AEA-Retired Annual Meeting
2009 Report
May 12, 2009

This year we had **72** members register, 2 paying guests, and 4 AEA-Retired paid guests. We had 74 seated members and guests during our meeting part. For lunch we guaranteed 76 lunches and 74 lunches were served by our count. The 6 crescent seating helped more people being able to have a better view of the podium. Daina and Paula made the tables look bright and cheerful with the centerpieces.

The lunch Chris Mayer negotiated for us was very good. It cost us $27 per plate. The serving staff seemed to clear everything quickly and had most of it done before our quick break about 1:30 p.m. **We would recommend for another year to raise the registration fee to at least $25 if not to $30. Our registration fee is not just to help with the meal but also supplies for the meeting.**

Everyone enjoyed the door prizes you brought. The NEA Fundraising went well, and we were able to send a nice amount with Barbara Matteson to Washington, D.C. We need to figure out an easier way to be able to give credit to our RA delegates. Maybe we can work with AEA in getting the results for us sooner. Then we can have table copies of the addresses done.

- Thursday's happy hour – we counted 35 - 40 attendees.
- Friday's happy hour – we counted just 35.
- Friday's caucus breakfast – we counted 45.
- Saturday's caucus breakfast – we counted 38.
- Friday's lunch – we counted 44 of the 46 paid.

We based our buying this year on the counts we had the last couple of years and the eating habits then. We did have more left over than last year, and we noticed a few eating habit changes. So we will adjust and hope we come closer for next year. We really think we do quite well in our shopping and not trying to spend outlandishly. We inventoried the supplies at the office and saw that paper supplies and plastic bags needed refurbishing, so we did that on our shopping day.

AEA does help us very much in putting our meeting rooms, lunch, and suite under their master billing. The also lend us equipment when it is needed and available.

We appreciate all the help and verbal support you have given us. We enjoy being your hostesses for those meeting days. We would like any suggestions you have to help us improve this venture.

Please begin working with Linda and Suzan in finding a co-chair for Suzan for the 2011 Annual Meeting. AnnJi is planning to help only one more year and is not running for the board again. She is ready to be just a member for a while.

Suzan Austin and AnnJi Craig-Wooten, co-chairs of AEA-Retired Annual Meeting