



Departing Message from

Joelle Purvis-Allen
2007-2008 President

Dear ISES Hampton Roads Members:

This year has been amazing and we have our members, to thank. Hard work of years past paid off with increased chapter membership, larger attendance at monthly meetings and heightened awareness of the ISES presence in the Hampton Roads area. This year's phenomenal program line-up, incredible newsletter and e-blasts along with our new website, have taken our organization to a new level. My personal goal was to see an awards ceremony and fundraiser produced - and it was a tremendous success. I believe our Charger Awards and Dining Inspirations table top events are destined to become signature events in our area, gaining momentum each year and encouraging other individuals to join ISES. As word gets out, I believe corporate executives will have their planners join our chapter and realize the importance of utilizing ISES members to create their events.

I thank each and every Board member for their hard work and dedication to our chapter. Many hours are spent behind-the-scenes planning and preparing for each meeting, newsletter and event we produce. I thank you, the ISES Hampton Roads members for continuing to support and be affiliated with ISES, an organization that sets you apart from the rest. I look forward to working with the incoming 2008-2009 board of directors and president, Allan Bull, CMP, as they to continue the momentum of our organization.

Best wishes for a happy summer!

Summer 2008 Edition

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Virginia Beach Convention Center

ISES Hampton Roads is going Green!

The site of our September meeting is the state-of-the-art Virginia Beach Convention Center located at 1000 19th Street—only blocks from the oceanfront. Executive Director, Courtney Dyer will speak to our attendees on the advantages of going green. This “green” facility has been nationally recognized for its environmental consciousness. For more information contact Jane White at 757-385-2000





Dining Inspirations Table Designs 2008

Dining Inspirations Table Top Awards

People's Choice Award Winner!



“Shipwrecked on Nim’s Island”
By Catering Concepts

The Marriott City Center Newport News was host to the ISES Hampton Roads 1st Annual Dining Inspirations Table Top Design Competition, June 18, 2008. The tables were showcased in the “Rotunda” and were spectacular! The air in the room was filled with excitement and anticipation while attendees waited for the winners being announced. Prior to the event, a panel of judges selected the winning tables from various categories within the special event arena. Needless to say, it was a difficult decision selecting a winner. Talent and creativity were not lost on any of the tables! Nine members of ISES Hampton Roads worked diligently to create and execute their designs - and excelled with the final product!

Most Creative Winner!



“Under the Table and Dreaming”
The Catering Company of Williamsburg



“Artists Luncheon”
Vivid Expressions, LLC



Best Interpretation of Theme Winner!

“Fresh Cut Grass”
The Catering Company of Williamsburg



“Beijing Olympics”
Williamsburg Event Rentals



“A Unified Feast”
Kingsmill Resort and Williamsburg Floral and Gifts



“Indiana Jones & Dinner at The Temple of Doom”
My Favorite Things Floral and Gift



“Live Life Well”
Taylor Rental Party Plus



“The New Leaf Celebrates 20 Years”
The New Leaf



2008 ISES Hampton Roads Charger Awards

WHAT AN EVENING FOR AWARDS!

The 2008 Charger Awards were presented, June 18, 2008 at the Marriott City Center in Newport News. ISES Hampton Roads members waited anxiously as President Joelle Purvis Allen and Committee Chair, Trish Fritz revealed the winners of the five Charger Awards and the two Merit Awards. The winners were:

Best Contribution to a Corporate, Civic, Social or Conference Event

Tom Johnson, Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront: The Crystal Ball

The Crystal Ball is Hampton Roads' preeminent annual black tie social event of the year. Held annually in January, all returning guests look forward to kicking off the gala season, raising money for a great cause, and delighting the senses with fabulous cuisine, over the top décor and great entertainment.

Grace Under Pressure

Kelly Coronel, Kingsmill Resort & Spa: LPGA Tournament Event

The Tranquility Party was an awards reception for the LPGA's Pro-Am tournament. Hues of blue and green were used to create a calming atmosphere. A waterfall in the middle of the room served as a screen for a picture slide show of the tournament.

Best Event Décor/Most Creative Themed Event

Kelly Coronel, Kingsmill Resort & Spa: Travel Industry of America's Pirate Party

Blackbeard and his wife greeted guests as they entered a party for a "Pirate". The tables were decorated in purple and gold with treasure chest centerpieces full of pirates' booty. The guests were entertained by pirates and served by sailors.

Best Cooperative Event

Kelly Coronel, Kingsmill Resort & Spa: LPGA Cinco de Mayo Party

The Cinco de Mayo Party was hosted for the players and invited guests of the LPGA tournament. After being greeted by a mariachi band and live animals, guests entered the party to find bright colors, beautiful ice sculptures, upbeat music and a whole lot of fun.

Most Creative Event Specialty

Craig Reeves, Williamsburg Occasions: Dinner in the Medici Courtyard

In honor of the *Natura Morta: Still Life Paintings and the Medici Collection* art exhibition coming to America, a lavish gala was organized for the Muscarelle Museum's premiere of the collection. Guests were treated to an extraordinary feast for the senses as they dined in a gorgeous Italian Renaissance piazza.

Merit Award Winners

Ambassador Award - Bill Cabell, Distinctive Event Rentals

Bill Cabell was chosen this year's Ambassador Award winner because of his tireless and consistent support of this chapter over many years. He has donated table linens, tableware, decorations and countless other items to numerous meetings and served on the Board of Directors for most of his tenure in the chapter.

Membership Excellence - R. Allan Bull, CMP, City of Norfolk

Allan has long been a supporter of ISES and has encouraged many in the local community to consider membership by emphasizing networking and promoting the "enough work for all" mentality. His emphasis on members working with other members has helped to build bridges where there were once obstacles.



**Don't miss the 2009 Charger Awards
June 11th at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel**



Proposed 2008-2009 Meeting & Event Calendar

August 21-23, 2008	Eventworld® 2008, St. Petersburg, Florida
September 17, 2008 12:00 Noon	Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach
October 15, 2008 6:00PM	Williamsburg Winery, Williamsburg, Virginia
November 12, 2008 6:00PM	Hampton Roads Food Bank, Tidewater Drive, Norfolk
December 2008 December 17, 2008 12:00 Noon	Membership Drive Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, Virginia
January 8, 2009 12:00 Noon	Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg —Joint Meeting with MPI
January 28-31, 2009	The Special Event, San Diego, California
February 2009	Mid-year Board Retreat, The Sanderling, Duck, North Carolina
February 22-26	Catersource® and Event Solutions Conference & Trade Show Las Vegas, NV
March 2009	Northeast Region Education Conference (REC), New York City
March 18, 2009 12:00 Noon	Cavalier Hotel, Virginia Beach
April 15, 2009 6:00PM	<i>"Dining Inspirations" Table Top Competition</i> Selden Arcade, Norfolk
May 2009	Chapter Membership Drive
May 20, 2009 12:00 Noon	Mariners Museum, Newport News
June 11, 2009 6:00PM	Board Installations and Charger Awards Hilton, Virginia Beach
August 2009	Eventworld® 2009

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