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president's message

by Tamie Fox

I have always loved the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Though there is the crazy hustle and bustle that comes with the season, it seems to me that it is also a time of reflection on what the season represents - a time when people are more kind to one another, more helpful to the needy and more hopeful for new beginnings.

I have been asked on many occasions in the past month to reflect on my feelings toward AWL as my year as President of this organization winds down. I confess, my feelings are bittersweet. The sun is setting on my year as steward of this great organization and I now leave my post in the very capable hands of Mira Mdivani. I am very proud of the many accomplishments we achieved this past year and I was truly blessed to have the opportunity to lead such an incredible group of women.

Some of the highlights of our year include a very successful CLE series, kick-off of the AWL Connections mentoring program and participation in the Harvesters Food Drive. Our annual Step Up program assisted several hundred less fortunate women move forward to turn their lives around. Finally, we also launched a new website to assist our members with valuable resources. In September, we honored our dynamic AWL past



presidents that came before us, the pioneers of our organization, at the Diastole Center. We celebrated yet another successful "I'm Not Serious About Golf Tournament" at Teetering Rocks and honored our

friend, the late Vicki Thomas. On December 8th, Nancy and David Kenner generously opened their home to host our Annual Meeting and Judicial Reception. We elected a new Board of Directors to help guide us into the New Year and honored AWL members and the judiciary for their contributions and efforts this past year.

So as we move into this holiday season and we look forward to a new year with our friends, families and colleagues, it is a time for me to thank everyone for what they have done for AWL over this past year with eyes forward to even greater things to come. I wish you all a very merry and safe holiday season, and peace as you spend time with loved ones.

As always, I look forward to seeing you all in the future. Please remember to check out our website to stay in touch and apprised of all of our events.

Happy Holidays!

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AWL's "I'm Not Serious About Golf" Tournament a Serious Success

by Missy Howard

FORE! goodness sakes what a fun time!! On Friday, October 2, AWL's charitable foundation teed up its 14th Annual "I'm Not Serious About Golf" Tournament. More golfers participated and twice as much money was raised (over \$16,000) making it the most successful in AWL's history.

AWL Board member Nikki Cannezzaro and Jeff Keal took home the longest drive trophies, while Cass County Prosecutor Teresa Hensley, Judge Vic Howard, and Bill and Elizabeth Kryger took 1st Place.

Mira Mdivani's law firm sponsored dance lessons, while South & Associates and The Henning Law Firm gifted muy yummy mojitos and Key lime concoctions. Past and Present Presidents Tamie Anfang Fox and Kim Fournier provided cookies to accompany coffee and snacks courtesy of Tricia Scaglia. Theresa Barton was our gorgeous "Shot Girl" and Phyllis Norman hosted the stuffing of our fabulous goody bags, which included delish All American Title Company party mix!

Judge Gary Witt and probation officer, Paige, stole the show as Caddyshack's Carl Spackler and The Gopher. Not to be outdone, Judge Welsh and Janeen deVries demonstrated how to save a beverage cart from a pothole disaster (with a motorist assist from Jeff Keal).

Over twenty members of the judiciary participated in this splendid charitable endeavor and several more who were unable to attend donated.



Clockwise, from top:

1. Judge Witt and the Gopher (Paige)
2. AWL Board Members – Tamie Fox, Kim Fournier and Sheryl Nelson
3. South and Associates Crew!
4. Nikki Cannezzaro and Jeff Keal

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