

## ***DISTRICT I CONFERENCE ROCKS!***

The Westin in Fort Lauderdale was the place to be last weekend - the Coral Springs Charter Chapter hosted the 2009 District I Conference, and it was spectacular! Between our chapter and our friends from Tri-County, we made everyone feel very special. The conference bags were bulging, the raffles baskets were generous, the cruise prize was spectacular, and our hospitality was

truly warm and welcoming. These are just a few of the comments we heard over the weekend. So many people said this is what a conference is supposed to be like. The visitors from National felt "energized."

WE DID IT! And it took 30 of us to make this happen. We were all dressed in pink shirts with bright flashing flamingo pins. What did we do that was so spectacular?

It started with our souvenir program. Many nights **Kandyce Key** and **Kathy Gallagher** slaved over our program. Pictures had to be obtained, ads had to be approved and names had to be checked for spelling. Everything had to smoothly flow together. The final product was put to bed at 2:30 am and sent to **Joanne Miner** of the South Broward Chapter for printing. Great job!

Next came our Transportation committee chaired by **Pat Key** from Northern Palm Beach and **Paula Pirozzi**. The committee arranged to pick up all the dignitaries from the airport on Wednesday and Thursday. **Terri Nunez** even went to Miami to pick up Vicki Marlett, our National president.

We safely sent our visitors with **Juli Evans**, our Hostess chair, to the Fort Lauderdale Duck Tour. They thoroughly enjoyed the tour and dinner afterwards. Juli had everyone laughing, quacking, and bragging about how wonderful she is. No big secret there - we already know how wonderful Juli is.

Friday morning at 6:15 I went to the storage room where we kept the conference bags and programs, only to find **Randee Abramson**, our Registration chair, rolling out the door with an entire cart of items. And we were off! We

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brought down door prizes which were handled by **Lynn Fedoriw** and **Jill Forgea**. The raffle baskets - 24 on Friday and 28 on Saturday - were arranged by our Ways & Means chairs, **Jing Langston** and **Jewell Baker** from the Homestead Chapter. The display was beautiful and the baskets were exquisite.

**Cheryl Scavron** handled selling raffle tickets for the cruise.

Other volunteers from our chapter included **Jo Burdette**, **Annyse Gross** and **Dora Vilk-Shapiro**. We were very fortunate to also have **Janet Coulombe**, **Cathy Inness**, **Janice Kuhn**, **Janis Peterson** and **Dottie Smith** from the Northern Palm Beach Chapter, **Cathie Starkey** and **Carolyn Lawrence** from South Broward Chapter, **Maureen Sharkey** and **Lee Ann Nydam** from Cypress Breezeway Chapter and **Mary Ferrand** from the Homestead Chapter.

**Karen Dees** from the Kendall Chapter and **Sue Hand** professionally handled the Newsletter competition. **Sue Miller** from the Gold Coast Chapter was responsible for our publicity, and obtained a welcome letter from Governor Crist as well as a proclamation from Broward County Mayor Stacy Ritter.

And then there was **Nancy Wolfe**. Not only did she do a fantastic job organizing and managing our 12 exhibitors, but Nancy became an overnight success with her cute centerpieces, funny signs for the vendors, and delicious cookies with our flamingo logo. During the luncheon, Nancy even took a bow as everyone recognized her dedication to the conference.

Paula, Kathy and I would like to thank the Coral Springs Charter Chapter for putting your faith in us to lead this effort. And many, many thanks to all of the volunteers across the tri-county area - without your tireless dedication and support, this would NOT have been possible.

Please watch for more stories and lots of photos in next month's Newsletter.

**Lois Margolin**  
**2009 District I Conference General Chair**