



THE ASMC TROLLER

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PDI 2010

The Tri-State and Redstone-Huntsville chapters are planning a fantastic event in Nashville on June 1-4, 2010. Currently, we have a little more than 1000 attendees registered for the PDI and we expect that number to grow to 4000 by the end of April. As your chapter makes plans for the PDI, please consider the following: The Chapter Charity Raffle will be held June 2-4. For this activity, chapters submit item(s) to raffle and PDI attendees purchase tickets for a chance to win the items of their choice. The items for the drawings will

be displayed in a central area for attendees to view throughout the day on Wednesday and until right after lunch on Thursday. There is no fee for chapter to participate in this charity event. All funds earned from the raffle will be returned to the chapter to benefit their designated ASMC interests. To obtain more information or to sign up an item, please contact Jennifer Sizemore sizemore@asmconline.org.

Because of space limitations, one service will break out each day for its own luncheon session.
 *Air Force attendees will dine together on Wednesday
 *Army attendees on Thursday
 *Navy/Marine Corps attendees on Friday

Because of this logistic challenge, awards will be presented only at the morning general session and banquet. If your chapter attendees are making plans to sit together, please plan accordingly. A chapter seating request for the banquet will be sent to each chapter president in May.

The Gaylord Opryland and the Radisson Opryland are currently sold out, primarily because potential attendees have booked rooms and do not yet know that they are funded. Anyone attempting to obtain a room should be asked to be placed on the waitlist. Should the waitlist not be cleared by mid April, ASMC will add an additional hotel for attendees.

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April 8th Fashion Show

sponsored by Dillard's

Volunteers needed to model
 "Proper Business Attire"
 (Dillard's will provide clothing)

or

"What's Not Proper Attire for the Office"
 (bring your own outfit)

If you would like to volunteer, please contact

Judy Smith at 842-8711

President's Message

The March luncheon proved to be a great success with Ms. Juanita Sales Lee as our guest speaker. We had a wonderful turnout – the most attendees we've had since last May. Next month will be the ASMC fashion show and I know you don't want to miss your co-workers and fellow ASMC members strut their stuff, while showing you what to wear, as well as what NOT to wear, to work. Judy Smith is looking for a few good models, so please volunteer and let's make it a great show.

The May luncheon is set for 13 May at the MSFC picnic area –

this always proves to be a fun filled event so mark your calendars for this.

The ASMC PDI planning committee met in Nashville on 18 Mar for the last time before the actual event in June and I'm happy to



Lisa White

report that everything is coming together.

Requests for nominations for next year's Redstone/Huntsville board and committee chairs will be forthcoming soon so please nominate someone that can bring new and exciting ideas to the chapter.

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."

–Muhammad Ali

See you at the next luncheon!

2009-2010 Chapter Officers:

President:

Lisa White

Vice President:

Deborah Chambers

Treasurer:

Dana Wilbanks

Assistant Treasurer:

Chris Harper

Corresponding Secretary:

Michelle Cobb

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Lowry

Ex Officio Member:

Becky Lake

WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR? WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

By Judy Smith, Program Committee Chair



What do you get for one hour of your time and \$13? Well...to start off with, you get away from the "bean counting" for an hour. You get 1 CLP of training for each luncheon you attend. You get a wonderful, healthy lunch. You get to socialize and network with fellow financial managers. But, most importantly, you get the opportunity to hear from informative, interesting, inspiring speakers.

Our local ASMC Chapter has been blessed this year with a wide array of wonderful speakers at our monthly luncheons.

We kicked off the year in July by hearing from Mr. Bill Stender, the Chairman of the Huntsville/Madison Veterans' Memorial. This memorial will be a great asset to Madison County and mean even more to all of our local veterans.

In August, Mr. Burr Ingram, the Vice President of Marketing for Huntsville Hospital, provided us with a very informative summary of the role and importance of the

hospital to our great city as well as our outlying communities.

September and November, we were blessed to be a part of Dr. Gary Huckaby's humorous account of "Are We Having Fun Yet?" and Lonnie Jones delivery of Conflict Resolution. Both Dr. Huckaby and Mr. Jones' presentations were educational, light-hearted, and fun! And, at year-end, we needed a laugh.

October's Patti Martin, the Director of Systems Engineering & Support, AMRDEC, was inspiring with her presentation of Work/Life Balance. Ms. Martin's accomplishments, leadership abilities, experience, and wealth of knowledge was a wonderful asset to our chapter members.

Our Holiday program in December allowed us to sit back, forget about the stress of the season, and enjoy the wonderful music provided by the Academy for Science & Foreign Language Music Department.

In January, our Chapter was honored to have Mr. Al Tucker, the new ASMC Executive Director. Mr. Tucker guided us through the future of ASMC and highlighted the importance of ASMC in the financial arena.

We focused in February on Heart Health month. Again, Huntsville Hospital employ-

ees Spencer Holder and Emily Johnson granted us a wealth of information on the importance of heart health. And, in addition, Arin Zapf and Jamie Garris provided blood pressure screening during the luncheon.

The subject of Fiscal Law and the Anti-Deficiency Act for March isn't the most "interesting" of topics. But think again. SMDC's Chief of General & Administrative Law Division, Ms. Juanita Sales Lee's speaking skills are full of energy and enthusiasm.

We welcome in spring by hosting a fun and entertaining fashion show at April's luncheon. Once again, our local ASMC members will stand as models, highlighting work and business attire versus what "not" to wear to the office.

Remember, our monthly lunch is more than just lunch. It's food, fun, and fellowship. If you know of a great speaker or a topic of interest that you would like to hear, please contact me or anyone on my committee and we'll do what we can to get them.

You are the voice of ASMC and we listen. We want your input!!!

For The Record....

ASMC Executive Board Meeting 8 Feb 10

- Vickie Compton – Chapter Fair – Waiting on info for Nashville PDI Philanthropy.
- Tony McAdory – Membership – No report.
- Dana Wilbanks – Treasurer – Monthly financial reports were sent out by email.
- Dana Wilbanks for Debbie O'Neal – Special Events – Still working on arranging for NASA picnic area for May ASMC

picnic.

- Audrea Edwards – Facilities – Will make a donation to the American Heart Association in lieu of table decorations for Feb luncheon.
- Lisa Lowry – Ways and Means – Fabulous door prizes.
- Deb Chambers – Vice President – PDI website should open around 25 Feb. Looking into getting a guitar signed for the Philanthropy charity. Will have PDI Planning Committee meeting in Nashville on 18 Mar.

- Cody Swinford – Scholarship – Still accepting scholarship nominations thru 28 Feb.
- Judy Smith for Jessica Dunaway – Corporate Membership – Dan Gadomski is taking over this committee. Have 3 possible new corporate sponsors.
- Judy Smith – Programs – Speaker for Mar will be Ms. Juanita Sales from the SMDC Judge Advocate's Office
- Michelle Cobb for Eura Reaves – Community Projects – Need write-ups from community projects' POCs on

NATIONAL NEWS

Congress recommends comprehensive acquisition reform

The House Armed Service Committee's (HASC) Defense Reform Panel, in an [interim report](#) issued this week, recommended a wide-ranging revamping of the defense acquisition system. According to the report, DoD should: 1) create a new performance management and audit func-



tion (in a GAO-like capacity); 2) reform the requirements process with the Vice Chairman of the JCS as the goal leader; 3) better match acquisition policy to requirements; 4) review policies and instructions regarding obligation and expenditure benchmarks to determine and ensure their most effective use; and 5) ensure that the acquisition workforce is adequately and appropriately staffed and trained. HASC chair Rep. Ike Skelton (D-MO) set up the Defense Reform Panel to conduct a comprehensive review of DoD's acquisition system. The panel found that DoD's acquisition system has not kept pace with substantial changes

that have occurred in the nature of defense acquisition. For example, the panel noted that although DoD is modernizing in the current information environment, the acquisition system is not designed to effectively acquire information technology. And, in pointed criticism, the report charged that the acquisition system too often fails to meet the needs of the warfighter in a timely, cost effective manner. The panel also expressed concern that DoD's inability to provide accurate and timely financial information inhibited effective acquisition management. The final report is still under review and should be issued in a few weeks.

Thanks so much for your continued support with our community projects!

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

ASMC will be participating in the final two flights for the Tennessee Valley Honor Flight on April 24 and May 29.

Come to the Airport (with signs or other identifying objects) and meet and welcome these Veterans. You can do this in the morning and/or evening at 4:30am or 8:30pm in the evening when they return. Please wear one of your ASMC shirts if you have one.

If you would like to volunteer for this very worthwhile project, please contact Dana Wilbanks, dana.wilbanks@us.army.mil, 876-4283, or Roxanne Hopple, Roxanne.hopple@us.army.mil, 876-9747, by COB April 16th for the April 24th flight and by COB May 21 for the May 29th flight, and which time you can be there (or both if you can make both times). You can ask your friends and neighbors to come out and support this effort also.

you would like to become an official volunteer you can download a Volunteer Application form at www.honorflight.net and submit it in accordance with the instructions on the website.



KUDOS CORNER

Congratulations to the winners of FABULOUS Door Prizes at the March Luncheon: Mit Merritt, Michelle Green, Bonnie Scales, Janie Montgomery, Rob Archer, Hope Boroch, Bob Hirschbuehler, Reggie Clark, and Judy Smith.

Redstone Members,

Just wanted to pass on. Keep a watch on this website. National is going to feature a photo I sent to them that was of our Mini PDI registration table (On the left side of the screen in Chapter Spotlight) along with a brief description of our successful Mini-PDI (used Dee's article for the newsletter) on their education portion of the website. I'm not sure when he's going to put it on there but keep an eye out and pass it on.

<http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/classroom-training/pdi-education/>

Regards, Becky Lake
Publicity Chairman



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Lisa White with March Luncheon Speaker, Juanita Sales Lee

Now calling for Chapter Leadership Award nominations - This is a national recognition award for an outstanding individual that demonstrates continuous leadership, accomplishment, and support of the society at the chapter level. The nominee must be a member for at least three full consecutive years and a current member in good standing. Additionally, the nominee must have been a chapter officer or chapter committee chairperson for a minimum of one full year. If you know of someone that you would like to see nominated, please contact Dr. Beth Hodges, 256-313-7013, for further application requirements. All submis-



Excellent crowd for our March Luncheon!
Let's keep it up!

sions must be received by 26 Mar 2010.

Valuable Member Benefits

A recent poll on the ASMC website asked members what the most valuable benefit ASMC membership offered.

- *37% identified Education and the Annual PDI as most valuable
- *28% identified Certification as the most valuable benefit
- *17% stated Networking Opportunities were most valuable
- *12% identified ASMC as an Information Resource as being the most valuable
- *6% stated discounted rates, the Armed Forces Comptroller, or Other as most valuable



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Sponsor Spotlight: Analytical

(Submitted by Daniel S. Gadomski)



Services, Inc. has been a valuable part of the Huntsville, AL and Redstone Arsenal Community since 1992. In 17 short years ASI has managed to accumulate numerous prestigious awards including Huntsville/Madison Best Places to Work, Alabama Technology Company of the Year – Large Business, Better Business Bureau’s Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics, and the National Children’s Advocacy Center Madison County Family Friendly Business Award. This incredible mix of industry and community awards exemplifies ASI’s commitment to excellence in not

only information technology, engineering and technical services, business management, and logistics, but also in community outreach as well. Servicing the Army, Air Force, Navy, US Coast Guard, and Department of Homeland Security as well as numerous other DoD Agencies, ASI will indubitably continue to provide outstanding support to our community well into the future.



A LOOK AHEAD.....

**PDI 2010, 1-4 JUN 10
IN NASHVILLE, TN**

**PLEASE SEE THE
ASMC WEBSITE FOR
MORE INFORMATION.**

**OUR CHAPTER IS CO-
HOSTING THIS
EVENT.**



**American Society of
Military Comptrollers (ASMC)
Redstone/Huntsville Chapter
Joint Meeting with TACL-Tomorrow’s Army
Civilian Leaders**

**Speaker: Dillard’s Department Store
Topic: New Spring Fashions
for the Financial Manager
featuring ASMC Members**

**Thursday, April 8th@ 11:30 am
Trinity United Methodist Church Wesley Hall**

**Menu: Honey Limed Grilled Chicken, Southern Style
Squash Casserole, Orange Glazed Baby Carrots,
Chocolate Dessert, Rolls, Coffee, Tea, & Water**

**For Ticket Information, contact
Kim Ouattara, 876-6163 or Lisa Lowry, 876-7086
Please make reservations by Thursday, 1 Apr
Ticket Price – Members \$13, Non-Members \$14**



Pictures are courtesy of Dillard’s.com