

SAN ANTONIO - The Feminine Side

As we deplaned at the San Antonio airport our gears shifted into a Texas low and we were ready to renew friendships and start participating in the cycle of conference activities.

Monday began with the opening remarks and keynote speech by Dr. Earl Butz. His humorous presentation set the pace for an enjoyable and educational week.

As the cycle of the conference revolved the ladies program stayed on course with its traditional Tuesday tour.

This year's agenda took us through San Antonio which is a fascinating blend of history and progress. The city with its heavy Mexican influence is uniquely un-Texan. San Antonio sometimes seems like a different country.

Our first stop was the Mission San Jose with its granery, chapel, and Indian barracks. (Imagine, each set of rooms came with a fireplace and outdoor grill). Then on to the Spanish governor's palace which wasn't exactly the "palace" I had envisioned. Palace standards were quite austere compared to the European castle standards of the time. The tour proceeded through the King William area where we viewed the Steve's Home and other 100-year old homes in various stages of restoration.

The most amusing part of the tour was the Lone Star Brewery with its collections of horns, fins, and feathers. It's hard to decide what was more enjoyable, the guide's stories or the bartender's brew. Then we spent some time at the El Mercado shopping and comparing prices and finds. A 25 cent difference could evoke moans and groans.

The tour ended with lunch near the restored La Villita (Little Village) complete with a mariachi band and authentic Mexican food. (What I wouldn't have given for a cheeseburger!)

On our own, the city offered even more attractions - the Alamo, quaint restaurants, the Paseo del Rio, and shopping. After listening to Dr. Butz on consumerism and profits and examining the conference theme of "Economy thru Ideas", I formed some ideas of my own and went downtown to shop at Frosts.

See you next year.

Charlotte Landgrebe

EDITORIAL

How important are your associations to you?

Are they important enough to inspire your involvement? Is being "just a member" enough? Are there facets of these associations which distress you - things with which you fundamentally agree but wish to see improved?

This is my attitude having returned from San Antonio and recently attending the Midwest Association meeting at Nordic Hills.

Thoughts

Many questions come to mind about the GCSAA.

Why did no one in the annual meeting question Ted Woehrle when he announced that the current lawsuits against the GCSAA could cost up to \$38,000 for pay and damages they allege they are entitled to.

Why did no one ask Ted about the appointment of Rich Eichner as director considering the fact that Rich wasn't on the ballot last year and at the time of the appointment wasn't certified? The latter is certainly a sore point with me after last few elections.

There might be very good answers to these questions, but no one asked. Should I have asked? Perhaps, but our association seems to do the asking about nearly everything - a reason for our popularity. Remember the fuss over the headquarters change. When this move was discussed, we predicted high costs and personnel turnover. The record speaks for itself. It seems to me that the best place for an office is near Washington D.C., considering present legislation in Congress.

Why does the GCSAA waste time on insurance and pension programs when we can do the same or better individually?

What does the ethics committee do?

Why does someone want to be a director of GCSAA?

Should there be more directors?

Should the election be by mail rather than delegate vote?

Do you realize that if you are not a member of GCSAA you can receive the **Superintendent** magazine for \$5 a year and attend the conference and show for \$60? You cannot, however, vote.

Do you have any thoughts about the educational sessions? Perhaps there should be discussion groups. Mike would like to hear your comments.

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