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NEWSLETTER

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SAF COUNCIL REP. FOR DISTRICT 9

Greetings from Council and I appreciate the opportunity to supply something for the KTSAF newsletter. Not too much to report this at this time. I am just getting my feet on the ground with SAF Council and will be attending my first meeting in February as a "member" (I attended the December meeting as a back row visitor and it was a real eyeopener!). The December meeting was primarily devoted to the review and approval of the Budget. Kerry Schell was there doing a great job representing District 9. SAF staff and the Council Finance Committee did an excellent job of preparing a budget based on SAF's Strategic Outcomes. As you might expect, some hard decisions were made, including some staff reductions. Just a couple of points worth some serious consideration by the membership:

POINT #1. Centennial Campaign: This effort has generated great number of success stories across the nation. From National projects such as the Video:

"Foresters: Growing Forests for Our Future" and the extensive exhibit "WOOD: An American Tradition" housed at the National Building Museum in Washington D.C. to the literally hundreds of individual events and projects developed by State Societies and Chapters throughout the country (Kudos to K/T SAF for their efforts in developing a member handbook, a website, plus numerous other projects carried out by their Chapters). The outcome of all these efforts is that the lives of thousands of citizens have been touched by foresters and the messages they have communicated. And, with all the success and effort that has gone into the Centennial Campaign, only one part slipped! The anticipated Centennial funding to pay for the many enhanced and new programs for SAF members did not materialize as expected. The following are just a few of the Centennial programs/projects in need funding:

- State society enterprise funds...dollars added to the endowment which will increase the grants back to State Societies from the Foresters' Fund
- Continued funding for SAF's highly successful Leadership Academy
- And, some much needed maintenance and improvements to our national headquarters

Maybe our 2 million dollar fund raising goal was too ambitious, or maybe our members didn't buy into the vision and the fact that our concentrated generosity now, will pay back dividends in the future. But, it is not too late! The Centennial Campaign carries over into this year. Anyone interested in more details on Centennial programs and projects or anyone interested in making a contribution please contact me at <<mailto:french@socket.net>>.

POINT #2. MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP...the most important three words in SAF. Without the members there is no SAF. Member recruitment and retention are critical to strong state societies and the future of the organization. "Most members join SAF because they are asked." Want to do something to ensure the success of SAF into the future? Recruit at least one new member each year (then make them feel welcome!).

Again, thanks for the opportunity to share a few comments. There will be more to come after the February Council Meeting.

Tim French, CF

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Much of this newsletter is related to KTSAF business handled at the winter meeting. If you want to be involved and have an impact in the KTSAF and on forestry in Kentucky and Tennessee, there are a number of committees to work on. Contact the chair of the committee that interests you; the chairs and the ways to contact each are listed in the 2001 KTSAF Executive Committee directory enclosed with this newsletter.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 14, 2001- SE TN Chapter
Past Land Usage Chattanooga, TN

March 20 - 22, 2001
11th Biennial Southern Silvicultural Research Conference
Knoxville Hilton
Contact: Wayne K. Clatterbuck
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March 30 & 31, 2001
KWOA Annual Meeting
Natural Bridge State Park
Contact Doug McLaren, UK
859-257-2703

April 26, 2001 - EK SAF Spring Meeting

May, 2001 - Chestnut in Kentucky Contact Rex Mann, USFS, Winchester, KY 859-745-3123

May 9, 2001- SE TN Chapter
USFS Theme TBD

June 27-29, 2001
KT SAF Summer Meeting
Forestry on the Wild Side
Jackson, TN and Ames Plantation

July 11, 2001-SE TN Chapter
Joint Mtg. with NE GA SAF TBD

Sept. 12, 2001-SE TN Chapter
State of TN Theme TBD

September 27, 2001 - EK SAF Fall Meeting

Nov. 14, 2001-SE TN Chapter
Industry Theme TBD

January 2002
KT SAF Winter Meeting in SE KY
Hosted by East Kentucky on Forest Certification. Exact dates and location to be announced later

June or July 2002
KT SAF Summer Meeting
Joint meeting with Indiana and Ohio SAF in vicinity of Louisville, Kentucky

KTSAF AWARDS FOR 2000

The following awards were presented at the winter meeting of the KTSAF.

- **Herman T. Baggenstoss Award** : Wallace Johnston, Jr.

- **Outstanding Service as a Forester – Over 35:** Kerry F. Schell

- **Outstanding Service as a Forester – Under 35:** Laurie Smith

- **Outstanding Service as a Technician:** Ronald Roy Rogers

- **Chapter Chairs 2000, Certificates of Appreciation:**

Kevin Galloway – East Kentucky
Gerald R. Crow – West Kentucky
Ed Smith – East Tennessee
James R. Anderson – Southeast Tennessee
Bob Leonard – Middle Tennessee
Allan Houston – West Tennessee

Kentucky-Tennessee, 2000 Chairman, Service Award: Dave Walters
Kentucky-Tennessee, 2000 Secretary, Service Award: James R. Anderson

Kentucky-Tennessee, 2000 Treasurer, Service Award: Grant Curry

Kentucky-Tennessee Chairman's Award-Special Service : Mark Young – Web Master, Internet Web Page Development
Retired Members: John Rennie – 1999
Jack Callahan – 2000
Ed Stiles – 2000

Certificate of Appreciation: Cindy Wilcox – Volunteer Service

Year 2000 Student Recognition Certificate:
Amy Veirs - University of Kentucky
Julie Hethcox - University of Tennessee
Tommy Humphries - University of the South

EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER PURSUES NEW MEMBERS

Kerry Schell, Roger Bollinger, and Gary Schneider surveyed former SAF members as to why they dropped membership, and what it would take to get them and other former members they knew, to rejoin. Forty-three letters were mailed to former members in a 50 mile radius of Knoxville. Each person was invited to a free informal dinner so that we could discuss matters with them. They could select one of three dates during October, 2000. If they could not attend, they were urged to comment by either phone or mail.

The responses were:

- One individual wanted to come to dinner. No longer in forestry, but wanted to rejoin
- One left Tennessee and is now in Arkansas. Plans to rejoin
- One gave no reason for dropping, but merely thanked them for writing
- Two individuals are far removed from forestry, and have other interests.
- One retired long ago but remained in SAF for the life insurance policy. However, when he turned 65, the life insurance was reduced by nearly 80%, and he saw no reason to retain his membership
- One thought that the (a) Journal was too much social-issue oriented, (b) he doesn't like meetings, and (3) lives on a fixed income and he believes the dues are too high
- One no longer is in forestry. However, he believes that until SAF works towards elevating the forestry profession, membership will remain low. He believes that the forestry profession should have rigorous certification exams, and that all forestry practices on the ground should require a certified forester to supervise. Just like pharmacists, lawyers, accountants, etc., are the "gatekeepers" of their profession, foresters should be in same status. If not, jobs will be few and, in general, low paying. He got out of the profession because of these reasons.
- One individual got married and is raising a family. Not interested in membership at this time
- Six envelopes were returned for lack of a current address.

Summary:

- Of 43 letters, 9 people responded (21%). Various reasons given, but 2 of the 9 wish to rejoin SAF
- 6 letters returned because of incorrect addresses (14%)
- 28 "no responses" (65%)

K-T SAF WEB SITE UPDATE

Interest in the K-T SAF Web Site (www.ktsaf.org) continues to grow! If you haven't had a chance to visit the site on the Internet, try to do so soon. Please send any comments, suggestions, or additions to Mark Young (jmyoung@utk.edu), or use the comment form on the web site. Current news items from your local area, upcoming meetings or Chapter events, etc., are all especially important to keeping the site up-to-date. Often, you can e-mail a direct link to a news story from most major newspapers. Your involvement and support in this effort is important to the overall success of this project!

The newest addition to the web site is the Members Only area. This section can be accessed by selecting the corresponding button

on the site link bar to the left of the K-T SAF Home Page, or from the top portion of many of the other pages on the web site. When prompted, enter **XXXX** for the Username, and **XXXX** (NOTE: this info. Deleted in web version of newsletter - please see your mailed copy for details) for the Password. To maintain the integrity of this portion of the web site, please do not give this access information to anyone that is not a K-T SAF Member. This portion of the web site will be updated frequently as it continues to grow, so be sure to check back often for the latest updates. Plans are underway to include the Member Handbook, a searchable version of the Member Directory, and other materials to this site.

A KTSAF MEMBER MOVES ON

Dear Friends,

The time has come for me to bid you farewell. I've taken a job with the BLM in Barstow, California to broaden my career horizon. I'll be serving as their new Natural Resources Supervisor. As Larry Doyle says, "You get on I 40 and head west until the road stops." He is indeed correct. Thanks to so many of you who made me feel welcome and truly a member of KTSAF over the years, I'll always appreciate that. I was so impressed with the MC at my first meeting (1992), he knew almost everyone in the audience by their first names. I hoped one day I could be the MC and know everyone by name too. It happened last year at Mammoth Cave, I was really happy about that. I'll never forget our field trip to the Corvette museum several years ago. A DBNF employee who shall remain nameless, egged me on to fits of laughter during many obviously solemn "corvette moments." I was then unmercifully finished off by my former co worker Schneckpeper with a politically incorrect joke, when I nearly collapsed with laughter under the big yellow spire in the heart of the museum. What a bunch of goofs, me included!!! All of you take care and fight the good fight. As Wilcox says, foresters manage to save the earth. Call on me if the need arises. I'll report to my new job by late February. Thanks for all the memories.

Gail O'Neill

UT Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries

The UT-FWF web page (<http://fwf.ag.utk.edu/>) has updates on faculty, facilities and the departmental advisory board along with job announcements. Also available are copies of the departmental Biennial Report, Five Year Strategic Plan, and Aquaculture Plan. Hard copies are available on request.

Outstanding students recognized at KTSAF winter meeting



Tommy
Humphries
- University
of the
South, and
Glendon
Smalley,
Amy Veirs -
University
of Kentucky
and Jeffrey
Stringer,
and Julie
Hethcox -
University

of Tennessee and David Ostermeier