



TRIP REPORT MID-YEAR May 14-17, 2009
STATE CHAPTER PRESIDENT
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May 14, 2009:

Travel day to DC. I made reservations at the Cactus Cantina for members from Michigan that wanted to meet for dinner. It was a nice way to meet and greet some Michigan members attending this conference. The food was good, we enjoyed the camaraderie, and a good time was had by all. We had 22 show up, thanks for all of you. It was fun.

May 15, 2009:

Up early for the Conference Welcome by the National Leadership Team. Then we had a choice of 4 Strategic Forums to attend. *Leadership Development; Member Network, Business Development & Outreach & Influence.* I chose Outreach and Influence which taught us how to get involved, how to serve on a State or National Committee.

Next, I attended the 2009 Governing Board Working Session where we discussed the role of the Regional VP. A lot of brainstorming went on; it was a very productive session. After lunch I attended "Putting the Real You in Your Business" which gave me some fresh ideas.

Our last session of the day was our Regional Committee Meeting. We elected Anita Zabielski, Illinois as the 2010 RVP. Our Regional this year is in Dayton on July 22 – 24th. It will be Region I & II. I have registered, I would like to see many from Michigan register and attend, since it is so close.

My last event was the Awards Banquet which was lovely. Michigan had 3 Chapters win awards, Bay City, Flint and Western Michigan. Congratulations to those chapters for a lot of hard work. That Annual Report is crucial to winning an award.

May 16, 2009:

We are up early for another day that started with a Special Event Learning Lab: Real Estate The Next Generation by Matthew Ferrara. So informative and entertaining. Gen X & Gen Y was a lot of his focus. You had better embrace Social Networking or you are in trouble.

Next we had a choice of four learning labs: *What Every Woman Should Know About Money* by Deborah Spangler; *Recruit, Retain & Engage Your Members* by Marie Avery; *Real Prosperity Using the Laws of Attraction* by Ellen Boyle; and *Annual Reports: A Plan for Excellent Chapters* by Carol Reynolds. I selected the recruit, retain and engage your members. That was very useful and I learned a lot. The second Learning Labs were: *Young Professional Roundtables* by Heather Ozur; *Investing in Today's Marketplace for Tomorrow's Future* by Betty Kincaid; *Chapter Programming That Works* by VaLois Hounsel; *Public Speaking: Have No Fear* by Veronica McManus. I attended Chapter Programming that works, so much information in a short amount of time. This was worth attending.

After a quick lunch I attended an Education Session “No-to-Low Cost Marketing” by Pat Zaby. Once again a lot of information but so helpful. I always enjoy being reminded of what I can be doing vs what I am doing.

My last event of the day was the General Assembly where the new PMN candidates received their Designations and we met the candidates 2010 line officers. Anita Davis was nominated for Financial Secretary. No nominations were made from the floor.

Many of us went to the Ford Theater and enjoyed a musical about the Civil War. That was very enjoyable being in that theater and I loved the music.

May 17, 2009:

I signed in and attended the Governing Board meeting. We voted on one proposal, to move \$100,000 to the General fund, it was approved. We heard Committee reports and adjourned.

It was a privilege for me to attend this conference as the State Chapter President of Michigan. I was moved by how many of our State of Michigan members that were in attendance. Be sure to share what you learned with your Chapters.