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Marva Bradford 1985
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Ron Maupin 2000
Larry Richardson 1997**

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2005 Holiday Breakfast

The 2005 TGEI Holiday Breakfast was held Dec. 15th at the Jones Auditorium of Ellington Agricultural Center (Thank you Department of Agriculture!). A delicious and hearty breakfast was provided by the TGEI Steering Committee as perfect backdrop for TGEI alumni to re-connect with classmates and add new friends among the TGEI alumni network. (Thank you Gene Naifeh)

Department of Personnel Commissioner, Randy Camp, gave an update on the TGI Endowment and was recognized for his leadership in establishing this important element to ensure the future of the TGEI and TGMI program for years to come.

Joe Swinford, 2005 TGEI Steering Committee Chair, announced the Steering Committee election results and introduced the following members of the 2006 TGEI Steering Committee:

Officers

Buddy Lea, Chair ('99)
Karen Hale, Vice-Chair ('04)
Joe Swinford, Past Chair ('03)

At-Large Members Serving 2005-2006

Renee Jackson ('98)
Marva Bradford ('85)

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Ron Maupin ('00)
Larry Richardson ('97)

Class of 2004

George Zukotynski
Tracy Stinson
Martha Staley

Class of 2005

Trent Ridley
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Jeanne Stevens

The following amendment to the TGEI Steering Committee bylaws was approved by vote of the TGEI alumni:

"Vacancies on the Steering Committee are to be filled by appointment of the Chair with the approval of a majority of Committee members. An appointed Committee Member shall serve out the term of the member he/she has replaced. If the vacancy involves the representative of the most current class or the class one year prior to the most current, the chair shall ask the president of that class to recommend the class member to fill the vacancy.

A donation of \$3,200 dollars was donated to St. Judes Hospital due to the generosity of the TGEI alumni.

TGEI 2005

Fall Conference

“Riding the Waves of Change”

Hosted at the beautiful Metropolitan Nashville Public Library, the Tennessee Government Institute 2005 Fall Conference highlighted fundamental changes the State is about to undertake, and the importance of the TGI alumni as recognized leaders in ensuring its success. The tone for the

conference was set early by the program’s first speaker, David Waits, of the Rockhurst University Continuing Education Center. A high-energy and inspiring presenter, Mr. Waits shared his concept of how to go F A R with change.

1. Flexibility (an attitude)
2. Adaptability (a skill)
3. Responsibility (“Repeat after me: ‘I am Responsible’”)

Who can forget his story of the old hound dog lying on a nail protruding from a board on the front porch as a vivid illustration of the “Pain Principal.” – One will not be motivated to change until the pain of the current situation exceeds the perceived pain of undergoing the change.

Once inspired to effectively embrace change, the program’s next presenter, Stephanie Richardson, Director of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), update the conference attendees on Project Edison. Edison was described as more than just an integrated information system to replace all of the State’s primary legacy administrative information systems (Accounting system, Personnel System, Procurement System); Edison will fundamentally change the way the State performs its administrative functions. As managers of people, systems, programs, and budgets, TGEI and TGMI alumni were encouraged to learn more and lead the charge about the biggest change in administrative processes the state has seen in a generation.

The midday session of the conference was provided by Dave Goetz, Commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration. Commissioner Goetz provided an excellent presentation of key aspects of the state budget and the status of TennCare reform. Also included in his PowerPoint presentation was an outline of four primary management issues/initiatives the state is addressing head on:

1. Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)
2. Training of State Employees
3. Benchmarking Study
4. Succession Planning

Commissioner Goetz stated that TGEI and TGMI graduates are the leaders the State is looking to in transforming state government. “Your involvement, thought, and commitment means the success or failure of these goals”, he said.

The afternoon session was highlighted by the comments and engaging Q&A session with Governor Bredesen. He began by pointing out some of his most important priorities as Governor:

- TennCare Reform: Left unattended TennCare was projected to take \$650 million new dollars out of next year’s budget when there was only projected to be \$400 million new dollars available to fund all of state government.
- We are now doing the first comprehensive analysis of the uninsured in Tennessee. He said far too many Tennesseans are uninsured, and we are going to do something about it.
- Education was described as his top priority, especially K-12
 - Tennessee teacher salaries are now above the Southeast U.S. average.
 - Plans to fully fund the Basic Education Plan (BEP)
 - Plans to expand Pre-K programs in the State of Tennessee

The final portion of the session involved lively discussion with the Governor as he engaged the audience by answering various questions posed from the audience.

Another outstanding Fall Conference!!

In the News

National Association of State Telecommunications Directors (NASTD: Technology Professionals Serving State Government) began as an association of the 50 state telecommunications directors, but has changed and grown over the years to become an association of state government communications technologists.

While many valued members have come and gone, **Jack McFadden (Class of 1989)** has been a constant – the go-to guy on regulatory and legislative issues. He has been particularly valued by the NASTD staff for his willingness to instruct on the finer points of the telecommunications industry and policy.

Since 1989, Jack has been active in the Regulatory Action Committee, serving for many years as the editor of its publication, the NASTD *Monitor*. He was always available to offer advice, to proof read text and, occasionally, to veto article ideas.

Jack chaired the committee from 1995 – 1997 and returned as chair in 2001. He continues to chair the committee. He also served as chair of the first NASTD E-rate (an initiative to make it easier for schools and libraries to connect to the internet and to acquire phone lines) Committee, 1989 – 1999.

Since 1996, he has been keenly interested in how Congressional telecommunications reform might impact state communications networks, particularly how universal service might impact the costs to state government to provide telecommunications services.

Jack was one of the first individuals to recognize the importance of the federal “E-rate” program to state networks and lobbied the NASTD membership and the FCC to make the program work for state networks, which serve many education customers.

Jack has always taken full advantage of the association’s electronic discussion groups to raise issues, to canvas others on their ideas and to pull together a working group on issues he felt were important. For example, when the wireless carrier Nextel proposed to help public safety officials move their radio systems to other frequencies, Jack helped put together a paper outlining the issues involved for NASTD to provide to every interested member.

NASTD has honored a number of individuals over its history for their contributions to the association. In Lake Buena Vista in September, NASTD will honor Jack McFadden for his efforts to help NASTD members understand the regulatory and legislative issues that affect them, and by extension, the association. It is a fitting honor for Jack.

Mark Your Calendars

TGEI Orientaton July 14, 2006

Week One - August 13th - 18th

Week Two - September 10th - 15th

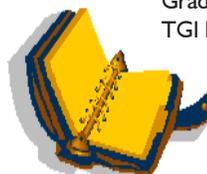
Week Three - October 15th - 20th

Graduation - November 14th

TGI Fall Conference - To Be Announced

TGEI Holiday Breakfast -

December 12th



Spotlight Article: Gladys Wolfe



Class News

Class of 1986

Congratulations to *George Little* for his appointment by Governor Bredesen to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Correction.

Class of 1988

Greeting my fellow TGEI Alumnus.

Although retired from state government, I continue to remain very busy with family, church, business, and community involvements and traveling. The difference is that I now work on my own time and pace. My immediate family has increased with the birth of my beautiful princess granddaughter **Olivia Diane Potter** born on August 27, 2004. To her, I am **Nana**. We enjoy being together weekly. It is true what is said about being a grandparent, it's awesome. It gets better! We are awaiting the arrival of my second grandchild, a **boy** that is expected any day now. He has been named –**Elijah JaKobe Darryl Hunt**. Yes, I am indeed blessed, happy and continuing to enjoy life.

Sandra DH Hunt

Class of 1999

Darrell Alley, formerly Director of TDOC Office of Internal Affairs has retired and is now serving as Associate Pastor of his church. A class favorite, Darrell is loved by fellow classmates for his genuine interest and compassion for people - in spite of his love for the Crimson Tide .

Class of 2002

Onslow Davis has retired from state government after 30 years. Onslow states: "I will be spending at least a few months managing some personal business, but mostly just relaxing, traveling and having a little fun.

I do plan to continue some professional pursuits, but likely not on a full time basis. Please let the 2002 TGEI class be aware of this. My home e-mail address is simply: onslowdavis@yahoo.com."

Congratulations to Onslow!

Class of 2002

Karen Hak wanted to announce that she passed the CGFM Exam!!! "I am now a Certified Government Financial Manager." It is similar to, and now, preferred to the CPA (for government financial managers).

Class of 2005

TGEI Class of 2005 Cheers the Predators!

17 class members, along with family and friends, and honorary member Lynn Goodman, took a group of 45 people to the Predators game on February 4. The Predators beat the Chicago Blackhawks 6-0, and the crowd won Tacos and also got to see the Hat Trick! It was a fun and action packed evening, where class members were able to spend some time together and support our hockey team. (Thanks to Joe Brown for arranging the event!)

Gladys Wolfe, Director of Information Technology Planning and Research in the Office for Information Resources, has consistently guided the planning process for the past eleven years. During this time, Gladys' commitment to continuous improvement and quest for excellence has led to improvements in the planning process that have gained the state national recognition. Gladys retired this Fall after thirty-seven years of faithful and valuable service to the State of Tennessee. This year's consolidated Statewide Information Systems Plan is dedicated to her in honor of that service.



Class of 2002 members enjoy lunch at Corrections Corporation hosted by Gabrielle Chapman.

Brown Bag Luncheon

On May 16, TGEI will hold its first Brown Bag Lunch series for 2006. The meeting place is at the Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Parkway Towers (404 James Robertson Parkway) in its 12th floor training room. The meeting will convene at 11:30 a.m. John Morgan, Comptroller has graciously agreed to speak to the group on the new education proposal and ways to finance education in Tennessee. Comptroller Morgan will address questions after his presentation.

TGEI Class Reporters for 2005

The newsletter staff is always looking for updates, stories, good news, etc., on our fellow alumni. In order to accomplish this, we utilize "Class Reporters" representing every one of the TGEI Classes. The reporters for 2004 will be contacting you via e-mail, telephone or in person to pick your brain on any information you might have regarding fellow classmates as well as your own update. Please contribute information because your input is what makes this network so very viable. Listed below are the latest class reporters:

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TGEI Alumni Network Mission Statement

To Enhance the effectiveness of executives in Tennessee State Government through education, fostering personal networking strategies, developing new leaders and practical application of principles of contemporary management philosophies.