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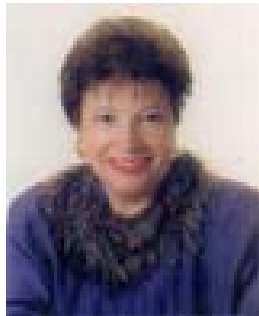
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President's Corner



Dear ASTD friends,

New Year's is always an exciting time for me. We watched the Rose Parade this morning, had a family dinner, and now it's my time to sit and collect my thoughts for the New Year. I thought I'd share a few of the questions that I ask myself as they can pertain to our chapter as well. They fall into 2 categories:

1) Last Year in Review

- ▶ What was my greatest blessing this year? What excited and stretched me? What am I most grateful for?

Our chapter had many blessings this year which our past president, Mimi Hager shared at our December breakfast. Among them was the excellent luncheon held at the Sunset Grill where our speaker, Dr. Dave Owens, stimulated the thinking of the 44 people who attended that outstanding program.

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2005 Golden Torch Award Recipients



(From L.) 2005 ASTD President Mimi Hagar, Linda Hughes accepting for American General/AIG in the category of Community Service, recipient Dayle Savage in the category of Innovations in Practice, and 2006 ASTD President Pat White.

January Membership Meeting
January 17, 2006
4:00–6:00 p.m.

"Using Play as Learning Process"
Jody Lentz, Presenter

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5301 Maryland Way
Brentwood, TN 37027

President's Corner

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- ▶ What was my greatest achievement? What did I accomplish that has really paid off? What am I proudest of this year?

We're all proud of members Linda Hughes and Dayle Savage who were both awarded Golden Torch awards at our beautiful December breakfast. Will you receive that award this year?

- ▶ What lessons do I most want to take with me into the New Year? How am I wiser, more skilled, more mature, and more productive?

One lesson we learned was about the value of having Co-VP's on the Board. As people move, change jobs, etc., it becomes critical to keep continuity on the Board in the various areas. We are truly blessed to have a full Board as we begin this year and they have hit the ground running. Please be ready to contribute your wisdom and efforts to their plans. Working on a committee is the best way to network and make new friends within your professional group.

2) New Year in Preview:

- ▶ As a family, what can we do to enrich our lives this year?
- ▶ How can I do my part to make our life richer, more fun, and loving?
- ▶ What would I like to add, change, or eliminate in my life this year?
- ▶ What do I want to do to stretch myself, to enrich my experience and become more like the person I want to be?
- ▶ In my business, what goals do I have for the New Year? How can I serve my clients better?
- ▶ What steps will I take to maintain my health? What am I committed to do as far as fitness, my health and my body are concerned?
- ▶ *Intellectually, how will I keep sharp this year? What will I read, what do I need to study, what skills do I need to master?*

By the time you have read this, your Board will have been "on retreat" where they will attempt to answer the above questions for your Chapter. Things like: how can we enrich our programs in order to meet your needs? What needs to be put in place in order to service you – our clients – better? How can we maintain the health of our chapter...where do we need to get "fitter?"

As always, leadership will have its challenges. Join us in the quest for increased excellence...we'll make it fun, too!

Happy New Year!

Pat White

ASTD-MT Chapter President

2006 ASTD Middle Tennessee Chapter Meeting Schedule

ASTD Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month. Pull out your calendar now and set aside the following dates and plan on attending monthly membership meetings! (You will be notified if any of the dates change.)

February 16, 2006	July 20, 2006
March 16, 2006	August 17, 2006
April 20, 2006	September 21, 2006
May 18, 2006	October 19, 2006
June 15, 2006	November 16, 2006

Golden Torch Awards
December 2006 (date to be determined)

Reservation Policy

Reservations are strongly encouraged in order to arrange meeting rooms to accommodate attendees.

Please RSVP by close of business the day before each monthly meeting by logging onto www.astdtn.org.

Bringing a guest? Let the ASTD Office know so a name tag can be prepared for your guest(s) prior to the meeting.

ASTD December Highlights

December was a busy month for ASTD!

- Board elections, Board holiday gathering, Golden Torch Awards -



January Membership Meeting

January 19, 2005

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5301 Maryland Way
Brentwood, TN 37027

Parking and entrance to building are in the back. (Please see directions below.)

4:00 – 4:30	Registration and Networking
4:30 – 4:35	President's Moments
4:35 – 4:45	Introduction of new board members
4:45 – 4:50	Vendor Link - Invitation to participate in Vendor link program - opportunities, cost
4:50 – 5:50	Presentation of Program
5:50 – 6:00	Wrap-up, Evaluations and Reminder of next month's activities

Program: Using Play as Learning Process—Jody Lentz

This fun, interactive session is an introduction to the LEGO SERIOUS PLAY methodology with actual "team-building." Participants will experience this hands-on, minds-on approach to learning, communication and problem-solving in small groups. The workshop also covers some of the theory and practice of LEGO SERIOUS PLAY and its applications in organizational learning and development.

Jody Lentz is a facilitator and consultant based in Nashville. His practice of strategy and team development is informed most directly by Plato's observation: "You learn more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation." He worked for LEGO for three years developing, marketing and using LEGO SERIOUS PLAY, and still uses the LEGO technology extensively. Jody has clients in Global 2000 healthcare, financial and manufacturing corporations, the non-profit sector and government. See www.thinkwithyourhands.com for more about Jody and his work.

Cost: Members: Free
Guest/Visitors: \$20
Student Guests: \$5

Directions: From Downtown:

Get on I-65 S towards Huntsville

Take exit number 74B towards Old Hickory Blvd. W - Brentwood, turn left onto Franklin Road, at 2nd light turn right onto Maryland Way. Comdata will be on your left and you will need to make a U-turn at Continental Place in order to get on the other side of the street to turn into the entrance.
