

GREATER DAYTON CHAPTER  
MEETING  
November 29, 2007

The Greater Dayton Chapter of ARMA International met on Thursday, November 29, 2007 at the Old Courthouse in Dayton to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the chapter.

In attendance were Chair, Cindy Manz; President, Roger Lucas; Vice President, Debbie Andrews; Secretary, Gillian Hill; Treasurer, Elaine Wintrow; and Directors, Jay Brooks and Steve Rottert, and members, Sharon Lane; Joan Donovan; Lori Northern; Julie Ramsey; Lyn Owens; Julie Fairchild; Gary Maxton; Chris Wydman; Dave Cooney; Jeff Bowling, and Chris Abernathy. Also in attendance were past members, Steve Haller; Sue Stein; Dale Ritter, Lori Francis; Tom Dowden; Ray Elash and Anne Cavanagh, and guests, Deborah Lieberman; Carolyn Rice; Willis Blackshear; William Johnson; Dawne Dewey; Charles Price; Paula Hawkins; Jessica Abernathy; and Cathy Startzman.

At 4:00 P.M., after an hour of socializing and enjoying the delicious hors d'oeuvres and lemonade provided by Creatif Catering, Chapter President, Roger Lucas, welcomed everyone, especially past members of the chapter and the guests, before turning the program over to Vice President and Program Chair, Debbie Andrews. Debbie introduced Montgomery County Commissioner, Deborah Lieberman. Commissioner Lieberman read a proclamation, issued by the Board of Montgomery County Commissioners, congratulating the Greater Dayton Chapter of ARMA International on their thirtieth anniversary. Debbie Andrews then asked Gillian Hill to read the official certificate of recognition of the chapter's 30 years of service to its members, the records management profession, and the community from ARMA International, and official greetings and congratulations from Rhine McLin, Mayor of the City of Dayton.

Next, Roger Lucas talked about some of the activities of the chapter during the past year, including the successful seminar held at Wright State University in March on Disaster Preparedness, and then Gillian Hill, in her position as Region Manager of the Great Lakes Region of ARMA International, spoke about how Greater Dayton was one of the 17 ARMA chapters that form the Great Lakes Region, and described some of the annual activities of the Region, including the leadership conference in the summer, and the champagne toast for Chapter members of the Year at the International Conference in October.

Roger then presented Lori Northern with her award from ARMA International as our own chapter's Chapter Member of the Year, for all her work for the chapter during her years of service on the Board.

Debbie then introduced Steve Haller, CRM—our speaker for the evening. A founding member of the Greater Dayton Chapter, Steve worked as Montgomery County's first Records Manager, from 1979-1996. Steve then moved east for several years to serve as Director of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, before returning to the mid-west, where his current position is the Senior Director of Collections at the Indiana Historical Society. He gave a very interesting

presentation describing highlights of his long career and stories about ARMA, before giving us some knowledgeable insights into the past and future of records management.

After Steve's presentation, the three founding members of the chapter who were present at the celebration—Lori Francis, Tom Dowden, and Steve Haller, cut the beautiful 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake, and there followed more food, conversation, and general jollity until the meeting ended at about 6:30 P.M.

Program Chair, Debbie Andrews, and her team of helpers from the Montgomery County Records Center and Archives are to be congratulated for making the evening such a success. There were great displays of photographs from past chapter celebrations and roving photographer for the evening, Chris Abernathy, ensured that there will now be even more mementos to add to the Chapter Archives.

Respectfully submitted,

Gillian Hill  
Secretary