



# ALPHA MU TAU NEWSLETTER

FALL 2013

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — Scott Aikey



Fall – it's a time for Harvest and Thanksgiving. We harvest our crops and celebrate the bounty as the growing season winds to an end and the winter draws near. Alpha Mu Tau certainly has much to be thankful for as a record number of donors pledged a record amount of scholarship money over the past year. Alpha Mu Tau gave \$37,000 to 31 students last year! With each year, I grow more

and more amazed at the generosity of our members in helping the future of our profession with the ever-growing expenses related to college. The collegial competition at our Annual Dinner meeting has almost taken on a life of it's own, but the fruits of the harvest are still the same – the students.

As the donations are being counted, our committees are hard at work keeping the Fraternity operating. Shirlyn McKenzie and her committee are getting ready for the Scholarship applications to begin rolling in while Mary Beth Miele and the Membership Committee are looking for the best new members out there! The Annual Dinner

Meeting Committee is also working on making the Dinner Meeting in Chicago on Friday, August 1, 2014 to be a night to remember.

As a family, we've experienced some loss over the past few months. Two long-time members, Michelle Kanuth and Eleanor Parchman have passed from this earthly world. While we remember them fondly, many of you have honored their memory with designated scholarship contributions.

Lastly, in an effort to communicate with you in a more efficient and timely manner, we have set up an AMTF listserv. Each member who has given us

an email address will automatically be added to the listserv. While we hope you stay connected, you can feel free to opt out at any time.

It is an honor to serve as this Fraternity's President for this short time. and I look forward to seeing each of you at next year's Dinner Meeting. Thank you again for everything that you do for this organization.

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### NOW is the Time to Nominate a Colleague for AMTF Membership

It's time to start thinking about a deserving colleague to put forward as a New Member of AMTF. New members will be selected and announced at the annual AMTF dinner in Chicago, IL in July 2014. Each of us knows how special this membership is, and what level of involvement and dedication to this beloved profession is contained collectively in those so honored to be chosen. Let us continue that legacy by nominating an ASCLS colleague for membership in Alpha Mu Tau. The New Member Application Form has been updated for 2014 and is available on the web-page.

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# TRIBUTES

Honoring our special friends, living and deceased, with a  
Scholarship Donation – 05/01/13 – 11/01/13

## IN MEMORY OF –

In the Spring Newsletter, we listed **Clementine Coleman** as “In Memory Of”. She has informed us that she is very much alive. We apologize for this error and wish her many more “In Honor Of” years.

**ASCLS-MT Deceased Members** – Susie Zanto

**Constance Babcock** – Michael Vanzandt

**Cheryl Bass** – Cheryl Caskey

**Grace Bockino** – Elissa Passiment(2)

**Joan Brockhoven** – Lynn Russell

**Patricia Buckley** – Cathy Otto

**Pvt. Stephen A. Bulger** – Mary Gourley(2)

**Robert Chamberlin** – Lenora Francen

**Earle R. Davis** – Mary Gourley

**Judy Davis’s Mother** – Jeanne Christen

**Jo Ann Delligatti** – Elissa Passiment(2)

**Anna Fagelson** – A. Casey Ceasor, Roma Brown, Patsy Bering, Lynn Russell,

**Bev Fiorella** – Dianne Cearlock

**Ruth French** – Jesse Locklear, Camellia St. John, Carol Barnhart, Karen Brown, Linda Hogan, Deb Rodahl, Camellia St. John, Evelyn Weaver, Kathryn Glen, Mary Jean Rutherford, Jean Shafer, Anne Stiene-Martin, Sara Wade, Joyce Majones, Terri Leszczyszyn, Lisa Anderson, Mary Ann

Mclane, Lynn Russell, Kristin Kelly

**Betty Eagle Garrott** – Lynn Ingram

**Dr. Cheryl Goodwin** – Mabel Jane Hudson

**Jim Gorman** – Mabel Jane Hudson

**Melton T. Griffin** – Karen Griffin

**Ruth Heinemann** – Kathryn Glen, Jacqueline Parochka

**Georgia Hileman** – Bob Parada(2)

**James Holley** – Dorothy Bergeron(2), Mary Briden, Lynda Britton, Judy Davis(2), Dana

Duzan(2), Jesse Locklear, Nadine Fydryszewski(2), Paula Garrott, Mary Gourley,

Karen Griffin(2), George Harwell(2), Carlotta Holley, Stephen Holley, Shirlyn

McKenzie, Susan Morris, Myra Myers, Cathy Otto, Bob Parada(2), Elissssa Passiment

Chloe Scott, Debbie Shell, Heidi Smith(2), John Smith, Holly Weinberg, Marcia Arm-

strong, Barbara Brown, Stacey Baker, Susan Beck, Linda Gorman, Lenora Fran-

cen, Jean Krupa, Sharon Morey, Deb Rodahl, Donna Reinbold, Debra Shell, Holly Wein-

berg, Karen Karni, Larry Leppke, Roma Hall Robinson, Sara Wade, Terri Leszczyszyn,

Linda Britton, Lisa Anderson, Pam Kieffer, Lynn Russell, Linda Gorman, Jeanne Chris-

ten, Mary Frances James – Sr. Marie Vittetoe(2), Anne

Stiene-Martin

**Janet Coon’s Mother** – Teresa Nadder

**Rosemary Joerger** – Mary Gourley(2)

**Doris Johnson** – Roma Brown

**Lois B. Jones** – Mabel Jane Hudson, Cheryl Drennan,

**Michelle Kanuth** – Debra Faubion, Louann Lawrence, Mary Beth Miele, Bernadette

Rodak, Debra Shell, Camellia St. John, Beth Warning, John

Wentz, Sr. Marie Vittetoe, Cheryl Caskey, Linda Gorman,

**Michael Karni** – Karen Karni

**Sandra Keener** – Sharon Strauss(2), Lynn Russell,

**Paula Lord** – Mary Gourley(2)

**Margaret & Andrew Matta** – Mary Gourley

**Andrew Maturen** – George Fritsma(2)

**Kathy Miller** – Joseph Passiment, Jr.(2)

**Roberta Miller** – Michael Vanzandt

**Elaine & Doug Monahan** – Sharon Monahan Miller

**Dorothy Morrison** – Jesse Locklear, Peggy Riner, Deb Rodahl, Barbara Lindsey, Terri Leszczyszyn, Lisa Anderson, Dorothy Fike, Lynn Russell

**Eva Maxine Murray** – Bernadette Rodak

**Ruth Orlob** – Dianna Vorhees Elizabeth Panning – Kathy Hansen(2), Cynthia Johnson (2), Shirlyn McKenzie, Rick Panning(3), Jean Bauer, Deb Rodahl

**Eleanor Parchman** – Thomas Parchman, Stanley Parchman, J. Wertz, Karen Bennett, Suzanne Butch, Marian Cardinale, Paula

Garrett, Mary Gourley, Karen Griffin, Lynn Ingram, Brenda Kochis, Shirlyn McKenzie, Mary Beth

Miele, Myra Myers, Cathy Otto, Barbara Snyderman, Patsy Bering, Heidi Smith, Brenda Meadors

**Joseph Passiment, Sr.** – Joseph Passiment, Jr.(2)

**Wayne Perdue** – Becky Perdue Shirley Pohl – Bob Parada(2), Karen Olsen, Lynn Russell,

**Norma Quinlan** – Norine Janzen

**Tom Reddig** – John Koenig, Renee Setina, Mary Lou Vehige

**Ida & May Reilly** – Jesse Locklear, Peggy Riner, Janet Bowman, Deb Rodahl, Teresa Nadder, Terri Leszczyszyn, Lisa Anderson, Connie Laubenthal

**Patricia Sallas** – Cheryl Caskey, Angela Foley, Adele Spence, Marian Cardinale, Joyce Majones

**Jim Schmidt** – Shirlyn McKenzie, Mary Beth Miele, Bernadette Rodak

**Barbara Scott** – Myra Myers

**Harry & Ida See** – Becky See

**Jack & Mary Shaffner** – Catherine Shaffner, Beth Warning(2)

**Dolores Sherman** – Kathryn Flohr

**Sister Shirley Ann** – Mary Ann Mclane

**Margaret Slaughter** – Harry Slaughter, Jr.

**Eda Snyderman Shulman** – William Hunt, Barbara Snyderman(2)

**Dr. Arlen Snyder** – Beverly Price DeNard

## TRIBUTES CONTINUED

**Madeline Stockdill** – Mabel Jane Hudson, Martha Roulund

**Marjorie Stumpe** – Dianne Cearlock, Herb Miller, Lynn Russell

**Betty Lynn Theriot** – Debra Faubion, Angela Foley(2), Patsy Jarreau, Lynn Russell

**Lola Turner** – Becky Perdue James Ware – Cheryl Caskey

**Martha Winstead** – Jeremy Edwards, Jesse Locklear, Myra Myers, Narcissa Hocker, Norine Janzen, Deb Rodahl, Grace Mary Ederer, Kathryn Glen, Anne Stiene-Martin, Sara Wade, Roma Brown, Patsy Bering, Terri Leszczyszyn, Lisa Anderson, Lynn Russell

**Jeanne Zborowski** – Linda Vivian

**Ann Paula Zero** – Julie Brownie, Carol Golyski(2), Lisa Hochstein, Lynn Russell

### IN HONOR OF –

**ASCLS-MT Past Leadership** – Susie Zanto

**ASCLS Staff** – Linda Fell

**Dorothy Bergeron** – Frank Scarano

**Patsy Bering** – Mirian Holtz

**Joe Briden** – Martha Roulund

**Linda Britton** – Lynn Russell

**Rose Virginia Brown** – Lenora Francen

**Dr. Freida Carson** – Gerre Gourley

**Cheryl Caskey** – George Roberts, Lynn Russell

**A. Casey Ceasor** – Halycon St. Hill, Lynn Ulmer

**Sam Chafin** – Jeanne Christen

**Margaret (Peetie) Charette** – Julie Brownie

**Anna Ciulla** – Mary Ann Mclane(2)

**Clementine Coleman** – Joan Radtke

**J. R. Constance** – Gilma Roncancio-Weemer

**Brenta Davis** – Lynn Ingram

**Elissa, Sherry and Joan** – Ginger Weeden

**George Eyambe** – Karen Chandler

**David M. Falleur** – Rodney Rohde

**Joan Felder** – Dorothy Bergeron(2)

**George Fritsma** – Suzanne Campbell(2)

**Paula Garrett** – J. R. Constance, Suzanne Campbell Barbara Griffin – Karen Griffin James Griffith – Frank Scarano

**Kathy Hansen** – Rick Panning

**Karen Karni** – Nancy Brunzel

**Jania Kinsinger** – Anh Strow

**Leadership Academy Graduates** – Lynn Ingram

**Lynn Ingram and the Leadership Academy** – Paula Garrott

**Susan Leclair** – Frank Scarano

**Dr. Fred Leibach** – Elizabeth Leibach

**David McGlasson** – Anonymous

**Shirlyn McKenzie** – Mary Coleman

**Mary Ann Mclane** – Mary Gourley, Lynn Russell, Joyce

Eng,

**Myra Meyers** – Cheryl Caskey

**Sue Miller** – Sharon Morey

**Sherry Miner** – Lezlee Koch

**O. B. Palmer** – Jeanne Christen

**Elissa Passiment** – Mary Beth Miele

**Kay Quill** – Karen Karni

**Kyle Riding** – Frank Scarano

**Bernadette Rodak** – Sr. Marie Vittetoe

**Gilma Roncancio-Weemer** – J. R. Constance

**Lynn Russell** – Joyce Eng

**Chloe Scott** – Yas Simonian

**Linda Smith** – Debra Faubion, George Roberts(2)

**Dan Southern** – Tim Randolph (2), Shirlyn McKenzie

**Patricia Taylor** – Sheri Gon

**Sr. Marie Vittetoe** – Bernadette Rodak

**Royce Watson** – Lenora Francen, Jesse Locklear, Beverly Price DeNard, Deb Rodahl, Terri Leszczyszyn, Lisa Anderson

## ELEANOR PARCHMAN SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED



Long time active member Eleanor Parchman passed away in September. The AMTF Board was notified of a generous donation to establish a scholarship in her memory. An Active member of ASCLS and AMTF, she loved to travel, visiting all seven continents. She had a long career as a Medical Technologist at the VA and Methodist hospitals, after attaining a Master of Science in Chemistry degree from Austin Peay University. Donations to the scholarship in her memory maybe made using the donation form.

# DISTRIBUTION OF FUND SCHOLARSHIPS AS OF 6/15/2013

|   | French Scholarship | Morrison Scholarship | Reilly Scholarship | Winstead Scholarship | Royce Watson Fund | James Holley Fund | ASCLS E&R Scholarship | AMTF General Scholarship | AMTF General Operating Funds |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Value on 01/01/13                               | \$91,505.21        | \$25,266.37          | \$78,349.67        | \$25,216.47          | \$13,310.13       | \$22,480.19       |                       | \$156,244.23             | \$20,163.09                  |
| 2013 Donations/Inc. Scholarships Awarded (2013) | \$195.00           | \$25.00              | \$60.00            | \$625.00             | \$20.00           | \$1,270.00        | \$0.00                | \$9,006.00               | \$5,000.00                   |
| Subtotal  | \$91,700.21        | \$25,291.37          | \$78,409.67        | \$25,841.47          | \$13,330.13       | \$23,750.19       | \$0.00                | \$165,250.23             | \$25,163.09                  |
| Expenses  |                    |                      |                    |                      |                   |                   |                       |                          | (\$2,515.20)                 |
| Net Value                                       | \$91,700.21        | \$25,291.37          | \$78,409.67        | \$25,841.47          | \$13,330.13       | \$23,750.19       | \$0.00                | \$165,250.23             | \$22,647.89                  |
| % of Total Interest Earnings                    | 20.550%            | 5.668%               | 17.572%            | 5.791%               | 2.987%            | 5.323%            |                       | 37.033%                  | 5.075%                       |
| Unrealized Gain (Loss)                          | \$35.48            | \$9.79               | \$30.34            | \$10.00              | \$5.16            | \$9.19            |                       | \$63.93                  | \$8.76                       |
| Value on 06/15/2013                             | \$92,596.38        | \$25,538.54          | \$79,175.95        | \$26,094.01          | \$13,460.40       | \$23,982.30       | \$0.00                | \$166,865.18             | \$22,869.22                  |

\*\* Note - Desert Schools Reconciliation to 06/16/13

\*\* Note - Edward Jones Reconciliation to 06/30/13

## ALPHA MU TAU AND EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

One of the primary activities of AMTF is to raise funding for graduate and undergraduate scholarships for medical laboratory science students. The ASCLS Education and Research (E&R) fund is the charitable foundation of ASCLS founded to encourage and assist educational and scientific research in the field of medical laboratory science. The fund's Scholarship Program supports education for students, practitioners and educators. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. The AMTF Scholarship Committee reviews all applications for both AMTF and E&R scholarships. AMTF applicants and

E&R graduate applicants must be ASCLS members. Undergraduates must be accepted into a NAACLS accredited program in clinical laboratory science including MLS and MLT programs. They must enter or be in the last year of their education between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014. Graduate applicants cannot complete their education before the scholarship is awarded (September 1, 2014).

Applications, other materials and instructions are available on both the ASCLS Website ([www.ASCLS.org](http://www.ASCLS.org)) (Click on Educator's Info) and the AMTF Website ([www.alphamutau.org](http://www.alphamutau.org)) after

November 1, 2013. Deadline for receipt of all applications and supporting materials is April 1, 2014. Only one application is required for all scholarships.

If you are in need of funding to complete your education, please apply for these scholarships. If you are an educator or practitioner who knows students that could use this type of support, let them know about these scholarships and encourage them to apply.

**ALPHA MU TAU FRATERNITY**  
**SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS 2013**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ **Check here** \_\_\_\_\_, if changed information.

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone: Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

FAX ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Raising monies for scholarships is the main goal of AMTF. Donations may be tax-deductible. A receipt will be sent to you and an acknowledgement will be sent to whomever you designate.

**Please be generous!**

Amount - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_ In honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_

(List name and address, below, of individual to whom you wish an acknowledgement sent.)

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(Use another sheet for additional names and addresses.)

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| <b><u>Established Scholarships:</u></b> | Ruth French Memorial          | \$ _____ |
|   | James Holley Memorial         | \$ _____ |
|   | Dorothy Morrison Memorial     | \$ _____ |
|   | Eleanor Parchman Memorial     | \$ _____ |
|   | Ida and May Reilly Memorial   | \$ _____ |
|   | Martha Winstead Memorial      | \$ _____ |
|   | Royce Watson Scholarship Fund | \$ _____ |

Make check payable to: **Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity (AMTF)** for **TOTAL** amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Joe Briden, Executive Secretary , 7809 S. 21<sup>st</sup> Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85041-7736

## 2013 NEW MEMBERS - BIOGRAPHIES

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**Cathy Robinson** – Alexandra, LA was nominated by Cheryl Caskey and George Roberts. Cathy is employed at LSU Alexandria as an Assistant Professor and is also the International Technical Manager / Educator for Global Outreach for ASCP. Cathy has been on the ASCLS Nominations committee since 2008 and was also the President of the Louisiana Society for Clinical Laboratory Science in 2012. She has served on numerous ASCLS state and national committees. In addition to Omicron Sigma awards at the state and regional levels, Cathy also was the Louisiana Member of the Year in 2009. Cathy has also been very active in her state's licensure activities, speaking at both State Senate and Representative committee in 2011.

**Ed Peterson** – St. Peters, MO was nominated by Nadine Fydryszewski and Elissa Passiment. Ed is employed at the Barnes Jewish Hospital as the Director of Laboratories. Ed has held several different positions within ASCLS such as Chair of the Lab Administration Scientific Assembly, members of the Awards, Government Affairs and Professional Affairs committees as well as the ASCLS Representative to the American Heart Association. Ed has also been President of two different State Societies: New Jersey and Georgia. Is Missouri next? Ed also has served on the Becton Dickinson Corporation Customer Advisory Board as well as the New Jersey State Department of Health, Clinical Laboratory Advisory Task Force. Lastly, Ed has served on numerous other Boards of Civic organizations including the Miss America Organization.

**Evelyn Dunn Weaver** – Gulfport, MS was nominated by Jane Hudson and Hassan Aziz. Neither Jane nor Hassan were able to be at the Alpha Mu Tau dinner so Evelyn was escorted by George Roberts, Cheryl Caskey and newly inducted member Cathy Robinson! Evelyn is employed by Gulfport Memorial Hospital in Gulfport MS. Evelyn has been on the Region III Board and also served on the Board and as President of the Mississippi State Society of ASCLS. Evelyn also served as the General Chair of CLEC 2010 when the meeting was held in Biloxi, MS. She has also served on numerous other state committees and as the Mississippi 2014 Annual Meeting Chair. Outside of ASCLS, Evelyn coaches T-ball, soccer and serves on numerous committees within her hospital. She has also received many awards including the 2009 Mississippi Member of the Year.

**Frank Scarano** – New Bedford, MA was nominated by Dorothy Bergeron and Kyle Riding. Frank is employed at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth as a Professor in the Clinical Laboratory Science Program. Frank has served on the ASCLS Nominations Committee as an elected member and numerous other appointed ASCLS Committees such as the Microbiology Scientific Assembly as the Chair, the Abstract Review Committee as Co-Chair, and the Consumer Information Response Team. He was also the Central New England State Society Treasurer and served on that Society's Board of Directors. In addition to ASCLS, Frank is also active in the American Society for Microbiology. Frank has received numerous awards including the Central New England Society's Member of the Year Award in 2009.

**Linda Goossen** – Grand Rapids, MI was nominated by Roslyn McQueen and Lynne Williams. Linda is employed at the Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Linda has served on several ASCLS committees such as the ASCLS Committee Structure Review Task Force, the ASCLS Nominations Committee, and the Bylaws Committee. In addition, Linda has held many positions within the Michigan Society such as Treasurer, PACE, Scientific Assembly, Finance, and President in 2005. Linda has also served as the Chapter President of the American Business Women's Association. Linda has received numerous awards and grants including the Michigan Clinical Laboratory Scientist of the Year in 2007 and the Women of the Year award from the American Business Women's Association in 1994.

**Peter Hu** – Houston, TX was nominated by Rodney Rohde and Becky See. Peter is employed as the Program Director / Associate Professor at MD Anderson in Houston, Texas. Peter has been on numerous ASCLS Awards committee, has chaired the Molecular Scientific Assembly and been on the Continuing Education Advisory Committee for the past 4 years. He has also judged many posters, journal articles and abstracts for ASCLS throughout the years on various ASCLS committees. On the State level, Peter has been on the Board of Directors and subsequently served as President of the Texas State Society of ASCLS in 2009. In addition to ASCLS, Peter is active in the Association of Genetics Technologists, the Foundation for Genetic Technology as well as NAACLS. His CV lists over 170 professional presentations and over 100 professional publications as well as more than a dozen professional awards including Outstanding Educator at the University of Texas for 5 years.

**Sherry Miner** – Rochester, IL was nominated by Elissa Passiment and Joan Polancic. Sherry is employed by the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science as the ASCLS Coordinator for Membership Services and PACE<sup>®</sup>. Sherry's employment with ASCLS makes it hard for her to be a volunteer in ASCLS at the national level, but she managed to be an active member in the Illinois State Society of ASCLS having been on the Board of Directors, served as the Treasurer and the President of that State Society. Sherry serves as the Staff Liaison to both the Membership and PACE committees within ASCLS. Outside of ASCLS, Sherry has been active in her church as well as serving on the School Board. She also was the ASCLS-IL Member of the Year in 1998. Most notably, and most sadly, Sherry has decided to retire from her permanent position within ASCLS, but we know not from her ASCLS friends!

**Stacy Baker** – Galloway, OH was nominated by Kathy Waller and Cathy Shaffner. Stacy is employed as the Program Coordinator at the Ohio State University Medical Center. Stacy has served on the ASCLS Product Development Committee and on the ASCLS Geriatric Task Force as well as the Region IV Secretary. On the State level, Stacy has been on the Board of Directors and has served as the President of the Ohio Society of ASCLS as well as numerous other state level committees. Outside of ASCLS, Stacy volunteers for the Big Brother/Big Sister organization and serves as a Lifeline for Ohio Ambassador. Stacy is also a recent ASCLS Leadership Academy graduate.

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A nomination requires support from two AMTF members in good standing. The nominee is asked to provide a complete, concise, and accurate profile of activities and contributions to the profession on this form. Information must be submitted in the sequence listed, observing format and page limitations, and the nominee's accomplishments must total a minimum of 140 points. Only computer-generated or typewritten nominations are considered, handwritten nominations are not accepted. Nominations must be signed by the nominee and nominators, and may be transmitted electronically or by surface mail. (Forms submitted from the nominators' personal e-mail addresses will be accepted as a signed form.)

If you are not sure whether an individual is already a member or not, you can check the Membership Roster that is sent every Fall. Continue to mentor those you know, who have the potential to be leaders within our profession, toward meeting the qualifications of being "persons who have made outstanding professional contributions to the field of clinical laboratory science." Each AMTF member is allowed to nominate two individuals per year. **The deadline for applications is March 17, 2014 based on postmark or electronic date.**

## 2013 Dinner Meeting Review



There were plenty of western hats, string neckties, snazzy belt buckles and the occasional "EE-HAW" heard during the annual AMTF dinner in Houston TX on August 2. There was much relief, again, that the celebration was right in our conference hotel, so all the festivities could begin right away without traveling. The ballroom atrium was the site of the pre-banquet cocktail hour, with plenty of smiles and laughter from the 204 members and guests who arrived, the largest number in at least the past 11 years. Debbie Faubion and her team did a magnificent job of chairing the event and taking care of all the minutiae of details. An enjoyable dinner and entertainment by the "Who Killed J.R." players was had by all, with President Mary Ann McLane receiving cheers as she went to the podium to begin the evening and donned a western hat with flashing lights on its brim edge. We welcomed eight new members to our fraternity (described elsewhere in this newsletter) and installed Scott Aikey as the 2013-14 President, along with Mary Beth Miele as President-Elect, Linda Gorman as Secretary and Tim Randolph as Junior Board Member. It goes without saying that the highlight of the evening was the announcement of this year's total donations toward scholarships: \$27,490.00 of which \$2,840.00 are pledges. There was even \$640 made through the "Who Killed J.R." contest. In the end, it was another wonderful AMTF dinner meeting, and our thanks and kudos go out to Debbie Faubion for successfully wrangling this crowd of enthusiastic folks into some semblance of order for the benefit of our next generation of students.