



**MIDDLE TENNESSEE PUBLIC PURCHASING  
ASSOCIATION, AN NIGP CHAPTER - NEWSLETTER – JULY 2006**

**Who will be our speaker at the July 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting?** Mr. Jim Grant, Tennessee State Trooper with U.S. Marshall's Office Fugitive Task Force

**What is the program?** Identity Theft

**Where is the meeting?** NES Cafeteria & Meeting Room 13<sup>th</sup> & Church Street by I-40

**When will it be?** 11:30 a.m. Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup> Finished before 1 p.m.

**Why are we meeting?** To Hear a good speaker and network with others

**How can I make a reservation?** Just email Dave Hatcher at [dave.hatcher@nashville.gov](mailto:dave.hatcher@nashville.gov)

**Stan's Statement**

At the June meeting, we had 31 in attendance. As you can see below, I really enjoyed visiting with Tennessee State Senator Thelma Harper and the informative and educational talk she gave last month.

Most of you know that I am a combat Vietnam Veteran and really proud of our country. I wouldn't take anything for the experiences and opportunity to have served. Join with me on July 4<sup>th</sup> in celebrating our nations birthday. May God richly bless you, your family and our great country this Fourth of July!!!

Please remember to order your peanuts and roses for the fundraising per the instructions on page 3 of this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Stan*

Stan Melton, CGFM, CFE, CIA, Chapter President



## Minutes of the Middle Tennessee Public Purchasing Association-June 15, 2006

President Stan Melton called the meeting to order at approximately noon. He welcomed the crowd and asked if everyone received the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were accepted. Stan asked if there were any guests. At that time Greg Polak and Jim Bell, both from the State of Tennessee Purchasing Division, were introduced.

Robin Dieterich gave the treasurer's report stating that the balance is \$7,666.26.

Kim Marable reported on professional development stating that at this time there were 9 people signed up for the LEAP class on June 21-23. There is a possibility that one more person may sign up and there is room for a total of 15 people.

Helen Crowley reported on membership stating that there were some who have not paid the dues for this year and also that she is continuing to look for additional members.

At this time President Stan Melton's birthday was acknowledged and the group performed a stirring rendition of Happy Birthday. It is Stan's 49<sup>th</sup>.

Stan thanked NES and all of their employees who put a tremendous amount of hard work into helping prepare for our monthly meetings.

Paula Cole announced that peanuts were available after the meeting as one of the fundraising activities. She also announced that the roses were available upon request and if ordering one dozen or more, members need to contact her or Helen Crowley.

Stan opened the floor for any other new business and Kim Marable asked if Stan had made his reservations for the Forum in Tampa. Stan responded that he had made the reservations.

Stan turned the meeting over to Vice President Curry Corder. Curry introduced Tennessee State Senator, Thelma Harper. Senator Harper gave a presentation which told a little bit of her background and then she discussed the topic of ethics in all of our lives.

Following the presentation, Curry explained to Senator Harper that we usually present our speaker with a gift of appreciation, but respecting her position he would not offer the gift. Senator Harper thanked Curry for the gesture.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dave Hatcher, Secretary*

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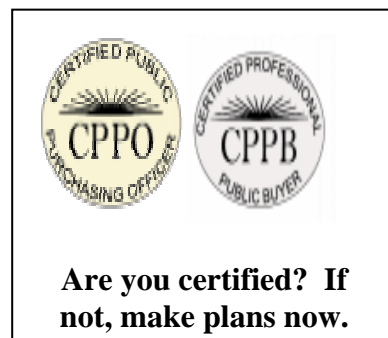
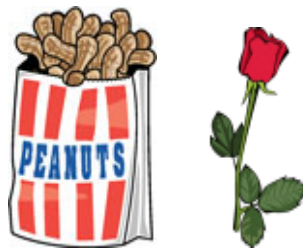
**Paula Cole**, Purchasing Agent with the State of Tennessee Dept. of General Services has graciously volunteered to head up our annual fund raising activities with assistance from our Vice President of Membership, Helen Crowley. If someone doesn't like roses, they are bound to like peanuts and vice versa. We look forward to helping Paula and Helen make this a successful project.

Arrangements have been made for beautiful long stemmed red roses from Smith & Rogers. Single stem roses each come with a fresh water tube are \$2.00 each and a dozen roses (wrapped) are only \$15.00. Place your orders now by e-mail and they will be brought to the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting or other arrangements for delivery can be made.

Also available are bags of fresh delicious Logan's Road House Peanuts. They are priced right at only \$2.00 for a small bag and \$4.00 for a large bag. Members are encouraged to e-mail Paula and tell her how many bags to bring for you to the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you would like to take a number of bags and give Paula the money after you have sold them, that is o.k. Dave Hatcher, Deborah Corbitt and Stan Melton did this and sold about 40 bags in a short time.

Email Paula or Helen with your orders now:

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**JUNE SEMINAR WAS HUGE SUCCESS**  
**BY KIM MARABLE, VICE PRESIDENT OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Last month we presented the LEAP course and from all indications, it was a huge success. Eleven were in attendance from six different organizations which gave plenty of time for group discussion and sharing. We were fortunate in having Mr. **John Zeyer** as the instructor. John is one of the few NIGP instructors who regularly teaches four different courses.

Some spur of the moment comments about the course from two who attended were:

From **Darin Anderson** of Nashville Electric Service: “This course has been very beneficial for me in learning about best practices on many subjects such as specification writing.”

From **Nadine Chasteen** of Greenville County South Carolina: “I really enjoyed the course. All of the people were extremely nice and the instructor was great. I hope to return to Nashville for another course.”

From **David Friedlander** of Metro Government of Nashville & Davidson County: “John Zeyer had 33 years with the New York City Comptroller’s Office and he shared with us many insights from his career. Very informative!”

Currently we are looking at the feasibility for another LEAP course and possibly a CPO/CPBB Review Course in October.





## JULY PROGRAM ON IDENTITY THEFT ARRANGED BY VICE PRESIDENT CURRY CORDER

Identity theft is a serious crime. How does it happen? Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes. While you can't entirely control whether you will become a victim, there are steps you can take to minimize your risk. We are fortunate to have Tennessee State Trooper **Jim Grant** who is assigned to the U.S. Marshall's Office Fugitive Task Force speak to us at our July 20<sup>th</sup> who will tell us about the seriousness of this crime and some things we can each do to prevent it.

Unlike your fingerprints, which are unique to you and cannot be given to someone else for their use, your personal data especially your Social Security number, your bank account or credit card number, your telephone calling card number, and other valuable identifying data can be used, if they fall into the wrong hands, to personally profit at your expense. In the United States and Canada, for example, many people have reported that unauthorized persons have taken funds out of their bank or financial accounts, or, in the worst cases, taken over their identities altogether, running up vast debts and committing crimes while using the victims' names. In many cases, a victim's losses may include not only out-of-pocket financial losses, but substantial additional financial costs associated with trying to restore his reputation in the community and correcting erroneous information for which the criminal is responsible.

## NEW CHAPTER DIRECTORY IN PROCESS

Last year each member received a chapter directory containing membership information and photos of many members. We want to continue that tradition and are beginning on the 2006 Directory. Don't be surprised this month when you come to the meeting to see Sheila Douglas and Amanda Cochran taking member photos for the directory. If you haven't had your photo taken, please plan on having this done. This year's directory will also contain vendor information as well as member information. Thanks to all who are helping with this project.

## **NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – GREG POLAK**



New member Greg Polak made his debut at the June meeting. Greg graduated from Illinois State University with a degree in Finance. He worked at Oakton Community College for nearly 14 years. At Oakton, he started out as the College bookstore's evening manager, then got promoted to being a purchasing assistant, then accepted a job as the Purchasing Agent for Niles Township High Schools (stayed there for 11 months) and then returned to Oakton and accepted the Purchasing Manager's position. Glen recently went to work for the State of Tennessee as a Buyer in the Purchasing Division of the General Services Department.

Greg and his wife Chris are newlyweds as they recently married May 27<sup>th</sup>. Chris has one more year left at Vanderbilt Law School. The rest of Greg's family lives in the Chicago area. Chris's family is from Southeast Ohio. You can find them doing a lot of traveling during the holiday's.

Greg's hobbies include gardening, and sports. He is bag fan of the NFL and the Chicago Bears and Major League Baseball rooting for the Chicago Cubs. He also likes outdoor activities including playing in park district basketball and softball leagues, hiking and camping at State and National Parks and traveling anywhere and everywhere. He also enjoys his personal investing in the stock market.

An interesting fact about Greg is that he did not speak any English as a child going into kindergarten. His parents were born in Poland and immigrated to the US in the early 1960's. Chis says "I understand the Polish language very well, but my speaking and writing skills have deteriorated slowly from lack of practice speaking and writing.

We welcome Greg to our chapter and look forward to getting to know him and see him get involved with Chapter activities.

## MEMBERS ENJOY NETWORKING AT JUNE MEETING

Photos taken by Chapter Photographer **Angie McDonald**



**Joe Ann Carr, Mary Ann Rathburn & Mike Spore**



**Deborah Corbitt, Almetta Bonds, & Jim Thompson**



**Mark McKeel & Paula Cole**