



Happy New Year! This year promises to be an exciting year for SHRM of Tulare Kings County. We have an outstanding slate of officers already working hard to make this year one to remember! As you read the news, please enjoy the pictures from our December Member Appreciation and Award Luncheon.

DECEMBER LUNCHEON—Our December luncheon was a HUGE success! We had awards, prizes, and a fantastic panel discussion.



Our distinguished panel: Sonni Burrell, Holly Misenhimer, and Verla Oliver

In fact, the panel discussion was so successful, it was suggested we make an entire meeting of it!

2008 MEMBERSHIP—Now is the time to renew your chapter membership or join SHRM of Tulare Kings County! We have some great benefits for our members including:

- Networking
- Newsletters
- Email Blasts
- Job Notices
- Member-only website content

Applications are available online at our website: www.shrmtularekings.org or you can email me and I will forward one to you.

TAG, YOU'RE IT—It is time for our workshop series to begin. This award-winning series meets the fourth Thursday of each month from January through October from 6-9 p.m. at California Dairies. It is not too late to sign up. The cost is \$100 which includes 10 workshop sessions all presented by HR content experts. The deadline for registration is January 18. Contact Trish Arnold if you are interested at trish.arnold@smithbarney.com, or call 636-5529.

Reminder:

Renew Your Membership Today!

LOGO CONTEST—We are in need of a new logo for our chapter so we are in the midst of a contest. If you are interested in



participating, please draw, sketch, or describe a logo that you think represents our chapter. Don't forget to indicate where our name

should go in relation to the logo. We will collect all of the ideas, choose one, and have a graphic artist put the finishing touches on the masterpiece. Who knows...your creation could be seen on all future SHRM Tulare Kings County correspondence! The deadline for submissions is January 30.

BOARD SPOTLIGHT—

This month I would like to tell you about our new Director of Diversity and member of the Board of Directors.

JEAN HASKELL-- Jean Haskell, SPHR, has



worked in the health care human resources field since 1984. She

is currently Vice President/Human Resources at Kaweah Delta Health Care District. She possesses a masters degree in business, was President of the Healthcare Human Resources Association of California (1993-94), and received the outstanding

Chapter President Outstanding Leadership Award from the American Hospital Association in 1995. She has been married for 30 years (this year) to Dick Haskell, a teacher at the Visalia Adult School. Her personal hobbies include cooking, bird watching and playing with her two dogs. Welcome, Jean!

MARY LOU GONZALEZ—Mary Lou has agreed to serve as our Board Secretary. Mary Lou has a masters degree in Organizational Behavior. She is currently responsible for providing human resource management and services to the 260+ employees of the Kawneer Western Region by assisting business leadership on a range of tactical and strategic issues including staffing plans, recruiting, employee relations and community involvement. Welcome Mary Lou!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—We have several committees looking for interested volunteers. A goal of the Board this year is to make our chapter a little more committee-driven. In order to accomplish this, we need your help. Here are some volunteer opportunities for you. Please contact the Committee Chairs or me if

you would like to lend a hand.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE—This brand new committee is designed to help our visitors and new members feel welcome and at-home during our meetings. This committee is led by Holly Misenhimer. The committee will also serve as an outreach to those who might also be new to the HR profession. If you would like to help, please contact Holly at hmisenhimer@californiadairies.com

PROGRAM COMMITTEE—This committee is responsible for planning our monthly



luncheons. Do you have an idea for a speaker? Would you like to help organize some networking opportunities? This is the committee for you. Please contact Jean Rydahl if you are interested: jrydahl@milaninstitute.com

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE—Our chapter has so much to offer that we would like to spread the word! Our goal is to increase our membership in 2008. We

would like to actively recruit new members as well as retain our valued 2007 members. If you would like to help us and enjoy networking and meeting people, this is the committee for you. Please contact Connie at conniel@bminc.com.

NEWS—Here is what is happening with some of our chapter members:

CONGRATS—Congratulations to Briana Vanderschaaf, PHR, our most recently certified HR professional. Briana was a part of our Fall Certification workshop and has since passed her exam! Well done!

TRANSITION—Pam Cox, one of our long time members, is now working in Three Rivers for Aguanta, LLC. You can now contact her at pam@aquantallc.com.

FUTURE EVENTS—Please add the following luncheon dates to your calendar:

- February 19
- March 18
- April 15

Happy New Year!
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