

Stateline

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★ ★ ★ PSRW Celebrated May 1-5 ★ ★ ★

Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) festivities were held at the Capitol the week of May 1-5, 2000. The Opening Ceremony took place on the North Capitol Steps, with Judy Haas of the Bureau of Employment Programs serving as Master of Ceremonies and



LEFT: Governor Cecil H. Underwood was on hand the morning of May 1 to provide the Opening Ceremony Keynote Address.

Governor Cecil H. Underwood providing an inspirational

opening address. Appreciation is extended to the Herbert Hoover High School Band and Choirs for providing entertainment on the opening day.

The Bake-Off was held on Tuesday, May 2, in the East Wing Rotunda. Always a much-anticipated event, this year's was the best ever! Bake-Off Chairman Charlotte Belcher said that there were over 50 entries. Said Belcher, "Our judges had a difficult time this year. Not only were there a lot of entries, but they were all simply scrumptuous!"

On Thursday, May 4, the Governor's Awards Ceremony took place at the Cultural Center Theater. During that ceremony, the Governor

presented eligible employees who had 30 or more years of service (in increments of 5 years) with certificates of appreciation. Each person also received a lapel pin. Nearly 200 of the 450+ people eligible to receive awards were present, including Norma Songer of the Bureau of Employment Programs who celebrated 50 years of State employment, and Madeline Graves of WVU-WVIT, who boasts a whopping

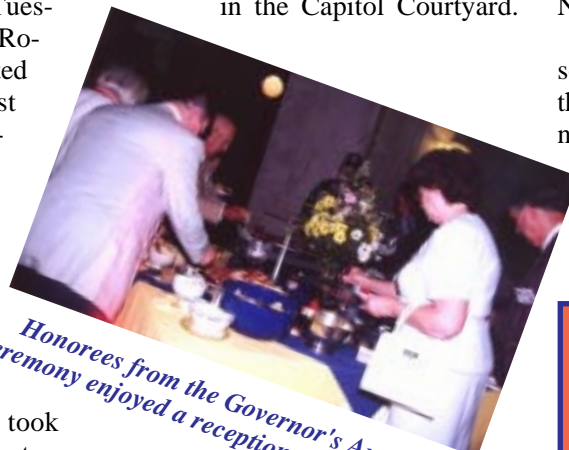
They were treated to coffee, donuts, and flowers for the ladies.



All shined and polished, the Color Guard, comprised of Capitol High JRTOC students, prepares to retrieve the colors at the Opening Ceremony.

55 years of service! After the ceremony, a reception for the honorees was held in the Upper Rotunda of the Main Capitol Building. Special thanks go to the extremely talented State employees who volunteered to provide music for the occasion (see Page 2).

Upon reporting for work on Friday, May 5, employees were greeted by Governor Underwood and his staff in the Capitol Courtyard.



Honorees from the Governor's Awards Ceremony enjoyed a reception after the event.

During lunch, workers made their way to the Capitol Courtyard to enjoy great entertainment and tasty food. Nearly-perfect weather dominated.

Jane Fouty of the Division of Personnel has served as coordinator of the event for the past 2 years. "I'm not sure that people know the amount

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photos and info
on Pages 2 & 3!**

PSRW Bake- Off



First we lined 'em up and displayed 'em ...



... and then we cut 'em up and served 'em.

SINCERE THANKS TO OUR JUDGES:

Natalie Tennant	Erik Wells
John Tinchler	Sarah Lieu
Lisa Prater	Joan Ohl
Bill James	Otis Cox
Mark Isabella	Glen Gainer
Crystal Wilson	Candace Kraus

All entries are judged with complete anonymity. Each entry is assigned a number prior to commencement of the judging; therefore, judges have no idea who submitted which entries. In addition, judges are moved to different categories each year.

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of work involved in putting together an event of this magnitude. I can't thank the people who worked on committees enough. Without their help, knowledge, and wealth of ideas, I'd have been completely lost. The event's success is entirely to their credit."

PSRW is celebrated nationally to honor those who work in public employment to provide needed services. It's also a time to bring attention to careers in public service and to educate the public about the services public employees provide. The event is co-sponsored nationally by the Public Employees Roundtable and the President's Council on Management Improvement, and in West Virginia by the Division of Personnel.

◆ BROWNIES

- 1st **Becky Lynch, Sec. of State's Office**
- 2nd Donna Pardue, Employment Programs
- 3rd Mary Elaine Haynes, Rehab Services

- Banana Cream Brownie Squares**
- Amaretto Pecan Brownies
- Chocolate Mint Brownies

◆ CAKES

- 1st **Ada M. Lewis, Division of Personnel**
- 2nd Wilma Groves, Treasurer's Office
- 3rd Mary Elaine Haynes, Rehab Services

- Pistachio Parfait**
- Reese's Peanut Butter Cup Cakes
- Double Pineapple Upside Down Cake

◆ CANDY

- 1st **Jack Buckalew, Dept. of Admin.**
- 2nd Kim Rowley, Natural Resources
- 3rd Marie Edwards, Division of Personnel

- Peanut Butter Fudge**
- Cream Cheese Mints
- Chocolate Fudge

◆ COOKIES

- 1st **Julia Coley, Employment Programs**
- 2nd Mary Elaine Haynes, Rehab Services
- 3rd Patty Roush, Division of Personnel

- Chocolate Chip Cookies**
- Incredible Peanut Butter Cookies
- Butterscotch Squares

◆ PASTRIES

- 1st **Mary Elaine Haynes, Rehab Services**
- 2nd Julia Coley, Employment Programs
- 3rd Catherine DeMarco, Dept. of Admin.

- Authentic Key Lime Pie**
- Apple Danish Braid
- Orange Cream Cheese Rolls

◆ PIES - Cream

- 1st **Misty Sodaro, Natural Resources**
- 2nd Eva Pettry, Mil. Affairs & Pub. Safety
- 3rd Ethel Louise Chaplin, Employmt. Progs.

- Banana Split Pie**
- Frozen Peanut Butter Pie
- Lemon Chiffon Star

◆ PIES - Fruit

- 1st **Eva Pettry, Mil. Affairs & Pub. Safety**
- Peach Parfait Pie**

During the events surrounding the PSRW Governor's Awards Ceremony on May 4, we invited several talented State employees to provide music. Their superb performances added a marvelous touch to the entire day!



Quetta Muzzle, Bureau of Employment Programs
Martha Barnitt, Dept. of Health & Human Resources
Tim Phillips, IS&C
Donnie W. Gresby, West Virginia State College
Fred Myers and Larry Cole, WVU-WVIT

New State Official Appointments Announced



Sterling Lewis, Jr. (right) takes the oath of office for the position of State Marshal at a recent swearing in ceremony. Administering the oath is Bill L. Spencer, Chairman of the State Fire Commission. Photo courtesy of the State Fire Marshal's Office.

On May 1, 2000, Sterling Lewis, Jr. took office as the new State Fire Marshal. Lewis was appointed by the State Fire Commission to succeed Walter Smittle who retired on December 31, 1999 after 26 years of service, the longest tenure of any State Fire Marshal in the United States.

Also, Jack Buckalew was appointed to the Department of Administration Cabinet Secretary position effective May 27, 2000. Buckalew replaces Joseph Markus, who resigned as of May 26, 2000 to accept other employment.

Congratulations to Lewis and Buckalew ... and best wishes are extended to Smittle and Markus.



Jack Buckalew has been appointed to the position of Department of Administration Cabinet Secretary.

Names of the PSRW Committee Members will be published in next month's Stateline.

Technology Conference Slated for Sept. 26/27

September 26 and 27 are the dates for the State's Annual Technology Conference at the Charleston Civic Center. In its third year, the conference will see some positive changes.

According to Annette Echols, Operations Manager for the Governor's Office of Technology (Technology Office), last year's conference was complicated. This year, Echols states that things have been simplified. For example, the conference has been shortened from 2½ days to 2 days

because it was noted that the extra half day did little to attract participants. Conference-goers will notice other changes as well. There will be one fee for the whole conference, and a \$5 walk-in fee to visit the expo. Also, the decision was made to move the conference from June to September in the hope of attracting more participants and visitors who might otherwise be on vacation, and also to avoid problems associated with the approaching end of the Fiscal Year.

Over 500 vendors have been invited to participate, including well-known companies such as IBM, Cisco, and others. Booths will cost \$600 for businesses and \$300 for government and non-profit agencies. Karla Trent, a Technology Policy Analyst with the Technology Office

DHHR's Lincoln District Joins Public Service Recognition Week Celebration

Contributed by Sandra Burton of the Department of Health and Human Resources.

The week of May 1-5 was filled with events to honor the staff of the Lincoln District Department of Health and Human Services Office for their hard work and service. Colorful signs, banners, and balloons decked the walls of the office when staff arrived on Monday morning. Each day, a drawing was held for fun prizes provided by the management staff.

A local version of the "Goodies BakeOff" was held on Wednesday, May 3. Judges for the event were the Prosecuting Attorney, the Juvenile Probation Officer, and a retired employee of the office. First and second place winners were selected. The winners were announced and presented with ribbons at the afternoon staff meeting, at which everyone enjoyed fruit punch along with all the "goodie" entries.

Several employees were recognized for their tenure with State government, and on Friday, May 5, all employees were treated to a hot dog luncheon prepared by the management staff.

In the words of Secretary Joan Ohl, "This Public Service Recognition Week offers us a special opportunity to look with pride at the work we do every day of the year to improve the quality of life for so many West Virginians."

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Museum Renovation Project Receives Gift from Carbide

Adapted from a press release issued by the Division of Culture and History.

Officials from the Division of Culture and History and Union Carbide announced earlier this month a \$100,000 gift from the

Union Carbide Foundation to the Millennium Fund. The money will be used to renovate the 24-year-old West Virginia State Museum.

The museum, located in the lower level of the Cultural Center at the Capitol, will see a complete facelift over the next 2 years. The State's history will be told in a new, interactive 23,000 square foot museum.

Culture and History Commissioner Renay Conlin, in accepting the gift on behalf of the Museum Board, stated that the chemical industry's significance in State history is an important story that will be told in the new Museum.

The total project cost will be \$6 million, with \$4 million appropriate by the State Legislature. The Millennium Fund was established by the State Museum Board last year to raise the remaining \$2 million.

WV Teleconference Idea Goes National!

Contributed by Chuck Kinder of the State Auditor's Office.

Last November, State Auditor Glen B. Gainer, III served as West Virginia host for a national satellite teleconference on new developments in financial accounting standards for managers of public dollars. The Government Finance Officers Association explained, in a teleconference format, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 34, which establishes the new standards.

In an effort to reach the entire State, Gainer requested assistance from the West Virginia Library Commission. Library sites were used in several cities. More than 230 financial managers representing both public and private interests attended in 6 cities. Because the November event was very successful, another teleconference was held on May 3, 2000 in 10 cities. It, too, proved to be effective.

The idea of using the State library system has been shared with other states. Eveanna B. Barry, Training Seminars Coordinator for the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) stated, "I have passed on your suggestion to use local libraries ... now there are several states planning to do it."

The centralized location of the public libraries within so many communities makes it easy for State agencies to utilize them as training sites. Most of the libraries are equipped with the modern technology to support a teleconference. The library directors were very helpful in supporting the project.

This event proved to be a win-win situation for the library system, the State Auditor's Office, and the money managers of West Virginia.

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says they are expecting around 150 vendors this year, up from the 105 who participated in 1999, and hoping for at least 1,000 attendees – double the number from last year.

Sam Tully, West Virginia's Chief Technology Officer, states that the original focus of the conference was to allow State agencies to show their wares. Today's focus is still on State government; however, Tully is trying to make it available to non-State government entities also.

West Virginia technology professionals are expected to give several presentations, including talks with high school and college students about careers in information technology.

The Technology Office is actively seeking sponsors to help offset registration costs. As incentive, company sponsors will be offered private areas at the Civic Center in which they can demonstrate their high tech equipment and related products and services. Current sponsors are the Governor's Office of Technology, the Department of Administration's Information Services and Communications Division, and WVNet, an Internet provider.

Pencil In ...



Flag Day is June 14. Flag Day is the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 and proclaimed by President Truman in August, 1949.



West Virginia Day is June 20. Our State will celebrate its 137th year of statehood.



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