



NORTH FLORIDA AMS ANNUAL BANQUET
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 – 7:00 PM
MARIE LIVINGSTON'S, GRAVES ROAD, TALLAHASSEE, FL

Proceedings:

- The banquet was opened by President Kim Bradbury.
- President Kim Bradbury thanked everyone for attending the annual banquet and for the work done by all members over the past year.
- Vice-president Evan Kalina thanked everyone for coming to the social events during the year. It was announced that the mini-golf tournament and end of year picnic would be coming soon. Specific dates will be given at the March meeting.
- Treasurer John Sisak reported that the state of the account is in great shape as we approach the end of the chapter year. He also thanked everyone who helped make the annual golf tournament a success.
- Secretary John Smith thanked everyone who baked or worked the table for the bake sales. It was also announced that a chapter record was made for profits from a single bake sale at WeatherFest. The next bake sale will be held in late March. The specific date will be announced at the March meeting.
- Science and Education chair Jimmy Taeger thanked everyone who helped with the numerous outreach projects during the year. During the year, the chapter has assisted with science fair judging, worked the International Coastal Cleanup, distributed NOAA weather radios, worked at a Cub Scout family weekend, and helped put on WeatherFest.
- President Kim Bradbury announced that the 2008-2009 members of the year are Heather Holbach and Linden Wolf. In the only the second year of this award, a tie resulted. The members of the year were given certificates and a refund for their banquet tickets. Their names will appear on a plaque displayed next to the FSU department of meteorology office in the Love Building.
- The raffle prizes were awarded.
- Vice-president Evan Kalina introduced the banquet speaker, Mr. Bryan Norcross of America's Emergency Network.
- Mr. Norcross spoke about his experience in forecasting Hurricane Andrew and warning Miami residents of the threat from this storm. It was from this experience and the lessons of the 2005 hurricane season that prompted Mr. Norcross to form America's Emergency Network. AEN is a company that will serve community by improving the communication between the public and the government.
- The banquet was closed by president Kim Bradbury.

Next General Meeting: The next general meeting will be held in March 2009 at the Love Building, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.

Respectfully Submitted,

John R. Smith
Secretary, North Florida AMS