



From the Office of the President – Donna Ragsdale Dunwoody

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Dear SW NAHROIANS,

Many of you are recently back in your office from the SW NAHRO's Annual Conference that was held in Lafayette Louisiana. If you were there, you know you took care of SW business, learned some things at training and had some fun while you were there. Thanks goes to the Louisiana Housing Council for some wonderful hospitality, as Mary Lynn's Krewe sure did it up right. Congratulations to Tom Oliver, as he was named the Charles L. Farris Award winner, the highest honor you may receive in the Southwest Region. Tom and his lovely wife were presented with two stick horses which they paraded around to the song "Happy Trails to You" that was sung by those in attendance to acknowledge Tom's retirement of October 31, 2008 as the Regional Service Officer.

The seven states have been extremely busy doing their own chapter stuff and your standing committees at the SW level have already been working on your behalf. Each committee has goals that they have set for themselves and some of the committees have been charged to do some good things for the membership. The states and committee reports will be showing up soon on the SW Website, so please click on www.swnahro.org and read for yourself just what they are up to. Southwest NAHRO is always looking for good people to do good work which makes good things happen. So if you would like to become more involved, please let your state president know and they will hook you up with the right person.

Please mark your calendar now for June 2009 as the Annual Conference will be held in beautiful downtown St. Louis, home of the Cardinals and the Missouri folks will be showing you just why they are named the SHOW ME STATE. We have way more than the Cardinals so come see for yourself. (For the Missouri folks, we have a lot of work ahead and need every Chapter Member to show up so we can show off our great state. Anita Kennedy from Houston Missouri is heading up the committee, so please contact her for a job.)

Our next meeting will be in January 2009 when the committees meet and take care of business for the region. Please join us in making your SW NAHRO Region even more successful than it currently is.

Be good, be kind and be faithful. God bless each of you.