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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

It’s mid-April and it looks like spring has finally come to Kansas City! We were teased early with very nice weather, then that fickle Mother Nature struck us with winter again. Winter in April is really hard to take.

It has been a very busy “travel” year so far for Mike and me. In January, we did a quick 4 day trip to California for a family celebration, then in February, to San Antonio for the South West Regional Conference. We had a great time and enjoyed meeting everyone. I went on the tour to the Institute of Texan Cultures where we learned about the different cultures which make up Texas. I met a lady quilting on her aunt’s quilt, and saw a demonstration by a weaver. We then went to a wonderful place for lunch—great food and coffee!! We also saw the “Decorated” Toilet Seat covers and the man who makes them. He is working at getting into the Guinness Book of Records. The decorations include everything you can think of—and at least one from each state which you can sign—so of course, I signed one from Kansas. Thank you to the hospitality crew for all they did; and a special thank you to Elena—windmills. In March we attended our own Mid-West Regional in Wichita. As always it was a fun time. At the end of April, we will be flying back to California for the CARSES Conference.

Everything is coming right along for the International Conference in September. The tours sound great and there will be a couple of programs for the auxiliary I am sure we will all enjoy. Don’t forget your books for the children’s hospital in San Antonio. Also, nominations for “Make Life Worthwhile” and “Take Off the Door”, are due to me by June 10, 2007

Sandy Ralston
RSESA President

FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

I believe spring has finally arrived in the Midwest after the false stare we had in mid-March. With spring it always seems to bring a busier schedule for Mike and me that just spills over into summer, starting with graduations, then a family reunion, and my niece’s wedding are a few things that are in our schedule this year. now that it is the same for everyone else and I hope that all of your travels and visits are safe and enjoyable.

With the International Conference earlier this year, it is time to start making plans to attend in San Antonio, Texas in September.

In closing, I just wanted to share the following saying with you all, I thought that it goes with the RSESA Motto, “To Make Life Worthwhile”:  

“We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”

Sir Winston Churchill

Susan Eckstein
Vice President
NEWS FROM OUR PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Time really flies. Hard to believe that March is almost over (Ceel got her article in really early ed.). As usual it is time to get busy on the yard work and flowers. We have had temperatures above normal for this time of year so the flowers are really popping out along with the weeds. I have spent a lot of time working outside and find that I wear out much faster. I do really enjoy it so now – the housework goes on hold. I did come up with something new this year. Usually the moles have really taken over the yard, and they don’t care what season it is. Well, I commented to a neighbor that moles weren’t as bad this past winter. When I cleaned the last of the leaves off the flower beds, I found two beds that were full of holes and the plants gone. In one I had lost 15 Nandina bushes. After a trip to the Farm Extension Agent for answers, he gave me a booklet and informed me that voles had done all the damage to my flower beds. I really don’t see why all these animals seem to think they have to live at my address. Now I will be working to get more perennials planted and treat for the voles.

I have gone to one conference this year. It was the SERA Conference in Tunica, Mississippi. It was held at Sam’s Town and I had the casino right there. As usual I didn’t have much luck and just made my usual donation. I do have fun trying and always set a limit on what I spend. We were there for two days, and as far as my gambling was concerned, a half day would have been enough. My only regret was that the conference was the same week end as the Mid-West and I could not attend that one. I have attended Mid-West every year since 2000 and really enjoy it. Maybe I can get back on track next year.

My job of Publicity Director has been quiet the past few months. I had one request for information from a region. I sent the information and followed up later, but have not heard anything further. In the January “Sight Glass” I gave sizes and costs of ads so I will not repeat. Maybe some of you know of a chapter, region or individual who would like to start an ad. The ads help immensely with the cost of publishing the Sight Glass.

I’m looking forward to seeing everyone in San Antonio in September. It will be here before we know it, so start planning now.

Ceel Hudelson
Publicity Director
FROM OUR TREASURER

Hello to all from spring like Texas. It is cool one day, then warm or hot the next day, then windy one day and if lucky, we might get some rain the next day, we even had snow a few days ago. I know that is normal for some of you but believe you me, it’s unusual here in this part of Texas!

We went to Canada to see our grandson Aaron for his 4th birthday. What a joy it was. My but 3 and 4 year olds have a lot of energy. Our daughter-in-law spoiled us rotten. She is such a great cook. Only complaint, it was so very cold.

Canada is just cold in March. Of course, it warmed up just as soon as we left. Somehow in going to the airport or running around in the airport, I broke my foot. I didn’t know that it was broken until two weeks later when the foot wouldn’t quit hurting. So now I am stomping around with this boot thing on my left foot. What fun!

We enjoyed the Southwestern Regional meeting in San Antonio in February. Good to see all. I must tell you fellow members, your President, Sandy Ralston, is fun lady. We really had a great time with her. When you talk to her, ou will have to get her to tell you about the “toilet lid museum”. She now has her name on a toilet lid in the museum in San Antonio. Hopefully someone has a picture to share with us as I did not have my camera.

OK members it is that time again. If you have not paid your dues, this will be your last issue of the SIGHT GLASS. Look on the label of your issue and see if there is a mark or sticker on your address label, if so, I have NOT received your dues. If you do not pay by the last issue, (August) you will not receive that issue. We all enjoy our SIGHT GLASS so mail the dues.

Pat McCarthy ,
Treasurer

OUR INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY Writes:

Greetings from the heart of Missouri! We, as everyone in the Mid-West are experiencing a super weird spring. Hopefully the cold weather is now gone and the trees and flowers can recover from our extra long cold snap. It would be nice if it didn’t turn HOT HOT immediately and the Refrigeration Service industry is given a chance to slowly work into the summer schedule. (ha ha)

We had a great time in mid-March attending the Mid-West (Region 9) Annual meeting in Wichita, KS. As usual, it was great to get together with our Mid-West friends and enjoy experiencing the culture that Wichita has to offer.

A week later, the Central Missouri chapter lost a former member, Stuart Gainey. He had been a big part of the chapter and especially a great host when we were in charge of the Annual meetings the past 10 years. His wife, Mary, is a charter member of our Auxiliary chapter. Mary is our resident artist and loves to share her talent and knowledge with others.

Now to close with a little business, you will find the “Credentials Form” elsewhere in this newsletter. Please fill it out as soon as possible and mail it to me. My address is just inside the cover of this newsletter. If you prefer, you may fax it to the number on the form which is my office fax. If you have any questions, please call.

God be with you through out the year,

Denise Ziegelbein
International RSESA Secretary
Hello from St. Louis:

It is a chilly 28 degrees here, and it is April. We had storms in July, Ice storms in January, then March was warmer and now April is back to cold weather—where is Spring?

Mid-West Region 9 had their meeting in Wichita, Kansas in March and everyone had a great time. We saw many fabulous sights while the men had good educational talks. The Host Committee did a great job.

Hope everyone is working on their “Make Life Worthwhile” Projects and getting them submitted to the committee.

Start thinking of going to the Annual Conference in San Antonio it will be a fun and educational time.

Diane Smith
SGT-AT-ARMS
As usual it is my duty to remind all RSESA members to get their delegate papers in order for the conference in September, which starts the 11th and goes through the 15th. Again, as the conference is early this year, you really only have one chance to take care of this business. By the time the August "Sight Glass" is mailed, the time between publication and the conference is quite short.

John and I attended the SWRA meeting in February held in San Antonio. While there, we checked out the area of the Crown Plaza hotel. This is within walking distance, for some, to the Mexican Market and the River Walk. As usual, our trip to Texas was very pleasant and the SWRA made up for the cool temperatures. It was 75 degrees when we flew in on the Wednesday, but we did not see the sun again until the following Monday—I thought I had taken a wrong turn and was in Scotland! But the warmth in the Texas hearts made up for the drizzly weather. When we left, it was snowing in Abilene and the snow chased us all the way to Dallas, where several flights were unable to leave the previous day due to snow and ice in the east. I am sorry that I did not have the video-cam to show us navigating the parking lot at the bus station to get our car. Actually the wheels of the cases do quite well on the snow, our feet were a different story. We will not make it to "Blades of Glory."

We attended the Garden State Service Seminar on March 24th in Piscataway, NJ. They had an excellent turnout, 92 people were signed in for the seminar. I believe about 10 people took part in the testing afterwards. Again, the drive there was just plain miserable, rain almost all the way there and between accidents and construction, the journey took a couple of hours longer than it should. We have a newly formed RSESA chapter for that region and we held quite an informative meeting while the men had their meeting.

Our next stop is Edmonton, Alberta for the RSE Canada meeting April 19-21. That is providing we manage to get out of Chicago to get there. As always, when flying or driving, your arrival time is predicated by the weather.

In between the RSE business, while we had warm weather here, we did quite a bit of cleaning up in the garden as the weeds had taken over. No kidding, we managed to fill 18 bags of weeds over several days so we can now see the raspberry patch. Our knees and the rest of our bodies are still recovering. Perhaps it was just as well we had some snow, to give us a rest from garden chores, but you did not hear me say that out loud!

May Stewart,
Credentials

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

Greetings from California; Downey to be exact. That's half way between downtown Los Angeles and Disneyland just off interstate 5.

A little more about me; Fred and I have been married 38 years this past March, and we have two wonderful sons. Tim 36 is married to Laurena, he is a Computer Administrator at Cal Tech in Pasadena (the college). They have our three adorable grandchildren: Joanna 7, Eric 5 and Evie 3. They of course are also brilliant! Our second son, Mark is 31 and still unmarried, he works at Disneyland and is currently training to fly helicopters (real ones), he also served in the Marines for 4 years. His nieces and nephew think he is a very special Uncle.

I retired several years ago after working 35 years for L.A. County at LAC-USC Medical Center (General Hospital) in Purchasing Administration. I was paid to spend money professionally. Fred retired from L.A. County as well in 2006 as a Refrigeration Mechanic. We in fact worked at the same complex for many years but drove separately contributing to the gridlock on the L.A. freeways. I enjoy rubber stamping, crocheting, cooking and calligraphy. I am sewing again and will be teaching our grand-daughter and 2 of her cousins this summer.

Retirement has seen us travel with RSES as well as CARSES and now are planning and taking several trips on the old trains throughout the U.S. You all share your weather so here is my report. We have had a cold winter. I have seen lows in the high 30's at night and we have even had frost on the ground. I know that seems really tough to you in the north, east and mid west, but remember, I am a native of Southern California, having lived my entire life in a 40 mile area.

I hope you are enjoying my version of the "Sight Glass", Issue number 1 was interesting to put together, margins are still a bit of a problem. This issue is a little easier, the pictures still are tricky. But I will hang in there.

A couple of housekeeping items,
1. I want to print the August issue by the 20th of August, your articles need to be in by August 10, 2007. So we can have our copies before the Conference.
2. You can email any information to me at: grammylindat@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 of you in San Antonio, bye for now,

Linda Townsend, Editor (still training)

Note: my computer is acting funny, I could not change Sandy’s picture on the first page –sorry ☹️
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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History of RSESA 2006

The 69th RSESA and 65th RSESA International Conference was held in Atlanta, Georgia at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center October 2nd – 7th, 2006.

The two pre-conference tours were to the CNN, World of Coke, and Cyclorama and also the city of Roswell, Ga. There were a number of members who went to “Cowboys” along with their spouse.

President Peggy B. Vircks called the First Annual Board Meeting to order at 5 PM Wednesday, October 4, 2006. All Officers, Directors, and Committees Chairperson were present with the exception of Pat Long, Publicity/Sight Glass Editor.

President Vircks call the Annual RSESA General Business Meeting to order at 9:44 AM Friday, October 6th. Sgt.-at-Arms Susan Eckstein read the RSESA prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag. The Canadian Anthem and the U.S. National Anthem were played on the recorder.

President Vircks welcomed members of the Board, all RSESA members and visitors, as well as our past presidents. Those being Diane Smith, Maxine Shuck, May Stewart, Pat McCarthy, Lyn Sherman, Ceel Hudelson, and Martha Ewer. A moment of silence was held for those members who have passed away. Those members were Bernie Brooks, Emil Zolo, Gunther Mereks, Louis Torre and Jim Broussard.

May Stewart, Credentials Chair reported that we had 82 members-at-large with 14 voting members in attendance and 6 of 13 chapters for a total of 67 votes, which gave a combined total of 81 votes.

We thanked Pat Long for her service as editor of the Sight Glass for the past year. President Vircks announced that Linda Townsend would be our next editor.

There were no nominations for the T.O.D. Award, but there were two individual winners for the “Make Life Worthwhile”, Dianne Smith and Francis Nix-Morris and one Regional winner, that being Region 9, Midwest.

The Auxiliary Installation Breakfast was held Saturday, October 7, 2006. The Following officers and directors were installed.

President Sandy Ralston
Vice President Susan Eckstein
Secretary Denise Ziegelbein
Treasurer Pat McCarthy
Sgt.-At-Arms Diane Smith
Historian Dee Moeller
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Past President Peggy Brannen Vircks
Director of Membership Louanne Larson
Director of Credentials May Stewart
Directory of Officer’s Activities Delories Hensley
Directory of Publicity Ceel Hudelson
Directory of Chapter Supplies Lyn Sherman

There were no 25 or 50 year memberships present.

President Sandy Ralston called the second RSESA Board Meeting to order at 11:14 AM Saturday, October 7, 2006. Sgt.-at-arms Diane Smith read the RSESA prayer and led the pledge to the flag. All officers, directors and committee chairpersons were present.

President Ralston appointed her committees as well as Parliamentarian. She also announced that the 2007 International Conference will be in San Antonio, Texas September 11th – 15, 2007.

The RSESA Chapters of Atlanta are to be commended on the exceptional job for this conference.

Submitted by Dee Moeller, Historian
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