

ASIS
HOUSTON CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
4/15/09

The luncheon meeting was held at the Renaissance Hotel with Chapter Chairmen Tom Hamilton presiding. 48 members and 7 guests attended for a total of 55 attendees.

The lunch began at 12:04PM with a welcome to all from Tom Hamilton, Chapter Chairman 2009.

BUTCH ROBERSON, CHAPTER CHAPLIN, gave the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance and had a moment of silence for the loss of 2 members of the Houston Fire Department who lost their lives in the line of duty this week.

Tom went around the room; table by table and let guests introduce themselves.

SPECIAL WELCOME:

- To Chapter member Dr. Pelts with UHD. We are very happy to have her with us today.
- To Valri Hamilton, Tom's wife was president of his company.

TOM HAMILTON, CHAIRMEN, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We have a new meeting facility, The Hess Club. The Hess Club was chosen for a number of reasons. They specialize in business events, they are very cost competitive, high food quality, free parking etc. etc. Tom went over a map of where the facility is and directions. Specific directions will be posted on the web site.
- UHD will be hosting our annual seminar coming up in May. They are providing us with 2 free registrations. ASIS would like to see those students who are achieving their Bachelors or Masters Degree in security management receives these 2 free registrations. We will pick these 2 free registrations at our up coming May meeting.
- Due to growth in the Houston chapter, we have 2 free registrations from ASIS International for the annual conference. We will be advertising these registrations on the web site so watch out for the posting. We will announce those winners of the free registrations at an upcoming luncheon.
- The October luncheon will be an "off site" luncheon meeting. It will be held at Space Center Houston courtesy of Pam Duncan. There will be two sign up sheets. One sign up sheet will be for the meeting and the other will be for a free tour of Space Center Houston. We are extremely grateful to Pam Duncan for offering to host our luncheon and provide the free tour of her site.

CHRIS DEMPSTER, TREASURER

- Treasury reports were placed on each table for review. We are in good financial standing with over \$14,000 in the bank.
- We also have over 346 new members at this time

RANDY SIMPSON, TRAINING AND SEMINAR CHAIR

- The annual seminar is set for 6/3 and will be held at the AIG headquarters.
- It will be a one day event
- Registration will start at 6:30AM and classes will start at 7:30AM
- Cost will be \$95.00 all inclusive per person
- Certification for ethics and CEU credits will be issued

MIKE MALLON, VICE CHAIR ISSUED THE OFFICER OF THE MONTH

The Chapter's honoree this month are from the Deer Park Police Department. Two officers, Sgt. James Tryon and PO Shane Guimbellot were honored for their heroic acts that saved several lives. On September 13, 2008 during the peak of the Hurricane Ike storm, these two officers amongst others responded to an apartment complex collapse with trapped people. Sgt. Tryon and Officer Guimbellot volunteered to go to the very unstable 2nd floor to begin a search for occupants, resulting in the rescue of three people trapped in the back room of an apartment that had its roof ripped off and the front wall collapsed. Both officers were awarded the Medal of Honor from the Deer Park Police Department, the highest award that can be bestowed upon a living officer.

GREG AUTRY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

- Membership has really been increasing.
- CPP Library is being put back together for members to go and study at their leisure
- Pay your dues.
- More information on the library will be posted on the web site.

ROGER PIPER, WEB SITE CHAIR

- The web site this year is fully funded this year.
- Thank you to all members for your support
- Roger encouraged everyone to go on the web site and click on the links of all the sponsors. That is what they are paying for.

MIKE CROCKER, FORMER 2 YEAR CHAIRMAN AND CURRENT LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS CHAIR

* Punctuated that the web site has earned over \$8000.00 this year vs. last year it only earned \$4000. Way to go Roger!

Tom Hamilton introduced this month's speaker, **Mr. Andrew R. Bland III, Special Agent in Charge**

Mr. Bland paid respect to the officers recognized today for the brave acts in the line of duty.

Mr. Bland introduced Bruce Alpe who is the most acknowledged agent in the FBI today.

The FBI has been in existence for over 100 years. They have always focused on criminals prior to 9/11. The responsibilities now are exactly the opposite. Their mission now is to focus on national security which is extremely multifaceted.

Mr. Bland detailed the top 10 priorities of the FBI today and they are:

- 1 Protect the US from terrorist's attacks.*
- 2 Protect the US against Foreign Intelligence Operations*
- 3 Protect the US against cyber attacks*
- 4 Combat public corruption on all levels*
- 5 Protect civil rights*
- 6 Combat transnational and national criminal enterprises*
- 7 Combat white collar crime (ENRON & Stanford Financial)*
- 8 Combat significant violent crime (Gangs)*
- 9 Support Fed, State, Local, International partnerships*
- 10 Upgrade technology*

Tom Hamilton presented Andrew Bland III with a plaque of appreciation.

A guest for the lunch today drew for the \$50.00 gift certificate and Mr. Louis Evans was the lucky winner.

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.