

CONNECTION

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A Message from the President:



Dear Fellow WiNUP Members,

"Summer is here and the living is easy"

—or so the saying goes.

I'm not so sure about the living is easy part, but we can't argue that

summer is here.

Even though I think each season has its good points, summer is my favorite. Of course, it was more of my favorite when I was young and had the summers free to play.

Now that I'm an adult, I still try to remember that play time isn't wasted time. Riding our bikes after dinner, walking the dogs in the morning before it gets too hot, golfing anytime, and sitting on the patio with neighbors are some of the activities my husband and I enjoy in the summer. I hope you all enjoy some playtime, too. You deserve it.

Teri Berliner
2007 WiNUP President
AEP, Ohio Chapter

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Summer is here!

Connection is published each quarter. Article submissions from Chapters and members are welcome!

To submit material, email or call Theresa.

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Independent Accountant's Report for 1997-2005 Completed

By Donna McCord

Stone, Rudolph & Henry, PLC performed an Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures for WiNUP. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was carried out in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and was done solely to assist WiNUP with respect to the accounting records from July 1, 1997 through December 31, 2005.

Stone, Rudolph & Henry, PLC used records made available to them from the SunTrust Bank checking and savings accounts. They compared amounts reported by WiNUP's previous Executive Director on financial reports and minutes approved by the board; and compiled transactions by category from the bank records that we secured from the bank. There was a total difference in the comparison of negative \$66,488.51.

The work the accountants completed was not an audit, according to the use of that term in the accounting profession, as the objective of an audit would be the expression of opinion of the accounting records. No opinion was given.

An electronic copy of the procedures and report has been sent to each Chapter's International Board Rep, who is to forward a copy on to chapter members. We ask for your feedback on the Agreed-Upon Procedures.

New Checks and Balances put into Place

WiNUP's process for checks and balances were changed in 2006. The Executive Director must have all expenses approved by written notice from the treasurer before any funds can be disbursed. We now have online banking, so all members of the executive committee can log on and check accounts (checking, savings and fellowship funds). Each year our records will be reviewed by that year's Immediate Past President. For example, for fiscal year 2006, Rita Simpson was the Immediate Past President and will do the review of our financial records for 2006. Kim Satterfield is developing a detailed checklist to be used for this review each year. Additionally, every third year we will have an outside service perform an Independent Accountant's Report.

Special board meeting

Each Board Representative has receive talking points to aide in discussing the report with chapter members. A special board meeting is scheduled to be held by teleconference in August to discuss members' reactions to the Accountant Report and to further determine what action to take. Please be sure to let your Board Representative hear from you.

Thank you to Kim for all your hard work and following through on all the details needed to get this procedure completed.



Kim Satterfield Recognized at June Board Meeting

The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors recognized Kim Satterfield during the Board Meeting in Columbus, Ohio, in June. Kim worked diligently collecting records and working with Stone, Rudolph & Henry, PLC in the completion of the Independent Accountant Report for WiNUP.

Many Thanks Kim!

Update on our newest Chapter:

ArkLaTex meets, selects officers

The ArkLaTex Chapter held its first meeting on June 11, 2007. Guest speaker for the event was Venita McCellon-Allen, President and Chief Operating Officer of AEP-Southwestern Electric Power Company.

Ms. McCellon-Allen updated the group on several pertinent industry issues including the opening of several new power plants, regulatory issues facing the industry, and the career opportunities those issues will create.

During a question and answering period she addressed ways for women to advance within the company.

The ArkLaTex Chapter had 24 register to attend the lunch meeting. During the meeting the Chapter set upcoming meeting dates and times, discussed community involvement and fund raising. Chapter members decided that the next meeting would be a round table for members to talk about their jobs.

ArkLaTex Chapter Officers

Robin Heggler, Chair

Alysa Irving, Vice Chair

H. Nell Gibbs, Treasurer

Cassandra Smith, Secretary

Deborah Hall-Jackson, Board Representative

East Tennessee Chapter Working to Revitalize!

By Rita Simpson

On June 1, 2007, the East Tennessee Chapter of WiNUP held a reorganization meeting at Cozymel's Restaurant in Knoxville, Tennessee. Anne Allen, East Tennessee Board Representative, hosted the meeting. There were nine potential members in attendance, including the speaker, Leslye Hartsell, as well as, Virginia Lowe and Rita Simpson from the Nashville Chapter and guest, Kay Devore from the Tennessee Energy Education Network.

Anne showed a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the Electrical Women's Round Table/WiNUP. Leslye Hartsell, Manager of Community Relations, at Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB), spoke on KUB's Community Relations Department and its involvement in the community. Virginia Lowe spoke to the group on how she was introduced to WiNUP by an East Tennessee member during the World's Fair in Knoxville in the 70's, and Rita Simpson reviewed the International Office, dues structure, and the values and benefits of being a WiNUP member.

It was a great meeting thanks to the potential members who attended: Allison Slater, City of Alcoa Electric Dept.; Debbie Ryan, City of Maryville Electric Dept.; Vickie Devault, TVA; Danette Scudder, Tennessee Valley Public Power Association; Jamie Taylor, Knoxville Utilities Board, Jenny Lawson, Holston Electric Cooperative; Shannon Bellamy, Holston Electric Cooperative; Charlsie Boaragine, Holston Electric Cooperative, and Leslye Hartsell, KUB.

Great news from the meeting—please join the East Tennessee Chapter in welcoming its newest members, Danette Scudder, Training Administration Manager at TVPPA and Allison Slater with the City of Alcoa Electric Department! Others are in the process of joining as well.

Welcome!

Finishing Touches Complete — Get ready to Catch the Oklahoma Dream

Over a year in the making, the Oklahoma Chapter is putting the finishing touches on the 2007 National WinUP Conference plans. The conference will be held October 8-10 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Every detail of this year's conference has been scrutinized to make sure each attendee is guaranteed a positive experience. Over a dozen, carefully-chosen speakers have been confirmed for the three-day conference. Attendees will hear a wide array of topics presented— from improving your personal and professional life to experiencing “one of a kind” entertainment —“Okie” style. The speakers selected are sure to leave every attendee inspired and challenged!

The Oklahoma Chapter cordially invites you to attend the excitement as we celebrate another year of WinUP excellence. For more information, go to www.winup.org or contact Amber Helt at 918-250-7720.

Conference program and registration forms may be found on pages 5-7.

REGISTER NOW.



Board and Executive Committee Meet in Columbus in June



President Teri Berliner (standing) conducts the June Board Meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Sue Mercer, North Texas Board Rep. (L), and Lila Munsey, Treasurer attend.

Below L-R, Lynn Thieneman, Board Rep MAL, Amber Helt, Oklahoma Chair, Janet Phan, Ohio, and Kelly Rice, Board Rep, Oklahoma, discuss WinUP promotions.

Additional highlights from the June Board Meeting

New Chapter Grant: \$250 Chapter Development Grants are now available. Consideration is being made to extend this grant to chapters that are working to rebuild membership and revitalize existing Chapters.



New website development: Amanda Thatcher and Judy Smith, Ohio Chapter, presented several pages from the redesigned WinUP website they are working to complete.

2006 Conference Committee: Sue Mercer, North Texas, reported profit from Williamsburg Conference as \$ 14,370.23. These funds have been provided to the International Office for the general operation of WinUP.



2008 Conference: While two chapters are discussing the possibility of hosting the 2008 conference, there is no Chapter yet in place to host this event. If your chapter is willing to consider hosting the 2008 Conference, please contact Teri Berliner.



October 6, Saturday

5 – 7 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
Hospitality Suite

October 7, Sunday

Noon – 3 p.m. International Board Meeting

3:30 – 6:30 p.m. Registration

4 – 5:30 p.m. Chapter Chair Meeting

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Past Presidents' Council

7 – 9 p.m. Hospitality Room Open

October 8, Monday

7:15 – 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast

7:15 – 8:15 a.m. Members-at-large Meeting
Hospitality Suite / Breakfast provided

7:30 – 10 a.m. Registration

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Opening Comments
Stuart Solomon,
President and COO
Public Service Company
of Oklahoma

8:45-9:00 a.m. Welcome to Tulsa
Mayor Kathy Taylor

9-9:15 a.m. Oklahoma
Bill Jeffers, Discoveryland
(Singing Oklahoma)

9:15-10:30 a.m. The National Contribution of
Oklahoma Women
Sharon King Davis,
Co-chair Oklahoma
Centennial Commission, Tulsa

10:30-11a.m. Networking Break

11-12 noon Women and Self Defense
Lori Fulbright, Anchor,
KOTV Channel 6, CBS Affiliate

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Luncheon
A Look From the Top:
How to Get There
Phyllis Worley,
President, Oklahoma Natural
Gas Co.

1:30-2 p.m. Networking Break

2-2:45 p.m. Route 66: Explore the
Historic Mother Road from
California to Chicago
Michael Wallis, author

2:45-3:30 p.m. Networking: How It Works,
How To Work It & How
Women Perfected It
Deborah Arnsten, President,
Foresight Edge

3:30 – 4:15 p.m. The WildWest – A seminar
Michael Wallis

4:15 – 5 p.m. Wallis book signing hosted
by Barnes & Noble

5 – 7 p.m. Dinner Break

7 – 9 p.m. Hospitality Room Open
Sponsored by QuikTrip
Kitchens

October 9, Tuesday

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8 – 9 a.m. Registration

8:30 – 9 a.m. Business Meeting

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome
Norma Eagleton, Honorary
2007 Conference Chair,
past Oklahoma Corporation
Commissioner

9:15 – 10:00 a.m. How to Lead, Man or
Woman
Oklahoma Lt. Gov.
Jari Askins

10 – 10:30 a.m. Oklahoma WiNUP Chapter's
Project HIRE Chair,
Jackie Clouse

10:30 – 11 a.m. Networking Break

11 – 11:45 a.m. We've Come A Long Way,
Baby. Or Have We?
Clytie Bunyan
Business Editor, *Oklahoman*

11:45 – 1:00 p.m. WiNUP President's Luncheon
The Drama in One
Woman's Life
Madeline Manning Mims,
US Olympic Gold Medalist

1 – 1:30 p.m. Networking Break

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Foundation of Our
Communities: Philanthropy
Alana Hughes,
Schusterman Foundation
Jeanne Gillert,
Zarrow Family Foundations
Amanda Hollon,
Williams Foundation

- 2:30-2:45 p.m. Invitation to 2008 Conference
- 2:45 p.m. Break to dress for dinner,
Western Chic
- 3:30 Board buses for Tours.
(See back panel for details)
Come dressed *Western Chic*
for dinner at the Gilcrease
Museum. Buses will
NOT return to the hotel to
allow a change of clothes.
- 6 – 9 p.m. National WiNUP
Awards Banquet
Gilcrease Museum,
Vista Room
- 9:30 – 11 p.m. Hospitality Room Open
Sponsored by QuikTrip
Kitchens

October 10, Wednesday

- 8 – 9 a.m. Breakfast Buffet
- 8 – 9 a.m. Registration
- 9 – 9:45 a.m. Women and Changing Jobs:
How to Move
About and Build a Resume
Susan Tomasky,
Executive Vice President,
Shared Services
American Electric Power Co.
- 9:45 to 10 Break
- 10-10:30 a.m. 'Will Rogers'
William D. Pennington
- 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Wrap-up/Thank you
- 11:15 a.m. Debrief

WiNUP Tours

Entertainment:

Tour one of the most unique shopping areas on the Arkansas River in nearby Jenks, Oklahoma - Riverwalk Crossing. The Tulsa Youth Ballet will perform a dance routine on the gazebo stage. And, there is plenty of boutique shopping.

Also, we'll briefly visit the historic Cain's Ballroom and hear stories about the thousands of rocking and rolling performances from Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys to Bruce Hornsby to the Sex Pistols. Cain's has been home to country western song and dance for decades. We'll stand on the famous bouncing dance floor and view historic pictures of the musical legends who called Cain's their performance home.

Arts:

Tulsa is known for its art deco architecture, oil baron estates, and western and contemporary art. The tour will offer a chance to visit the downtown arts district, architectural treasures and the world renowned Philbrook and Gilcrease museums.

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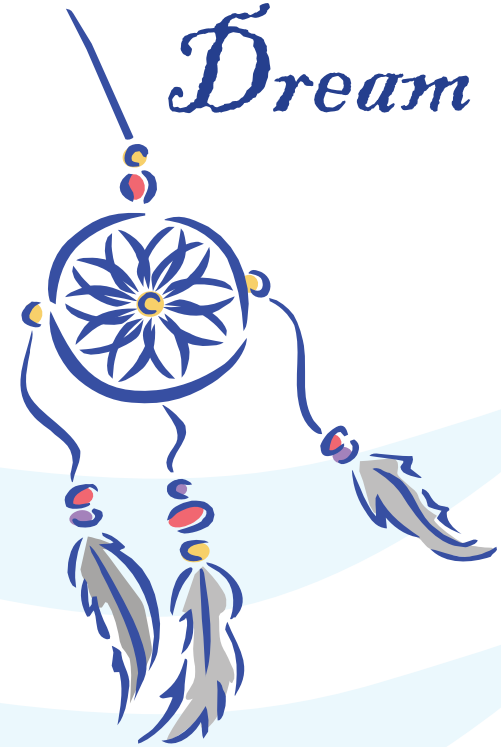
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October 8, 9, & 10, 2007

**Honorary Conference Chair
Norma Eagleton**



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Conference Registration Form WiNUP 2007 International Conference Tulsa, OK – October 8 - 10, 2007

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Title: _____ Company: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____ E-mail Address: _____
 Business Phone: _____ Chapter: _____
 Not a member: _____ Would you like more information? _____ Arrival date in Tulsa: _____
 Year you joined WiNUP: _____ Special dietary needs, please describe: _____

Check all that apply:

- Chapter Chair 2007
- International Past President
- International Executive Committee
- International Board Member
- First-time Conference Attendee

Two tours are offered with conference registration, please check one:

- Arts & Architecture Tour *
- Entertainment Tour **

Please Register me for:

The entire conference fee includes speakers, continental breakfast, President's Luncheon, Awards Banquet, and Hospitality Suite.

- \$395 WiNUP Member
- \$195 One Day
- \$125 One Session
- \$425 Non-member
- \$175 Students
- \$50 Awards Banquet for guests not attending conference

Conference Polo Shirt:

Deadline for ordering shirts is September 4th.

- S – \$17
- XL – \$17
- M – \$17
- 2XL – \$18
- L – \$17
- 3XL – \$19

No credit cards accepted

*Please register by Sept. 4, 2007 • Registrations will be accepted after the deadline based on space availability
Full refunds will be given for cancellations received by Sept. 14 • A cancellation fee of \$100 will be retained for cancellations after Sept. 14*

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please mail checks and registration form to:

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www.winup.org

Attention!

Please make checks payable to: **WiNUP**

UPDATE energy

Compiled by:
Tennessee Energy Education Network

Waste From Turkey Coops Powers Electric Plant

The gray, sandy mix of turkey droppings and other bits and pieces flowing through Greg Langmo's fingers back onto the floor of his barn isn't just funky dirt, it's fuel.



Poultry litter is a combination of droppings, wood chips, seed hulls, shed feathers and spilled feed. It will help fuel a \$200 million power plant due to begin full-scale production next month in Minnesota. The 55-megawatt plant will be the first poultry litter-fired power plant in the United States. This novel source of renewable energy can produce enough power for 50,000 homes.

The plant developers are planning similar plants in other major poultry states. Minnesota is the nation's largest turkey-producing state. Poultry litter works as a fuel because it's relatively dry. Three tons of poultry litter have about as much energy as a ton of coal. And because it's biomass, it doesn't contribute to greenhouse gas emissions the way fossil fuels do. Similar plants are being planned in several other major poultry states. They will likely include three plants in North Carolina, one or two in Arkansas, and one each in Maryland and Mississippi.

*May 24, 2007
Associated Press*

Solar Powered Boat Crosses the Atlantic

A Swiss-built solar vessel completed the first sun-powered crossing of the Atlantic on May 8 when it arrived at its final destination in New York. Dubbed "sun21," the catamaran traveled over 8,000 miles from Chipiona, Spain, to the Caribbean island of Martinique and then along the East Coast to New York. The 46-foot boat produced 2,000 kilowatt-hours of solar energy during its voyage.



*May 09, 2007
Associated Press*

The Pacific Ocean's Bald Spot

In at least one place, the land at the bottom of the ocean is nearly naked, scientists have discovered. The rocks that form the Earth's surface beneath the oceans are usually covered with a thick layer made up of sand or dirt and the skeletons of tiny ocean creatures called plankton. However, one patch of ocean floor is missing this layer entirely. The patch, called the *South Pacific Bare Zone*, is about the size of the Mediterranean Sea and is located thousands of miles east of New Zealand. Researchers are excited by the discovery of the Pacific's bare zone because this may be the one place on Earth where they can directly study seafloor materials that are normally hidden by sediment.

*Carolyn Gramling
Science News for Kids*

Where Have All the Bees Gone?



Entomologists—scientists who study insects—have a real mystery on their hands. All across the country, honeybees are leaving their hives and never returning. It doesn't take long before a hive is nearly empty. Researchers call this phenomenon colony-collapse disorder. According to surveys of beekeepers across the country, 25 to 40 percent of the honeybees in the

United States have vanished from their hives since last fall. So far, no one can explain why.

Colony collapse is a serious concern because bees play an important role in the production of about one-third of the foods we eat, including apples, watermelons, and almonds. As they feed, honeybees spread pollen from flower to flower. Without this process, called pollination, a plant can't produce seeds or fruits.

It could be that disease is causing the disappearance of the bees. Researchers know what a healthy bee should look like on the inside, and they can look for physical signs of disease. And bees from collapsing colonies don't look very healthy. "Their stomachs are worn down, compared to the stomachs of healthy bees," Evans says. It may be that a parasite is damaging the bees' digestive organs. Researchers say that some of these disease-causing agents may lead to disturbances in bee behavior. It may be that sick bees are not processing information correctly and learning where home is. In other words, a sick bee might leave the hive and simply forget how to get back. If enough of the bees in a colony can't find their way home, he says, it's just a matter of time before the colony collapses

*Jennifer Cutraro at
<http://www.sciencenewsforkids.org/articles/20070613/Feature1.asp>*

EPA Goes Green



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now purchasing 100% of its annual electricity use from renewable energy. The EPA is the first federal agency to meet all of its electricity needs from renewable energy.

Energy Exchange, Nov. 2006

Greening America's Schools

A new national report finds that building "green" would save an average school \$100,000 each year - enough to hire two new additional full-time teachers. The report breaks new ground by demonstrating that green schools - schools designed to be energy efficient, healthy, and environmentally friendly — are extremely cost-effective. Total financial benefits from green schools outweigh the costs 20 to 1.

<http://www.cap-e.com/spotlight/index.cfm?Page=1&NewsID=34196>



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