

Middle Tennessee Counseling Association
Report for July 2010

February – The February meeting was held at the end of the Counselor Institute in Murfreesboro. Dr. Randy McPherson, NCSC, NBCC, LPC and Carol Schmook, TEA Asst. Ex. Director gave us a very informative talk about recent and up coming legislative issues as well as information regarding Race to the Top.

April – The April Professional Development meeting was held at the beautiful, new Youth Opportunity Center near downtown Nashville. Hal Cato and Roger Dinwiddie provided an excellent overview of the programs there that assist homeless teens. Several agencies are located in this building in order to better serve the needs of young people. Our final speaker was Dr. Patti van Eys, Clinical Director at the Center of Excellence for Children in State Custody. She spoke to us regarding Developmental Trauma Disorder which significantly impacts a child's ability to learn. She provided several useful handouts that will benefit counselors.

May – The May meeting was held at the Hermitage House Smorgasbord where we enjoyed a delicious buffet meal sponsored by Denny Carter from MEPCOM/ASVAB. Major Tamara Hurst spoke to us about how to help children who have a family member deployed. She has written a book called "Because She Loves Me". She graciously gave us free copies of the book and shared personal stories that were very meaningful. We then gave awards to several deserving people. Awards recipients were:

Andrea Morrison Baker – Elementary Counselor of the Year
Mary Koch – High School Counselor of the Year
Dr. Andrew Finch – Counselor Advocate of the Year
Dr. Ellen Slicker – Counselor Educator of the Year
Katie Moran from Ed South and Denny Carter of MEPCOM/ASVAB– Exceptional Sponsors of the Year

President Jane Gough led our officer installation ceremony. New officers are:

President – Becky Cheplick
President-Elect – Roosevelt Faulkner
President-Elect-Elect – Jennifer McLain
Treasurer – Misty Yarbrough
Secretary – Runez Downs
Past President – Jane Gough

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