



Revolutionary experience triumphant in Williamsburg

The 2006 International Conference was hosted by the past presidents of the EWRT/WiNUP organization Oct. 9-11 in Colonial Williamsburg. There were 63 attendees, and 17 of those were from the Ohio Chapter!

Robert Hershberger, executive vice president of the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance, welcomed WiNUP to Williamsburg.

There were a variety of fabulous speakers. AEP's Dana Waldo, president and chief operating officer of Appalachian Power spoke about environmental issues affecting our industry. Dr. Christopher Bauer gave a thought-provoking presentation regarding ethics and work, and Dr. Roy Lubit explained the importance of emotional intelligence as a factor in career success.

Additionally, three women were honored for their service to WiNUP, at their local level and/or at the international level: Helen Petty (Nashville Chapter) received the Power Award, Teri Berliner (Ohio Chapter) received the OAK Award, and Cynthia Salinas-Snyder (South Texas Chapter) received the Honorary Life Award.

2007 International Officers:

During the conference, the following women were installed as the members of the executive committee of the International organization for 2007.

- President: Teri Berliner (Ohio Chapter)
- VP/President-Elect: Kim Satterfield (Nashville Chapter)
- Treasurer: Lily Munsey (Ohio Chapter)
- Secretary: Julie Jumper-Morris (North Texas Chapter)
- Immediate Past Pres: Donna McCord (South Texas Chapter)
- Executive Director: Theresa Drexler (North Central-Minnesota Chapter)

The 2007 conference will be in Tulsa, hosted by the Oklahoma Chapter.

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WiNUP Mission

The Women's International Network of Utility Professionals provides a link for developing and recognizing professionals involved with utility business trends, issues, products and services.

WiNUP Objectives

- To provide opportunities for professional development of members.
- To provide networking and mentorship among members.
- To provide recognition and visibility for members and business partners.

From the Chair . . . Faye Pointer



Hello everyone,

The 2006 Women's International Network of Utility Professionals (WiNUP) Conference that was held Oct. 9-11, in Colonial Williamsburg, Va., was a great success and was enjoyed by all who attended. One of our fellow Ohio Chapter members was honored at the International banquet.

Teri Berliner, director, billing and credit operations for AEP customer operations, was presented with the Oak Award. This award was given in recognition of Teri's hard work, dedication and commitment to the WiNUP organization, to her employer and to her community.

As a WiNUP member, each of us is committed and dedicated to the goals and objectives of WiNUP, which keeps us sacrificing our time and energy to ensure the success of the organization. We take this time to invite others to seize the opportunity by taking advantage of the fellowship (through networking), mentorship and leadership benefits that is offered by the WiNUP organization.

The Ohio Chapter has undertaken many activities again this year that already have taken place. These include:

- A survey of members and nonmembers to determine a preferred

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Revolutionary experience

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Featured here are a few scenes from the 2006 conference and after hours activities in Colonial Williamsburg.



Dana Waldo addresses the conference.



Lila Munsey



Jane and Bill Goodwin



Dennis and Doris Roeder, Vikki Michalski, Lila Munsey, Susan Toombs and Heather Russell



Heather Russell, Jennifer McLavy and Becky Counts



The WiNUP gang on the steps of the Governor's Palace.



Cathy Szasz and Charlene Hemphill



OKLAHOMA! Amber Helt, Oklahoma Chapter chair, issues the 2007 conference invitation.



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From the Chair . . .

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meeting day and time that would maintain and increase membership.

- Continued support of two charities, the Center of New Directions and the Women's Fund of Central Ohio agencies through small donations and our annual clothing drive for The Center of New Directions' Clothing Closet.

- The Clothing Closet collects gently used business clothing and supplies the clothes at a greatly reduced costs to women who are struggling to overcome adversity and are re-entering the workforce; and
- Three quarterly meetings that included leaders Vicki Tashjian, president of Tashjian & Company, a consulting firm specializing in leadership development; Dr. Debra Debaets, a cardiologist, who spoke about women and heart disease; and Ohio Treasurer Jennette Bradley, who talked about women being empowered to take charge of their lives and how to deal with life challenges.

Upcoming events include the 2007 planning meeting on Nov. 14. Sandra Nessing, AEP's director of environmental safety strategy and design will be our fourth-quarter speaker on Nov. 21. And the holiday social is scheduled for Dec. 7.

Please contact me or any member for more information about WiNUP. I look forward to seeing you at future events.

Faye Pointer, Chair
Ohio Chapter WiNUP



Congratulations Ohio Chapter 2007 officers

From an excellent slate of candidates, the following women were elected to serve on the executive committee of the Ohio Chapter in 2007.

Thank you to everyone who agreed to run for office, and congratulations and good luck to those elected.

Chair:	Lila Munsey
Vice-Chair:	Michelle Kinds
Secretary:	Becky Counts
Treasurer:	Susan Toombs
International Rep.:	Faye Pointer

Clothing drive a success once again

The Ohio Chapter sponsored its annual clothing drive benefiting the Center for New Directions' Clothing Closet. As usual, central Ohio AEP employees were extremely generous in their donations of women's business attire and accessories.

The Ohio Chapter delivered five vans full of clothing to the Closet. Additionally, a check for a \$250 donation from the Ohio Chapter was presented.



A few of the AEP women who helped collect, and deliver items to the Clothing Closet.

The Clothing Closet provides new and gently used women's business clothing free to the Center's clients and to those who are referred by other social service agencies. Also, the clothing and accessories are sold at discounted prices to other women in need of maintaining a career wardrobe on a low budget. These women either have just entered or re-entered the job market or are preparing for upcoming job interviews. (www.centerfornewdirections.org)

A local church held similar functions. Below are the listings about the event from the church bulletin.

“Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.”

“The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.”