGT-AT-ARMS – Diane Smith
Also, I think I speak for a number of people who attended the lecture given by Adam Stone, one of the zookeepers from the Atlanta Zoo, he was just terrific. I came late to the lecture as I had walked outside, I did not think I would last the full time allotted to this talk. He was such an interesting speaker, not many people wanted to leave at the end of his session. If you would like to write to the Atlanta Zoo and let them know how much you enjoyed Adam Stone’s lecture, I looked up their address before I left Atlanta:

Atlanta Zoo
800 Cherokee Avenue SE
Atlanta, GA

We will see some of you next month at the SWRA conference in San Antonio and again at International in September.

May Stewart,
Credentials
Just a note:

It's easy to remember when to have your mammogram, just set it for the month of your birthday. Do something good for yourself and your family. Ed.
LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

Greetings from California, I thought I would introduce myself and let you know something about me and why I took on the job of Editor of the Sight Glass.

I have been attending International with my husband since the last meeting in Tucson, AZ. He went to the conference and I goofed off, a perfect arrangement. I got to see sights as well as shop in some interesting places. In Milwaukee I met Peggy and Ronda in the Hospitality Room and started to meet other members as well. I finally joined RSESA in 2005.

After reading the "Sight Glass" in 2006, I thought, maybe I could help out with putting it together. Since I had printing experience and journalism training, "maybe" they could use me. Well, while eating lunch on one of the Atlanta tours, I mentioned this to Peggy, well, the rest as they say is history. So here we are.

A couple of housekeeping items,

1. Meet the deadlines for your articles and information, it makes everyone's job easier.
2. You can email any information to me at: grammylindal@verizon.net
3. How would you like to get the newsletter via the internet? If you are interested, send me your request via email and I will add you to the list. This will save considerable paper and postage costs. Remember you will then print your own copy if you want a hard copy. Never fear, I will still send a mailed copy to anyone wanting one.

I look forward to meeting more members, bye for now,

Linda Townsend, Editor (in training)
NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF
INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VI
SECTION 1 (MEMBERSHIP)

Now reads:

"Membership in the Association is open to all people who are associated with the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning industry; sc. Employees of Industry related companies, families, and associates of R.S.E.S. members."

Change to:

"Membership in the Association is open to all people who are associated with the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning industry; sc. Employees of Industry related companies, families, and associates of R.S.E.S. members. Tenure for family members will begin at age 20, and their voting rights will begin at age 18."

This change is adding the sentence "**Tenure for family members will begin at age 20, and their voting rights will begin at age 18.**"

The 2007 Annual Conference is early this year, and any proposed constitutional bylaw changes must be published 60 days prior to the International Conference. These proposed changes will appear in the "Sight Glass" newsletter in the January, April and August 2007 issues.

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