

Annual Report (July 1, 2005 – 30 June 2006).

My second time around as Rio Grande President was a very rewarding and fun year. We missed making a couple of goals (CDFM, National Awards) but we far exceeded expectations in other areas (notably fund raising, contributions to community). Many of our volunteer Officers and Committee Chairs will return next year. We still have openings for some committee chairs. If you can volunteer please consider doing so. I would like to personally thank *ALL* who found time to make this year a huge success for Rio Grande. ***Thank you.*** Not everyone who helped is mentioned in this report but there were many volunteers supporting our leadership. Everyone's help is very much appreciated.

5 Star: The goal of continuing as a 5 Star Chapter (since 1994) was met. *Nancy Lingo* was our chair and did a great job but she is not available in the upcoming year. If anyone would like the chair, please contact our new President, Capt. Andrew Gmytrasiewicz. 5 Star was only obtained by 33% of all chapters this year. Our membership all contributes to this award.

Publicity, Newsletter and Web-Site: Goal was met of continuing excellence in these areas. *Sonja Jeung* (chair) had much assistance with Newsletter from *Lucinda Lopez*. *Esther Archuleta* has our web-site looking good. You may contact both (once again) in coming year as they will continue to chair these functions. *Lucinda* will also continue as our Publicity Chair. She did a great job last year and will keep members informed once again.

I established a goal for increased number of **National Awards and Scholarships**. The Awards goal was not met. We did not have any National Winners compared to two the previous year. We had 3 National Scholarship winners of \$1K each. They are **Melissa Augustine, Delores Lineback and Armando Carrillo**. **CONGRATULATIONS** Captain Gmytrasiewicz is an excellent awards writer and will be able to successfully guide Rio Grande in this area.

Rio Grande Awards program was chaired by *Angie Blackwell*. Winners were recognized at April Luncheon. All nominees were forwarded to National for consideration of National Awards. *Lyn Kirkwood* has volunteered to run this program in the upcoming year. Winners: **Lydia Duran (intern/trainee), William McCullough (resource management), Louis Norris (budgeting), Nancy Stahlschmidt (analysis/evaluation), Millie Jaramillo (business management), Jesse Cells (contractor support), Thomas Puga (accounting and finance), TeNesha Hall (leadership)**.

In San Diego, we participated at **National PDI Thursday Night Carnival Fund Raiser**. We do not know how much our profit will be but should have results soon. We had many volunteers help with "football toss".

Our **Community Service** participation did increase as was the goal. **Sgt. Rubyann Alforque** has us on track with quarterly trips to Roadrunner Food Bank. We contributed \$1,000 to Red Cross/Hurricane Katrina Relief, \$1,000 to Make-A-Wish, \$200 to KAFB Family Support, \$300 to Zia Kids, \$500 to Fischer House at National PDI and over \$1,000 to Toys for Tots. Currently, we have numerous volunteers working at Isotopes games to raise \$'s for our scholarship program.

CDFM membership increased. We had 18 previously. The goal for June 2006 was 25-30. The goal was not met but Rio Grande did take positive step forward and now has 21 CDFM. Latest to obtain certification are **Al Detrick** and **Andrew Gmytrasiewicz** (both from AFRL/DE) and **Rene Richards** from DTRA. This committee has opening for chair. **Jeff Parker** began the year as chair but much of his time was spent deployed and now PCS.

SW Regional PDI: Once again, **Rick DeMello** did outstanding work and led us and will continue to chair Rio Grande participation in this prestigious 2 and ½ day event. In collaboration with other SW chapters, quality education is provided. With over 150 participations, our goal of providing excellent education was certainly met. Next year's event is slated for Las Cruces NM, 21-23 Feb 2007.

Membership: **Leona Gallegos** did an outstanding job and will continue as chair in the coming year. Increased membership was not a goal. We did hold steady (around 175) and Leona's timely, accurate reporting enabled our inclusion among 5 Star chapters.

Rio Grande Scholarships: A goal to increase scholarship awards was met. \$5,000 was awarded compared to \$4,000 the previous year. **Angela Martinez** did great work and will continue as chair. She will need assistance reviewing applications, among other tasks, during the year. Indications from recent fund raising activities point to an even bigger program (more cash) next year. Kirtland Area Federal Credit Union and Sandia Area Federal Credit Union both contributed \$'s based on requests from Angela. If you can help, let Angela know. High School Winners (\$1,500 each): **Melissa Augustine, Maria Melidones**. Continuing Ed (\$1,000 each): **Delores Lineback, Armando Carrillo**.

Program: **Loretta Manzanares** began year as chair but her duties made it necessary for her to relinquish chair to **Denise Wilhelm**. Both did great work. Our program was very successful and participation was great. Our August picnic had 80 attendees; Our Holiday Luncheon in December (46) and Bowling Event in April (19 bowlers/ 50 members total) were also big events---Congratulations to AFOTEC (team event winner) and AFRL/DEFJ Cheryl McGovern for her high game at Kirtland Lanes---At these events, door prizes and prizes were awarded (\$700). We also had great support from Kirtland Federal Credit Union (KFCU). We used their facilities for our July (46), Oct (54), Nov (50), Jan (60) and Mar (50) events. Topics included public accounting, changes in the workplace, PNM energy saving tips, personal financial management and taxes. No event was held in Sep. We participated in SW PDI in Feb (40+) and National PDI in May (40+). Our annual installation of officers event (45) was our third event held on KAFB (with bowling and picnic). Lunch-time program was reasonably priced to promote

participation. Prices ranged from \$0 (picnic), to \$4-\$8 for KFCU events (food brought in from various vendors/pizza, subs, sandwiches...) to \$10 for Mountain View annual event. Our Holiday Luncheon at Buca Di Beppo was our highest priced luncheon at \$14 but we also gave away over \$400 in door prizes at the Holiday Party. Our Toys-For-Tots collection of over \$1,000 was in large part due to generosity of **Lee and Linda Rael**. In summary, we had 3 events on KAFB, 5 events at KFCU and one event at commercial establishment. We participated in SW and National PDI. Average attendance at local events was 55, which is excellent. We also had good participation in 2 teleconferences held by ASMC National organization. These conferences provided education concerning topics such as NSPS and MCP.

Fund Raising: Stellar performance by our chair, **TeNesha Hall**, and many volunteers including extra effort by **Cindi Gernertt** led to a **HUGE** fund raising year, which will benefit next year as well as the past year. Entertainment books (profit: \$425) were sold (we've been doing this for many years). Restaurant (\$270) discount coupons were sold (new fund raiser). Program/Calendar sales at (\$1,745) INTL balloon fiesta (new event), basket give-aways, participation in SW and National PDI promotions plus concession sales at ISOTOPEs (new fund raiser—have made over \$2K to date, about ½ way done) led to record awards to the community (including scholarship and charity). AND, TeNesha convinced SW Airlines to donate 2 Round Trip Tickets---so, we will be using these tickets to raise MORE funds. Can't say enough. Great job by all volunteers.

Monthly executive board meetings (12) were held. The constitution was reviewed by the board and ratified by membership. We participated in ASMC National debate concerning Tiered Dues System. This new system will allow ASMC to charge graduated amounts for corporate membership, similar to other professional organizations' practices. Our YES vote at National Council Meeting in San Diego was counted in 107/YES—5/NO vote—measure passed—new dues system will begin.

Nominating Committee: **Lyn Kirkwood** chaired our nominating committee and did great job obtaining volunteers. As mentioned **Captain Andrew Gmytrasiewicz** is new president. Our executive officer is **Beverly Hollingsworth** and **Rose-Marie Strach** continues as treasurer. Our volunteer Vice Presidents include **Cheryl Valdez (AFRL/DE)**, **Tom Puga (AFRL/VS)**, **Tom Dooley (SMC, Det 12)**, **Alan Mills (ASC/TM)**, **Angela Martinez (at large)**, **Scott Groth (AFOTEC)**, **Sra Itliong (377th)**, and **Jacob Lund (AFAA)**.

Treasurer: **Rose-Marie Strach** continued her outstanding work as Rio Grande Treasurer and will continue next year. AFAA, **Keith Tagabon** was very helpful when completing the audit. His suggestions are most welcome.

Vice Presidents: Many will return next year but we also have new faces. The year's VP's were **Tracie Hidalgo (replaced with Dalila Gutierrez/DE)**, **Ryan Baker (VS)**, **Jennifer Swazay (replaced with Rubyann Alforque/377th)**, **Tarsha Frazier (AFOTEC)**, **Brian Fahnestock (SMC, Det 12)**, **Alan Mills (ASC/TM)**, **Jeff Parker (AFAA)** and **Nancy Lingo (at-large)**.

Executive Officer: *Cheryl Valdez* did a fabulous job and was active in **ALL** aspects of Rio Grande activities. She was a key fund raiser and was absolutely essential in the smooth running of our program. Great job.

SPECIAL THANK YOU:

Kirtland Area Federal Credit Union continues to provide outstanding support to Rios Grande. Besides allowing us to use their facilities for our luncheon program, KFCU also donated \$2,000 for scholarships (once again). Facilities are conveniently located between East and West KAFB. KFCU facilities are excellent. In addition, KFCU volunteered to provide future speaker for luncheon. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Summary:

The membership of Rio Grande has once again displayed great volunteerism and commitment to excellence in community service and education. At least \$10K was raised/awarded this year. We continue to be a leading ASMC chapter and will strive to do bigger and better things in the future. I'm sure the executive board will welcome all suggestions. For example, it has been suggested making some KFCU events brown-bag (bring your lunch); once again, this will reduce member costs and increase participation. We may want to recognize ALL volunteers with a luncheon or banquet in the future. Volunteers are always needed. If you can help with ISOTOPES this summer, please participate. It has been a pleasure to serve as president this year. Thank you once again for your great support. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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