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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Getting In Tune Through Professional Growth

What an exciting year we have in front of us! Phyllis Barnett, 2002-2003 President; Barbara Pisano, Executive Board Member, and I traveled to Boise, Idaho, in July for our National Conference. We learned a lot, had some fun, and came home with lots of ideas along with enthusiasm and expectations for a wonderful year in GAEOP.

Keep our website, www.geocities.com/gaeoponline, open. We will have our newsletter available there, as well as conference information. Beth Harris, our Webmaster and Vice-President, has done a wonderful job setting this up. If there is something you would like to see on the website that is not yet available, please let Beth know.

The conference is fast approaching. The presenters seem to be as excited as I am about their workshops. They have many wonderful and helpful ideas to share with you. Don't forget to sign up for the crafts, too. We are going on an adventure for our banquet, holding it on a Riverboat where we'll have an area reserved just for us. This year I hope you will plan to stay an extra night, taking advantage of the substantially reduced hotel rates, and enjoy the city on Saturday. I have arranged for two discounted tours for your enjoyment. If there is enough interest, we have been promised special rates for entrance to homes of historic and architectural interest. We'll take a count at the conference. It's always a treat to have free time with friends you've made through the years.

Don't worry if you are a first-timer, you'll have plenty of new friends by the time this conference is over. You'll be kept busy, learn a lot, have fun, and make friends who are always ready to help with advice for those work situations you can't talk about with your co-workers.

Bring spending money because not only does Savannah have delightful shops, but also our ways and means committee will have opportunities for you to take home more than you brought. Local associations will be bringing in fantastic baskets that may find a place in your trunk going home.

Our theme for this year is "Getting In Tune Through Professional Growth," and I encourage you to invite co-workers to attend this year's conference with you as it will offer an ideal opportunity to provide professional growth for attendees and for local organizations. My sincere desire is that you will carry ideas back to the workplace that will enhance your performance and make your responsibilities easier to accomplish.

It is a pleasure to serve you as President this year. Please contact me if I can help you or your local association in any way. You may reach me by email at pendleyd@alltel.net or call me at 706-579-3338.

See you in Savannah!
Diane Pendley

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Past President's Council Chair

I am excited about being Past President's Council Chair this year. I'm looking forward to hearing from as many of our past presidents as possible. It's important that we stay in contact with each other. I think that we should continue with our end of the year luncheon that Elaine started. The gift basket was a big hit at our Spring conference. Maybe we can do that again this year. If you have any other ideas about activities we can do, please share them with me. Please be sure to join GAEOP and join the Past President's Council. We will have a Past President's table reserved at the Fall conference.

I look forward to seeing you in Savannah.

Phyllis Barnett
Past President's Council

ATTENTION GAEOP RETIREES

ATTENTION GAEOP Members:

Encourage all your Retired Friends to attend the Fall Conference in Savannah in October. I have planned a session for the Retirees on Friday with a group from Savannah – The Savannah Classic Club. This promises to be an uplifting experience for the ladies and their hubbies. Hurry, get your Conference Registration in – Come on to Savannah and join us. See you in Savannah!

Madeline Waller
Retirees Chairperson



Annual Fall Conference Savannah Marriott Riverfront Savannah, Georgia

Be sure to register for the GAEOP Fall Conference/Professional Development Seminar, October 9-11, 2003. Registration Fee includes continental breakfast Friday, lunch on Friday, two breaks on Friday, Riverboat banquet Friday night, full breakfast on Saturday, as well a choice of four workshops from a selection of six. You may join us in the hospitality suite for major snacks on Thursday night.

Madeline Waller is planning a Retirees workshop for Friday morning.

Savannah is a wonderful city to visit, with many tours, great restaurants and shops. You're may invite your spouse to attend all meal and tour functions. Just remember to request extra tickets.



Ways and Means

Welcome back to a new year. I'm Pat Allport from Muscogee County and I will be helping out with the Ways and Means Committee. This year we are asking that each county bring a basket full of goodies (your choice) to raffle off. We also need door prizes and things to go into our goody bags, please help us out and bring as many as you wish to.

Bring all your loose change for the 50/50 drawing. The more money in the pot, the more money you have a chance to win!

I am also on the hospitality committee. I really need your help !! If you could help out with some snacks to go in the hospitality room on Thursday night, I would very much appreciate it. Please feel free to email at patalport@hotmail.com. If any of the local organizations could help with the decorations or food, please let me know by October 1st.

Thanks in advance for any contributions that you will help with. Looking forward to seeing each of you at the conference.

Pat Allport
Muscogee County

GAEOP WEBSITE

The GAEOP Website address :

<http://www.geocities.com/gaeoponline.com>. There are a number of items in the works to be added to the web-site: 2003-2004 board members, GAEOP by-laws, GAEOP past president listings, a listing of the past winners of the GAEOP Member and Administrator of the Year awards.....and more!

Let us know if you have ideas about making the web-site work better for our members.

Please share the existence of GAEOP with your co-workers. GAEOP membership forms are available on the web-site, as well as Conference information and upcoming events.

Elizabeth Harris
Georgia Perimeter College



Date to Remember

2004 Southeast Area Professional
Development Seminar

April 16-18, 2004

Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront

Covington, Kentucky