

November 9, 2009

Jana's jottings . . .



After working closely with June to bring our logo into compliance with ALA's new guidelines last month, I was reminded again how fortunate we are to have someone with her experience and expertise managing our website. Not only did the process NOT cost the chapter hundreds of dollars, it was also accomplished in a timely manner, without having to wait upon the convenience of an outside consultant. One of these days, we will design a website using a simple, any-dummy-can-update-it program, but until that day, we all owe June a debt of gratitude for her willingness to serve the chapter in this way.

THANK YOU MS. HUIE!

Ideas for Going Green

The Stinson Morrison Hecker firm has implemented some interesting "green" initiatives. There might be something here for your firm to consider. Thanks for sharing with us, Sherri!

- Attorneys are encouraged to work remotely one business day each month.
- Other exempt personnel are encouraged to work remotely one business day every other month, subject to supervisor approval.
- All attorneys and firm personnel who participate in specified transportation alternatives are eligible for periodic drawings for prizes and get an additional paid day off per calendar year (i.e., riding a bike to work, taking the bus, not driving anywhere to lunch, driving a high fuel efficiency vehicle, etc.)
- Eco-friendly disposable products in lunch rooms and conference rooms.
- Use of washable mugs, tumblers and flatware encouraged.
- Purchase of recycled toner cartridges which are in turn recycled after use.
- Aluminum can and paper recycling programs.
- Plastic water bottles eliminated completely.
- Promotion of Earth Day/Week.



Sherri comments: "Though it took some coaxing, employees have warmed up to the "green" initiatives. Employees responded very well to the paid time off, it seems to be more valuable than cash. We have started sending out Green Alerts with facts or quotes about the environment, which helps to remind employees of the firm's goals. Our biggest success has been the carpooling and staying in at lunch."

Upcoming events

November 18, 2009
Salary Survey Update

Debbie Coan will be with us to introduce and explain the new format for our annual Compensation and Benefits Survey, which will have the data submitted online. This survey is very helpful to participating firms and it is important that all chapter member firms submit their information so that it will be an accurate reflection of Wichita statistics.

We also hope to discuss and finalize WALA's disaster recovery project at this meeting.

December 4, 2009
Angel Tree Bag Tagging

We will continue our annual volunteer project with the Salvation Army to place tags on bags, from 11:30 to 1:30 on Friday, December 4. Bring your staff, and enjoy some pizza while we lend a hand with this holiday season task. Please RSVP to Jackie Barnes for the lunch count. Donations will be accepted to cover pizza cost. Come when you can and stay as long as you are able.

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