

A Word From Our President:

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The August meeting was astounding! John Pieno (pronounced piano), Chairman of Florida's Sterling Council addressed the chapter about their approach to organizational performance management. The Sterling Awards based on the National Malcolm Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence provide a framework and an assessment tool for understanding organizational strengths and opportunities for improvement.

Make plans to attend our fall workshop in September. You don't want to miss Dr. Dave Goetsch's ten-step model to assist organizations of all sizes to meet the challenges of doing business in 2008, "*Business in the Year 2008: Doing More with Less*".

You should plan to arrive at future meetings a bit early due to the construction at the college. The parking may become difficult when school starts. We appreciate the wonderful hospitality extended to us by Northwest State College and the fantastic meals they provide on very short notice. In order for the Northwest Florida to continue to plan a fabulous lunch for our group we need your reservation no later than noon on the Friday before our scheduled meeting.

I am sad to announce that Carol Morris, Vice President of Programs, will no longer be serving on the chapter board. The wonderful news is that she has accepted a job out of state and moved during August. Carol was presented with a framed print and thanked by the group for her hard work and dedication on behalf of the Emerald Coast ASTD chapter.

This is a busy but exciting time of the year for your board as we plan for the fall workshop, recruit new board members for 2009, and make plans for the transition from 2008 to 2009. Your chapter needs you to assist in our continued growth. You can help us and yourself by serving in a leadership role for the Emerald Coast Chapter of the ASTD. You will make new friends and grow professionally. If you cannot devote time to serve as an officer, consider volunteering to serve on a committee.

To learn more about our chapter,
please go to
www.astd-emeraldcoast.org/

Please note that included with the electronic version of this newsletter is information from Northwest Florida State College (formerly Okaloosa Walton College) on driving and parking at the Niceville Campus.

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Photos:

Top: Joe Pieno, August Meeting

Bottom: Farewell to Carol Morris, VP of Programs



"Success in business requires training and discipline and hard work. But if you're not frightened by these things, the opportunities are just as great today as they ever were." —David Rockefeller

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September Workshop:

September 9th

Subject: Business in the Year 2008-
Doing More With Less
Facilitator: Dr. David Goetsch
Location: OWC/Bldg K, Gallery

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