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FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:

Happy New Year!

Hope the New Year is treating you all well. I would like to thank the staff at RSES Headquarters and the Conference team for putting on another great conference in San Antonio, Texas. The Programs, tours, hospitality and food were great.

Thank you for electing me as RSES Auxiliary President for 2007-2008. I consider this an honor and will do my very best during my term. It is hard to believe it is the middle of January already and that is has been over three months since the conference in San Antonio. I have been working with the staff at RSES Headquarters on a RSESA Website which we hope to launch the end of February. Please let me know if you have any suggestions on things you would like to see on the site. The site will be very basic in its conception but I hope to expand it as people use it and provide feedback.

In December, my husband Mike (Region 9 Director) and I attended the Middle Atlantic Regional Association meeting. I had the honor of presenting the Charter to the newest RSES Auxiliary chapter, the Mid Atlantic Chapter. It is very exciting to see a new chapter start in the organization and I encouraged them to contact me or any of the officers or board members if they had questions or needed anything. Mike and I both enjoyed the opportunity to attend the meeting and visit with everyone. We also had an opportunity to see New York City on our visit and George Friedman and Holy haggard were wonderful tour guides. We saw the tree at Rockefeller Center, the windows at Macy's and Saks, Time Square and M & M World to name a few things.

RSES and RSESA has always been an extension of my own family. I am the eight out of nine children, so I have always enjoyed being in a group. My husband Mike and I have been married for nineteen years and lived together for ten of those years. I work in the Omaha, Nebraska area and stay with my mom during the week, going home to Missouri on the weekends to see Mike. Mike has his own business in the Cameron, Missouri area. Our children have been our dogs and cats, we currently have six dogs. All of the dogs are beagles except for one which is a mix of some kind (I don't like to call her a mutt) and she stands twice as tall as our beagles. Xena, the traveling beagle, is my companion who travels back and forth with me from my mom's to my home in Missouri. We live in the country so the dogs have plenty of room to run and I have room to wander about as well.

I look forward to attend other conferences this year, including our Region 9 conference. I would like to extend an invitation to everyone to come join us at the Mid-West Conference to be held in St. Joseph, Missouri March 13-15th. You can contact me for details.

Once again, the International Conference is early this year (September 16-20th) so please be thinking about your nominations for the "Take Off the Door" and "To Make Life Worthwhile" awards as early as possible. The conference is being held at the International Hilton Indianapolis Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. In the next issue I will provide and update on the things the conference team is working on for the September conference.

I am looking forward to a great year of RSESA and wish you all the very best through out the year.

Susan J. Eckstein
RSESA President
FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT:

Blessings in the New Year from the Ziegelbein’s!!!

This is the way we started our Christmas (oops too late for that) now New Year’s letter to our family across the country. I would like to extend those Blessings to our RSESA family.. We had a wonderful and as usual busy Christmas and a very relaxing start to the New Year.

Looking back, San Antonio Conference was terrific. We have found that no matter if we venture out or stay in at the hotel we usually get together with friends both new and old and have a great time. All of the tours were great and the information and ideas shared during the conference were too. Looking forward to the events planned for the Indianapolis Conference September 16-20th 2008.

I am very excited about the RSESA Website being developed. In this fast paced world, this will allow us to share information quicker and more efficiently. Thank you to those in the International Office who are working to make this happen. The RSESA Board welcomes your ideas regarding these pages.

Laugh Often, Live Well, Love Much – “To Make Life Worthwhile”.

Denise Ziegelbein
Vice President

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New year. It doesn’t seem possible that we are now in 2008. I am having trouble remembering that when I write checks, but maybe by February I will do better. As usual, we are having crazy weather in Tennessee. One week we are in 60’s and 70’s, and this week we change to cold temperatures. This morning was 8 degrees when I got up so I won’t be getting outside much. I do not care for winter and the past two days have been enough for me.

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. I am happy to report that we have added a full page ad from Mid-Southwest Regional Association. The cost of ads is as follows:

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This covers publishing the ad in three (3) issues of the Sight Glass. Three clean black and white copies of your ad 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 by e-mail, phone or U.S. mail at the address noted in the Officers Listing in this issue.

I am still keeping up with my exercise class three days a week. I never believed that I would stay with it, but after two and a half years it is a big priority in my life. It keeps all the joints and muscles working. We were out a week
for the holidays so I did some of the walking at home, and several days a friend and I went to the gym. We have one lady who is 87 years old and she rarely misses a class. I sure do admire her. I have also made many friends in the class.

Hope everyone has a great New Year, good health and take time to enjoy life and smell the roses.

Ceel Hudelson
Publicity Director

WELCOME TO 2008

Our new year arrived with very chilly weather and has stayed that way since.

The San Antonio Host Committee did a wonderful job on the conference in September 2007. I lived in San Antonio and attended high school there, I had not been back there for a while, it was amazing to see all the changes and yet familiar sights like the Alamo, Worlds Fair, etc. The River Walk is my favorite place, you can walk forever and there is so much going on there plus the boat ride is interesting and enjoyable too. Again many thanks to San Antonio for the great tours plus food and educational talks too. As usual it was meeting new friends and visiting with old friends that add to the good times. Bob and I are already looking forward to the conference in Indianapolis.

Time flies by so quickly anymore so this is an early reminder to get your nominees in for “Make Life Worthwhile” awards.

Enjoy Life, make the most of each day. Wishing all of you the best in 2008.

Diane Smith
Sgt-at-Arms
FROM OUR TREASURER:
Hello to all from Texas. The last couple of days have been pretty cold, but is suppose to warm up again. After spending Christmas in Toronto, Canada, I will not complain about our winters here in this part of Texas. I nearly froze up there. Don't now how in the world they stand the dreary cold weather for days at a time with no sun at all.

We had a wonderful time spending Christmas with our grandson and family. Everyone was so nice to, I'd forgotten how special Christmas is to little ones. Hope everyone had as wonderful a holiday as Mac and I did.

It was great seeing all that attended the International Conference in San Antonio, it was a good Conference. I missed seeing all who could not attend. Now the Cowtown Chapter is getting ready for the Southwest Conference in March here in Fort Worth. We would love to see all of you attend. If you need information, just give me a call or email me.

OK members, it is that time again. Dues are due again. Chapter Secretaries as you send in you dues, check especially for correct addresses and make sure the rest of the info you sent is correct. The dues are still $10.00 a year and you may pay for two years at a time if you wish. There are few paid ahead already. Any questions contact me by phone or email.

Not much is going on around this part of the country, just taking it easy and looking forward to spring. I should use this time of year to catch up on book work, housework, etc., but that doesn't sound like fun to me.

Hope all of you have a great New Year. It's hard to believe it is 2008 WOW!!

Pat McCarthy,
International Treasurer RSESA

CARESES PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On April 3-5, 2008 CARESES (Region 14 & 15) will meet at the River Palms Hotel and Casino in Laughlin, Nevada for our annual conference. Our Speaker will be Region 4 Director Harlan "Skip" Krepcick, CMS who will present "Manual J" Training for Residential and Commercial Applications for our Technicians education. Also, we will elect and install our Officers for the next year at the Annual Saturday evening Banquet. The CARESES Hospitality Room will be open for all to enjoy each afternoon for "Happy Hour" as well as at other times during the day. A Friday evening Dinner Cruise aboard the Celebration will depart from the River Palms Dock at 6 PM. I hope all attending will join us. I've been promised that the food will be as delicious as it was 2 years ago; we at CARESES know we're all great company and the Light of Laughlin are still just as beautiful when reflected in the Colorado River. (We have not planned any meetings or testing for Friday evening so all of the guys are able to participate this year.)

Immediately following the opening ceremonies, CARESES Auxiliary President Louanne Larson will host a Coffee in the Hospitality Room. All those not attending the educational session are invited to come for a cup of coffee, a snack and a chance to win a door prize. President Larson will lead a discussion on the CARESES and future plans. Your input is needed as we consider our future.

Since we do not have a formal tour planned, information on things to do and see in the Laughlin area will be available in the Hospitality Room. As a group we share many interests, such as sight seeing, shopping, crafts and quilting. So while you are there you can meet up with a group sharing your interests. I know I am going to the small town of Oatman to see the new baby burros and the unique shops where I always find something that I didn't know I had to have until I see it. We can also form carpool groups to get to what ever attraction appeals to us. I know it always is more fun to have company on any trip.
On behalf of CARSES President Bob Kirk, CM, and CARSESA President Louanne Larson, I extend and invitation to all of you to attend.

Information is available on the CARSES Website, just go to CARSES.com on the web.

Lyn Sherman
Past RSESA International President

JUST A NOTE FROM YOUR IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:

First, I would like to say "thanks" again to everyone in San Antonio who made the 2007 conference such a success. Mike and I enjoyed seeing everyone that we had met at the Region 10 meeting in February and of course all of our "international" friends. I want to also say how much I have enjoyed my time on the board and as an officer. This is the first time I have conducted a meeting with more than 6 people in attendance. It wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. I truly feel being an officer has helped me in several ways. This being said, we have positions open for the 2008-09 Board. The officers and board members are listed in the front cover of this issue. If you would like to volunteer or nominate someone for a position, please contact me. We will need a vice-president and a treasurer.

May you all have a Happy and Prosperous 2008

Sandy Ralston,
Immediate Past President

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

Happy 2008!!

Well, it is February in cool rainy southern California. 2007 ended with a big fanfare in the Townsend household, on Sunday December 30th, I woke up with a very bad stomach ache, enough to call off from teaching my kindergarten Sunday school class. After a call to the emergency room nurse, Fred took me to the emergency room at Kaiser Hospital, thirteen hours later after being poked, prodded, scanned and questioned, I was admitted for surgery. A ruptured appendix was found and as a side stream a non-cancerous cyst was found necessitating two separate surgeries.

Normally New Year’s Eve is quiet at our house, and New Year’s Day is spent watching the Rose Parade and taking down the Christmas tree. Well, the tree is still up (suggestions of wrapping it in white sheets and decorating for the various holidays until next Christmas were made by well meaning relatives) at least it is artificial.

My brain is working on partial ability, so hence the late publishing of the Sight Glass. Modern medicine is wonderful, but good health is even better.

I want to invite you to submit interesting articles for future issues of the Sight Glass, just email them to me. Also, join us for the CARSES conference mentioned elsewhere in this issue; it looks to be a fun weekend.

Linda Townsend, Editor

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV
PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

(New)
Section 1 – A member must have reached the age of eighteen (18) years to:
1: Begin membership tenure.
2: Vote at chapter meetings, serves as a voting delegate, serves as an alternate delegate, serve as a proxy or vote as a member-at-large.
3: Hold office.

Change the current – Section 1 to Section 2
Change the current – Section 2 to Section 3
Change the current – Section 3 to Section 4
Change the current -- Section 4 to Section 5
Change the current – Section 5 to Section 6
Change the current – Section 6 to Section 7

The 2008 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 2008 issues.
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October 2, 3, 4 & 5, 2008
Contact—Tommy Paschal

For further information or to find a local chapter in your area visit www.rses.org