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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a year! What a year? One of these is correct. We are looking at one of the most promising, challenging years the Tennessee Volunteer SWANA Chapter has ever faced. And, we owe much of it to our outgoing President, Pete Reed. Under Pete's reign we acquired the Quad State '07 meeting. This is a great challenge for us. This is an opportunity to show our brothers and sisters from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina some Tennessee hospitality. All of you will be offered plenty of chances to contribute in making this the best Quad State ever.

Pete is also heading our work with the state to give SWANA even more opportunities. More on this will follow as Pete gets going. Yeah, Pete!

I want to thank everyone for your support at the recent elections. Hope that we can justify the trust you placed in us.

I also want to thank all of you in advance for all of the help that I know you are going to give to the Volunteer Chapter. We have the Solid Waste/Hazardous Waste Show, Quad State, Waste Con and our regular meetings. We're going to be busy this year. What a year! What a year?

Eddie Anderson
President

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Congratulations to Morgan Ashleigh Dirube, winner of the 4th annual Tennessee Volunteer Chapter scholarship. Morgan is the daughter of Nancy Zion

(Dirube), Waste Reduction Administrator,
Williamson County Solid Waste Department.

SWANA AWARD WINNERS

We congratulate the winners of the SWANA awards given at the conference banquet in Knoxville:

Professional Achievement or “Golden Garbage Can”

Carol Fulmer, Education of Waste Reduction
Coordinator, Interlocal Solid Waste Authority,
Winchester

Distinguished Service

Eddie L. Yaun, Administrator of Solid Waste
Operations, City of Memphis

MESSAGES FROM OUR OFFICES AND DIRECTORS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for being a member of SWANA. Not only do I, but our Board values your membership in this professional organization. We need to work harder on our current membership and increase the interest of prospective members. Also, thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me to the office of Vice-President of TNSWANA. I will do my best to assist you and promote our organization as we move forward. Our outlook for 2007 is wonderful as we host the Quad-State Conference. We have a great opportunity to shine, so please take a part. The business/professional and friendships I have made through our organization have all been positive. P.S. I'm not old enough to be a Grandfather, but in late January it is going to happen anyway! Have a great holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Eddie L. Yaun, Vice President

In the daily grind it is easy to lose sight of the meaning of what we do. Why do we worry about and spend so much energy on garbage? And goodness knows there are certainly more glamorous ways to make a living. I imagine we all from time to time have contemplated the question, what if I had chosen another path. Sometimes you wonder, and maybe that wonderment becomes unintentionally audible. After one such session of contemplation within earshot of my lovely wife, whose gifts lie in areas other than infrastructure and engineering, replied, “But, the rest of us are grateful that you worry about

those things. Where would we be if you didn't?” So let me share that encouragement with my solid waste brethren. Thanks for “worrying” about one of the crucial details of life. You really do make a difference. And some people even recognize it.

Damon Riggs, Secretary

What Tn- SWANA means to me:

In my opinion the Tennessee Volunteer Chapter of SWANA is not just an organization for business professionals, but better described as an extended family that all have similar career interests. It is nice to have this extended family to network with on a professional and personal level and I look forward to many more years with this organization.

Mary Anderson, Treasurer

It has truly been a pleasure to serve as your president. It is comforting to know that you are in good hands with your new president, Eddie Anderson.

The single most important event in our chapter's history is closing in fast. Everyone is working hard to make Quad State a successful event. If you are able to help and need a group to work with just let us know and we will put you to work. Your registering for this conference alone will show your support. Please ask the vendors you use to get in early as Jimmy Scruggs may fill the center up early.

The best part of this service has been the friendships developed through this industry of solid waste. May God Bless each and every one of you.

Pete Reed, Past President

I would like to thank all the Board members for taking time out to serve as directors and officers for the Tennessee Chapter of SWANA. I think everyone has a very busy schedule with the jobs that we perform on a daily basis in the field of solid waste, along with serving on the Board of Directors. It has been a pleasure to work with the members to get our voices heard through the citizens, co-workers and politicians in that we are making a difference in the solid waste industry. I have made a lot of friends and gained valuable knowledge through phone calls, emails, meetings and conferences all across our great state. “SWANA HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE”.

Bob Fickle, East TN Public Director

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for your support and participation in our Tennessee Chapter of SWANA. My membership has meant a great deal to me. The conferences, training and contacts I have made are invaluable to my career and professional development. Remember, you are not alone as you struggle with the changes in our field and the challenges you face in your communities. Having a membership in our chapter means that you are simply a phone call away from people with years of experience. I am humbled and grateful for the members of this organization as I think back to all those that have helped me to learn what I needed to know, overcome challenges I have faced, and who gave me innovative ideas to lift my operations out of mediocrity and into excellence.

Shawn Lindsey, East TN Public Director

Hello SWANA Members. Thank you for your continued support of the Vol SWANA chapter. SWANA is an outstanding organization supporting our industry with vigor and representing our interests well. We are working hard to make the Quad State Conference in Tennessee the best ever. I hope you'll make plans now to join us – you won't be disappointed, we promise. Stay safe and warm this winter.

Jeff Breedlove, East TN Private Director

On behalf of the Board of Directors we offer our express gratitude to Pete Reed for his contributions and his experienced leadership that moved this Chapter into becoming a benchmark among our neighboring states. We are very pleased to have Eddie Anderson as our newly elected President to lead the ongoing developments of our Chapter and look forward to him being closely involved with its functions. Pete and Eddie have always worked well together and this will certainly contribute to a smooth transition.

The Board of Directors are also very proud of the Tennessee SWANA Chapter and its members for their contributions and commitments for establishing this chapter among the elite in our region. This Chapter is well positioned to continue its growth and its pledge to satisfying the needs of our expanding membership base.

As we move forward, the Board will look to its members for your continued support and growth of our Chapter.

Jerry R. Fitch, Middle TN Private Director

Dear Fellow Volunteer Chapter Members:
Hopefully 2006 and the solid waste industry has been good to you, your family and your business. For just a minute, think about the various job challenges you've had this year. Ok, time's up, a minute's not what it used to be. Perhaps some of your challenges had to do with budget, maybe it was personnel, equipment, higher sales goals, or any number of factors. Now, ask yourself, how often in the last year have you picked up the phone and called a fellow solid waste professional in another city, county or state to ask for information, a favor or advice regarding a solid waste matter? Chances are everyone has called at least one person and maybe many more; but, the point here is none of us know everything about solid waste management. We all need support and assistance from time to time and that is how I see SWANA being so effective. Sure the educational/training programs and events sponsored by SWANA are a tremendous benefit, but, for me, having contact with members and prospective members, make my association with SWANA satisfying and worthwhile. So far in 2006 I've spoken with countless fellow SWANA members and associates across the country about solid waste or recycling issues and it was through this interaction that many of my challenges were clarified or resolved. Although budget and travel restrictions have hampered my involvement with Chapter functions in 2006, I look forward to greater participation in the coming year and I encourage new and longstanding members to invite others to join our ranks. Therefore, good luck with your "challenges" in 2007 and remember to tell others about SWANA.

Andy Ashford, West TN Public Director

REPORT ON QUAD STATE CONFERENCE

More details will follow after the first of the year. Just remember – SAVE THE DATES – August 20-24, 2007, Grand Resort Hotel, Pigeon Forge:

August 20 – travel day
August 21 – golf a.m., exhibit set up p.m.
August 22 – Exhibits/Technical Sessions
August 23 – Exhibits/Technical Sessions
August 24 – Conference ends

On Wednesday, October 18, Eddie Anderson, Mary Anderson, and Eleanor Sprowl went to Pigeon Forge to see the set up in the exhibit area at the hotel of a log home show. We were greatly impressed with what we saw. The hall is large and well lighted; it was dark and unoccupied the first time we visited. The hotel is in the process of doing a \$2,000,000

renovation inside and out to be completed early next year. Floors 1-4 in the hotel have already been completed. With the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains in the background, a great facility, and with us all working together, we can make this a shining example for SWANA conferences.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

As Thanksgiving approaches, we should remember all the blessings we receive from living in the most wonderful country in the world. Too many times we seem to take our freedom too much for granted.

Another year is coming to an end with our young people still in harm's way. As you enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with your loved ones around you, remember those in the military who are far away from home and hearth during this holiday, as well as during the Christmas and New Year holidays to come.

May each and every one of our members and their families have a very Happy Thanksgiving, a joyous Christmas, and a happy, healthy 2007!!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2007

MARCH

15-16 East Tennessee Environmental
Conference, Meadowview
Conference Resort & Center
Kingsport, TN
More information available at
<http://www.tnenvironment.com>

APRIL

18-20 Solid/Hazardous Waste
Show, Gatlinburg

MAY

8-11 Waste Expo
Atlanta

AUGUST

20-24 SWANA Quad State Conference
Grand Resort Hotel and
Convention Center,
Pigeon Forge

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

The most important political office is that of private citizen.

Government is not the generator of economic growth; working people are.

Rank does not confer privilege or give power. It imposes responsibility.