

President's Letter

August 9, 2011

Were you there? Did you get to be a part of the 19th Annual Tennessee Statewide Payroll Conference? I know many of you were, and I'm so glad to have seen you there. I'm not sure what my favorite part was.

I can tell you that Patricia Leonard and Al McCree, our two lunch keynote speakers, were fabulous. Patricia, a self proclaimed Diva, had us tasking ourselves with what our hear wants to do and finding a way for our bodies to follow. And all while wearing high heeled shoes or wingtips, even while the right shoe was on the wrong foot. And Al, oh Al. Al who wrote the NPW Theme Song and many others. Not to name names, but we have some talented folks at the Payroll Conference. Eagles soaring, Wolves howling, Frogs Jumping and Seals barking. All being done by a wonderfully talented group of "selected" volunteers. Al showed us how leadership can get others to do some amazing things.

And the session speakers were great. The amount of knowledge our session speakers had and shared was amazing. All that, 9 RCH credits and a bag of chips. Finally, no TN Statewide would be complete without an interactive time. And that is exactly what we Payroll Survivors did, we interacted at a party. We had yummy dinner and then broke into groups and competed against each other in Minute To Win It style. The Topless Tiki's beat out the other teams, doing amazing feats, and winning \$25 each.

And no TN Statewide would be complete without the Vendor Hall. We appreciate the support of the vendors so much. Vendors who share their expertise, their knowledge, their products, and on top of that bring PRIZES.

It seems like August just started and September is quickly approaching. September will be a big month for GNCAPA. National Payroll Week, a whole week, just for us!! I hope you feel special, even for our birthday's we only get one day. Lisa Wachter has several great activities planned. My favorite, yes, I do have favorites, will be the night we serve dinner at Hope Lodge. Have you signed up for that yet? This will be my third year and that service is one I hope we do until Cancer is cured. The simple act of feeding families going through tough emotional and physical stresses, are so very rewarding. And have you taken the NPW Survey yet – or are you waiting for me to win that extra paycheck this year?

After NPW comes our 25th Anniversary Celebration on September 17th. Have you made your reservation yet? Bring that partner who has lived through your payroll career, the ups and downs. Let them see the lighter side of payroll. The food will be amazing. One Eleven is located Downtown. If you haven't registered yet, do so now. Come celebrate our 25th Anniversary, don't put it off, register today.