

THE EMERALD COAST TRAINER



The Newsletter of the
EMERALD COAST CHAPTER
December 2006

Transition and Planning Meeting
All Members Invited to Attend
December 6, 2006

There is no scheduled regular December Chapter meeting and luncheon this year. Instead, there will be a transition and planning meeting for old and new officers. All chapter members are invited to attend. The meeting will be held December 6th at Uptown Cafe in Crestview, Florida from Noon to 3 P.M. Remember, the meeting is not just for old and new officers. Any chapter member is welcome to attend and provide input as we put together plans for 2007. If you plan to attend, please notify a Board member so that we can reserve an appropriate number of spaces.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Part of the input for next year's activities comes from the member survey recently completed. The survey was e-mailed directly to each member. Thanks so much for your input. We asked for your areas of expertise so that we can share that information with members. We wanted input on the kinds of programs you desire in 2007. And

most importantly, we wanted to know what you feel we can do to make your local chapter even more supportive of you. If you did not get a chance to complete a survey, please provide your input to one of the Board members or plan to attend the planning session on December 6th. Results of the survey to date include:

Respondents indicated that their most desired topics for luncheon presentations are:

- #1 (tie) Learning Models
 Instructional Design and Development

- #3 (tie) Needs Assessments
 Managing the Training Function
 Evaluating Training
 E-Learning/Distance learning

- #7 (tie) Organizational Development/Change Management
 Training Basics
 Facilitation/Presentation Skills
 Train-the-Trainer
 Writing Skills
 Coaching/Mentoring
 Team Development
 The Adult Learner

More than 50% of the respondents were either Satisfied or Fully Satisfied with the Chapter's programs. Some members suggested that we try to attract more members with Training & Development experience outside Human Resources offices.

**IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS,
PLEASE SHARE THEM WITH ANY BOARD MEMBER.
WE VALUE YOUR INPUT!!**

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Coming Events			Mark Your Calendar!		
Dec 6, 2006 12:00 – 3:00	Meeting of Incoming/Outgoing Board of Directors	Incoming President Becky Spence			
Jan 9, 2007 11:30	The First Luncheon and Presentation of the New Year	TBA			


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ASTD at the National Level

Visit the National ASTD Website for Great Info

Perhaps you are not a member of ASTD at the national level? Do not fret. There are still many great things to see and do on the ASTD website. Or maybe you are a national member but have not visited the website recently. You too should make a visit. Everyone can read articles about current topics relevant to your job, find dates of interesting conferences, seminars, meetings, and other activities, explore educational opportunities in our field, visit the ASTD bookstore, and many other fun and useful things. Of course, you enjoy the website in much greater depth if you are a national member, but all local chapter members are encouraged to see what is available at the national level. Just click on www.astd.org

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AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT ASTD MEMBERSHIP!!!

It is never too late to join our active and growing chapter of ASTD, nor is it ever too early. Now is the perfect time to renew your membership for 2007. There will be more exciting workshops, presentations, and luncheons. Your membership will give you reduced rates at those activities, plus access to all the other wonderful benefits of ASTD chapter membership. Consider expanding your individual membership to a corporate membership so that more of your co-workers can take advantage of all ASTD has to offer. Maybe you know another individual who you would like to encourage to become a member. Bring them to the January event as a guest and encourage them to begin full membership in 2007. For information on joining our chapter, visit our website www.astd-emeraldcoast.org or contact Carol Barry, Vice-President for Membership at (850) 423-9991, or at carol.b.barry@cox.net. A membership invoice which can be copied, completed, mailed or e-mailed, can be found as the last page of this newsletter.

