



2006 Leadership Retreat - Oh What A Time!

Pipestem proved to be a great venue for this year's Region 18 Leadership Retreat. The weather was great and the surroundings beautiful.

The weekend events started as the Northeastern Ohio Chapter held the Region Hospitality at their cabin on Friday night. All participated in a Blind Wine Tasting contest and enjoyed great food, music and dancing

Saturday morning started with Our Keynote speaker, Ron Gandiza, who discussed the changing world and AI TP. The afternoon sessions continued with Craig Kennedy - Retaining and Recruiting Members (marketing materials), and Irene Edge - Our Students - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Scott Sample from Microsoft got us all in tune as he unveiled - Vista & Office 2007! Everyone seemed excited about the new product offering and the Beta giveaways!

The Region benefited from the presence of the AI TP National Association President, Mark Gilfand, who discussed "The State of AI TP", and Carolyn Walters, Region 18 President, facilitated a question-and-answer forum from the audience with Mark.

Saturday's business sessions culminated with the Region 18 Board meeting, where 2007 Officers were installed: Carolyn Walters-President, Darlene Gerber-Past President, John Wharton-EVP, Barbara Shaver-Treasurer, Ron Gandiza - Secretary. Thanks to Mary Jane Scruggs and John Hage who are leaving the Board.

On Saturday night, we danced the night away with Lou Maiuri, Square Dance Caller. I think we will all remember the Hoedown! We certainly laughed very much! I would be remiss if I didn't thank John Biros (Kanawha Valley) and Joyce Moses (RTP) for their personal renditions of "I'm a little teapot", and Lance Kull (Tarheel), who entertained us as he led an impromptu auction of various items to the group.

On Sunday morning, Chuck Stump from The Performance Group led us through "Understanding Behavioral Styles/personal communication". This was a real eye-opener for all who attended and a great way to wrap up the weekend.

I'd like to say a special 'Thanks' to the conference committee: Karen Kovacs (registration), Brenda Angle (Marketing/Trivia/Decorations), John Wharton (logistics), and Also Irene Edge (Marketing Assistant). This conference would not have been successful without you!

Thanks also to our Presenters and all who attended. We hope you enjoyed the event and will use the "Tools" that were shared in all the sessions. I look forward to seeing you in 2007 in Williamsburg VA for the Spring Conference. Until then, be well, and I wish you the best in 2007.

In AI TP Spirit,

Carolyn Walters

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