



# The ASMC 'TROLLER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to start out by thanking all of you that volunteered during the holidays. I know there were a lot of activities going on but you guys always seem to find time to help others.

We started the New Year right with a good turnout for our January luncheon. Our guest speaker was Mr. Alvin Tucker, Executive Director, ASMC. If you were unable to attend, Mr. Tucker discussed our future in Financial Management as well as encouraging us all



## LISA WHITE

Kowallik has done an outstanding job in pulling this event together. You don't want to miss this great training opportunity!

*"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love."*  
—Martin Luther King Jr.  
*See you at the next Luncheon!*

to start preparing for the work at the National PDI this year in Nashville. He is convinced it will be the best PDI ever!

Our next big event is the Mini-PDI, coming in February. Ms. Dee

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## The Future of Financial Management & You

of ASMC as our January Luncheon Speaker.

Mr. Tucker presented a wealth of information of which all defense financial managers should be aware. If you were unable to attend, here are the highlights of Mr. Tucker's presentation:

### —What's Happening Now?

- Adjusting the budget base
- Incorporating lessons learned from Iraq and Afghanistan
- BRAC
- In-sourcing
- Financial Audits
- Deploying ERPs

- Tracking Stimulus Funds (Recovery.gov)

### —Rebalance Your Resources

- Sharpen Skills
- Stay Flexible
- Be Mobile
- Get More Training
- Diversify
- Certification
- How Can ASMC Help?
  - Keep you informed
  - Help you stand out
  - Help you be a leader
  - Broaden your perspective

- Certification
- CPE Credits
- What's New?
  - Modernization of Website
  - ASMC Awards are Online
  - PDI 2010, Nashville, TN
  - Becker Professional Education
  - Chapter Representatives for the National Executive Committee

After the luncheon, Mr. Tucker met with the financial leaders of Redstone to discuss the importance of CDFM certi-

fication and the opportunities presented by PDI attendance.

Mr. Tucker stated he would make inquiries about the possibility of PDI classes on Fiscal Law which could also meet the 5-year update requirement for DoD financial personnel.

Another issue Mr. Tucker will investigate is allowing DAU certification to qualify for the (A) in CDFM(A) and not remain a completely dual requirement.



The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of ASMC was proud to welcome Mr. Alvin Tucker, Executive Director

FOR THE RECORD

**ASMC Executive Board Meeting  
11 Jan 2010**

Beth Hodges-Awards- We have had good input on nominations. Currently there have been 8 individuals nominated. Beth is working to input these into the database. Hope to have completed in the next week.

Vickie Compton- Chapter Fair- No report.

Debbie O'Neal-Special Events- Will be contacting NASA to reserve the NASA picnic ground for May.

Audrea Edwards for Lisa Lowry- Ways and Means- Will have great and wonderful door prizes.

Audrea Edwards- Facilities- Table decorations will spread warmth. Dana Wilbanks- Treasurer-



**EASY CHICKEN POT PIE (from**

- 1 can Veg-All mixed vegetables (or frozen mixed vegetables)
- 1 can cream of potato soup
- 1 can cream chicken soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 or 2 large chicken breast cut into chunks
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 9-inch deep dish

unbaked pie crust

Saute chicken in 2 tablespoons olive oil for about 3 minute until light brown, add chicken to the first 4 ingredients.

Mix together and pour into pie crust. Put top crust on pie, cut 4 slits

in the crust. Brush with beaten egg wash.

Bake on a cookie sheet at 375 degrees for 45 minutes.

Was able to only pull current information on accounts. Statements were emailed to each Committee Chair.

Judy Smith-Programs- For February our speaker will be from the Huntsville Hospital Marketing Dept. Topic will be on Heart Health. It is possible that we will have a health fair. After the Thursday luncheon 14 Jan, our speaker Al Tucker will be holding a Financial Meeting at 1:30 pm in building 5300. An invitation is being sent out by Lisa Lowry.

Chris Harper-Assistant Treasurer- No report.

Lisa White - President - For Eura Reaves-Community Projects- No Report. For Linda McKinney-Constitution and Bylaws- No report. PDI Hospitality Com-

mittee Meeting 12 Jan 2009.

For Deb Chambers-Vice President-No report.

Dee Kowalik-Training and Education- Committee assignments are completed. We need to decide if we will have programs printed for the luncheon. Since the lunch speaker will be the afternoon speaker as well, we may not want to have a program printed up for the luncheon. Jackie Shaw has input the information into TIP for registration for the Mini PDI.

Theresa McBride is handling the publicity portion and she is sending information to the Rocket and the Huntsville Times. Hope the Times can run announcement in the Network Section.

Last year we allowed Management Concepts to have an exhibit booth at the Mini PDI. They made a donation to our local chapter. Dana Wilbanks suggested that we extend the invitation to our Corporate Sponsors and invite them to attend our event. Dee will request that Jessica contact the Corporate Sponsors.

Meeting Adjourned.  
/s/  
Audrea Edwards for Lisa Lowry  
Recording Secretary.

**Trinity Methodist Church** will be collecting Haitian Relief Items in partnership with Food for the Poor:

Canned items such as: fish, meat, milk, bottled water

Medical supplies:

Blankets, flashlights, and batteries, tarps, tents, soap

AND health kits:

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27")
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes on in original wrapper, no child-size)
- 1 large tube of toothpaste (4.5 oz or larger, exp date must be 6 months)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages — Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag. Complete health kits are needed most—not partial items.

**NO CLOTHES AT THIS TIME**

**WINTER  
WORD  
SEARCH**

CAP	QUILTS
COAT	SCARF
COCOA	SHOVEL
COLD	SKATE
FIREPLACE	SKI
FLU	SLED
SLEET	SLEET
ICE	SLEIGH

D T S L E I G H C C A  
 E L S F A B J A O O E  
 S T O O H T P A C C P  
 T P A C R J T O A L L  
 E L T K S F C L U W E  
 E B J H S N P Y F Q V  
 L I E D F E E S U M O  
 S C E R R P M T N Q H  
 I L A I M S L U T O S  
 S C F Y L I K S L I W  
 S L A S T L I U Q F M



**ASMC Mini-PDI 2010**  
 Financial Imperative: Managing People and Processes

**3 & 4 Feb 2010**

Pick a day to attend - lunch included

Speakers: Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> - Brigadier General (Retired) Sandra A. Gregory  
 Feb 4<sup>th</sup> - Ms. Sandra V. Richardson (SES)  
 Both days - Dr. John Kline (soft skills & lunch presentation)



**Location:** Trinity United Methodist Church New Room Auditorium on Airport Rd

**Registration: 0730-0825**  
**Seminar Time: 0830-1600**  
**Deadline to register - Jan 29th**

**EARN 7 CLPs**

**COST:** \$100 for ASMC MEMBERS  
 \$125 for NON-MEMBERS  
 Charged to Government IMPAC card

Enter into TIP System: Catalog # F102MPDI  
 Course Title: ASMC MINI-PDI 2010

Call in reservation with IMPAC credit card to:  
 Dee Kowalik, 313-4020  
 Dana Wilbanks, 876-4283  
 Sandy Brock, 313-4494  
 Theresa McBride, 842-9272  
 Freida Waits, 313-4986

Info Required:  
 Name, Member Status, Phone #,  
 Email address, Credit Cardholder Name,  
 Card # and Card Expiration Date

# COMMUNITY PROJECTS



The Community Projects Committee supported the Crisis Services of North Alabama. Volunteers helped to wrap presents for shoppers in the Madison Square Mall, Huntsville, AL on Saturday, 19 Dec 09. The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of

tributed by non-members. Cheryl Anderson, ASMC member, chaired this project and recruited and organized all of the volunteers. The members were Terry Duvall, Gwen Davis Tracy Flores, Annjeanette Walker, Barbara Hall, Hazel Bearden, Kim Ruf, Debra Kaleponi and Cheryl Anderson (coordinator). The non-members were: Diana Bullard, Meriam Garret and Rudy Flores.

member) who helped with serving meals, helping children with picture frames, arts and crafts, registration and clean-up. Also the ASMC volunteers brought desserts and shared with the clients, staff and other volunteers. ASMC Volunteers included: Yvonne Dublin, Debbie O'Neal, Amanda Cole, Dana Wilbanks, Anthony McAdory, Vickie McAdory (non-ASMC member), Sherry Pool, Katrina Hale, Jacqueline Shaw, Eura Reaves (coordinator of this effort), Annjeanette Walker, and Vera Alexander.

ASMC sponsored nine ASMC members and three non-ASMC members who volunteered their time during the busy Christmas season wrapping packages at the Helpline both in Madison Square Mall, Huntsville, AL. Proceeds from the gift wrapping service were donated to Helpline and Hope Place to support the expenses of their work in the community. A total of 48 hours were contributed by ASMC members and a total of 19.5 hours were con-



For the sixth year in a row, the ASMC Redstone/Huntsville Chapter has supported the National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC) to help make the season a little more brighter for the disadvantaged families enrolled in the child abuse prevention programs of the NCAC. The 2009 Healthy Families Holiday Party was held on Tuesday, 15 Dec 09 at the main campus of the NCAC at 210 Pratt Avenue, Huntsville, AL. More than 80 of the NCAC's clients had a special evening of family fun and enrichment, thanks to the 12 ASMC Volunteers (11 members & 1 non-

## Kids to Love Foundation Annual "Christmas for the Kids Drive"

Ms. Cheryl Anderson, ASMC member helped wrapped gifts at the Kids to Love gift-wrapping location at Bridge Street during December 2009. The money raised was used to help provide purchase Christmas gifts for local foster children whose wish lists were not sponsored by other organizations. Ms. Eura Reaves, Chairperson, Community Projects Committee, volunteered her time to help wrap gifts at the warehouse on Thursday, 10 Dec 09 and on Friday. Through the "Christmas for the Kids" Program, the Kids to Love Foundation provided Christmas gifts to more than 2,000 foster children in north Alabama and South Central TN.

## KUDOS CORNER



Door prize winners at January's ASMC luncheon: Lori Elmore, Teri Johnson, Kelly Glosson, Dora Moore, Cynthia Hawkins, Wanda Thomas, and Yvonne Guy.



Mr. Al Tucker accepts a Chapter Coin from President Lisa White during the January ASMC Monthly Luncheon.



Members of the Community Projects Committee (Larry Bowlin, Gwen Davis, and Virginia Harper, pictured) who have been taking

## NATIONAL NEWS



(From the ASMC Website):

### SUPPORTING THE WAR-FIGHTER SURVEY

ASMC, along with Grant Thornton LLP, is doing an online survey of defense financial managers. This "Supporting the Warfighter" survey should take only a few minutes to complete, and asks

ASMC members about PPBE, transitioning from supplemental funding to baseline budgeting, and the future financial workforce (skills, in-sourcing, career paths). ASMC will reward the three chapters with the highest percentage response rate to this survey a cash award: 1st - \$300, 2nd - \$200, 3rd - \$100. The award will be

based on the number of responses received per chapter divided by the total paid membership of a chapter as of April 15, 2010. Please be sure to enter your chapter's name when you fill out the survey. Access the survey before April 15, 2010! Aggregate results of this survey will be published and available on the ASMC Website.

in donations of personal hygiene and cold weather clothes items during December and January in

support of the Salvation Army's Men and Women's Homeless Shelters.





**“Thank You”**  
 corporate sponsors  
 for your continued  
 support.



**Sponsor Spotlight:**

(Submitted by Daniel S. Gadomski)



Paradigm Technologies, Inc. has been a part of the Redstone Arsenal Community for over 3 years. Founded in 1994 to support the Naval Sea Systems Command by providing cost estimation services, Paradigm Technologies, Inc. has grown into an all-star of the Defense Community. They have operations in eight locations across the United States and support all branches of the Armed Services through services varying from Systems Engineering Support to Mission and Policy Analysis. Paradigm Technologies, Inc. has participated extensively in our community through efforts such as Habitat for Humanity, United Community Ministries, Toys for Tots, and through the initiation of their Pay-it-Forward Campaign. Pay-It-Forward is a program where Paradigm provides encouragement and up to \$350.00 to their employees who do three or more “big” things to help out individuals in need who are not associated with the company. Paradigm Technologies, Inc. has set a standard for Defense organizations both in supporting the warfighter and in improving the quality of life in their community.

Hello Chapter Members -

As I mentioned in November, the new ASMC Awards Online website is complete and nominations are now being accepted for all awards. We, as a chapter, submitted seven individual award nominations and one team award nomination. This is a great effort and I appreciate the nominators working so hard to meet the criteria. I also want to thank Kim Jean for all her efforts on getting the ASMC system to work!

Now is the time for you to shine as an author. The next award that must be submitted to ASMC, for this year, is the Member's Essay Award. Any one wanting to submit for this award must be a member in good standing with ASMC. I will submit your name to our chapter president for concurrence.

The essays must not be a previously published article. The articles must be written on the current topic, which is listed on the ASMC Awards website. Duo or group authored essays will not be accepted.

Essays must be original, must never have been published, and must not exceed 1,500 words. Essays must include the essay and a short biography.

I will post the essays on the ASMC Awards Online website no later than 26 February 2010. If you are interested, please check out the ASMC Awards Online website for the award selection procedures. The recognition is definitely worth the effort . . . the essay will be published in the /Armed Forces Comptroller/ magazine and the first place winner receives \$500.00 and a plaque.

Please let me know if you have any questions or contact any of the members of the chapter award committee. We will be happy to help you with your packages.

Take this opportunity to become a published author! Warm Regards, Dr. Beth Hodges

**LOOK AHEAD.....**

**ASMC Scholarship 2010**

Requirements for submission:

- Applicants must be a current ASMC member or a high school senior or college student immediately related to an ASMC member.
- Applicants must have maintained a 3.0 GPA
- Application showing extracurricular school activities, and community service

•Two letters of recommendation

For application information , contact Cody Swinford, 256-842-9492. All applications must be received by 28 Feb 10.

**PDI 2010**  
**1-4 JUNE 2010**  
**NASHVILLE, TN**  
**GETTING IN TUNE**  
**WITH PROFESSIONALISM**

**American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC)**  
**Redstone/Huntsville Chapter**  
**February Luncheon Speaker:**  
**Huntsville Hospital Rep**  
**(including Blood Pressure and Body Fat Screening)**

**Topic**  
**Heart Health**

**When:** Thursday, 11 February @ 1130  
**Where:** Trinity United Methodist Church  
**Menu:** Salad, Lasagna, Buttered Carrots, Garlic Bread, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Water

**For ticket information, contact:**  
 Kim Wright-Ouattara, 876-6163 or Lisa Lowry, 876-7086  
 Need reservations by 1000, Thurs, 4 Feb 10  
 Ticket Price - \$13.00 members/ \$14.00 Non-Members