



Harrisburg Young Government Leaders



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2009 End-of-Year Report by the 2009 Harrisburg YGL Executive Board

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Benefits of YGL

- Network with other federal employees
- Develop leadership through professional development events and seminars
- Volunteer in the community around you
- Serve as a voice for future generations of young government leaders

At the beginning of 2009, Harrisburg YGL created organizational tactics which included both short term and long term goals and the objectives to help us meet those goals. Now that we are about to enter a new year, we have looked back over the past 12 months to see how we've met our goals. The truth of the matter is, we have met our goals and surpassed them!

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Goal 1: Increase membership by 10% relative to Harrisburg YGL's membership

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

- Blacks in Government 2009 Conference
- PA Governors Conference for Women
- Intergovernmental Technology Conference
- Military Information Exchange Conference (MIX)
- Joint Service Open House Conference
- Sea Air Space Exposition
- NAVSUP Intern Conference

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Toastmasters Lunch and Learn
- NOLSC Presentation

for the previous year.

Achievement: Harrisburg YGL had approximately 65 members in 2008, we only needed to raise membership by 7 people to meet our goal, but we greatly surpassed it; in 2009, we gained 34 members! This is a huge success for our organization and it shows that word is

spreading that we are a worthwhile and beneficial organization.

Goal 2: Get new members involved in leadership positions within Harrisburg YGL.

Achievement: We gave members the opportunity to

lead professional development events throughout the year. Members were assigned a specific month to host an event and were given the chance to decide on the event, plan and coordinate the event, and realize the responsibilities of leading and planning an event. The creation of committee chairperson positions will provide members in 2010 the opportunity to lead a committee and to oversee the activities and tasks of that committee.

Goal 3: Reach higher visibility with local commands in the Central PA region.

Achievement: The president and vice president of Harrisburg YGL reached out to local commands in the Mechanicsburg area. These commands included NAVSUP, NAVICP, DISA, NAVSEALOGCEN, and NOLSC. Also visited was the Army War College in Carlisle, PA.

List of YGL Events for 2009 compiled by Alyson DiMarco, NAVSISA

- February Meet and Greet
- Resumix Training with the Career Resource Center
- August Meet and Greet
- Mr. Goodhart Presentation
- DECC Tour
- Executive Leadership: Got Leadership? Panel Discussion
- Bethesda Mission Presentation

VOLUNTEERING

- St. Jude's 'Give Thanks' Walk
- Project SHARE
- Diabetes Walk
- Epilepsy Walk
- Special Olympics
- Navy Golf Tournament

- United Way: Day of Caring
- Supply Corps Association: Charity Auction

SOCIAL EVENTS

- YGL Holiday Party
- Volleyball
- Swing Dancing
- Rock Climbing
- Texas Roadhouse dinner

FUNDRAISER

- Isaac's
- Sammy Sandwich
- Epilepsy ice cream
- Texas Roadhouse

NETWORKING

- Facebook / Jabber

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Lunch and Learn with Mr. Goodhart by Brandon Rubinic, NAVSISA

As part of its continuing effort to develop its members, YGL Harrisburg's October Lunch and Learn session featured Mr. John C. Goodhart, Vice Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP). Mr. Goodhart entered into Senior Executive Service (SES) in July of 2002 and became part of NAVSUP in April of 2006. It was an honor to have Mr. Goodhart speak. He started by talking about himself and his "somewhat unconventional" path to leadership. He went on to discuss the qualities that he feels are important to possess in order to be an effective leader.

First, be willing to move around. It has been suggested that a person can master a job within three to four years. Federal leadership is expected to have a

broad range of experience therefore, sticking to one thing can make advancement difficult beyond a certain point. So, take on new jobs and experiences. Second, he addressed what are called the Executive Core Qualifications. These are required for entry to the Senior Executive Service and are as follows: Leading Change, Leading People, Results Driven, Business Acumen, and Building Coalitions. Finally, Goodhart stressed the importance of bringing new, younger employees into government. Roughly 50% of the current federal work force will be eligible for retirement within the next five years. This translates to opportunity for those who are just beginning in their careers.

He went on to say that he fully supports YGL's mission.

Government's young people need to be networking and communicating with each other. This is essential to their success and government's success in the future. At the end of Mr. Goodhart's presentation, he time for discussion. The questions centered mainly round pay scales and the recent news that NSPS will be phased out of government.

YGL is grateful that Mr. Goodhart took the time out of his schedule to talk with YGL Harrisburg members. It was a valuable and inspiring experience for everyone who attended.

Brandon Rubinic organized and hosted the October Lunch and Learn with Mr. Goodhart.

St. Jude's 'Give Thanks' Walk by Tran Tran, NAVSISA

At 0730, on 21 November 2009, six members of YGL gathered at the Harrisburg East Mall to participate in the Give Thanks Walk to help raise money for the children of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The money raised will fund doctors and researchers at St. Jude to find cures for desperately ill children in communities across the country. In support of this worthy cause, YGL has raised approximately \$400!

The event was unwrapped by Kevin O'Brien via a very touching story of his daughter, Mary Catherine O'Brien (Catie), who was diagnosed and treated at St. Jude with

an extremely rare form of cancer called Atypical Teratoid Rhabdoid Tumor (ATRT) in 2008 and was called home to eternal life in early April of this year. After the opening ceremony, the 5K walk started! The event was blessed with a day of beautiful weather; instead of walking within, many participants ran outside. YGL group decided to stay within and joined the other walkers for ten laps around the mall.

We successfully completed the walk and joined the closing ceremony, where door prizes were drawn. Two of our members were amongst the many lucky winners! In addition to door prizes, each

participant also received a goodies-bag with shopping coupons and, depending on the amount raised, a 'Give Thanks' Walk t-shirt. In my opinion, the event was a success - the spirit was high, the monetary target was reached, the participants were joyful. By participating in the walk, we have, at the very least, brought hope to the patients and families in search of a cure at St. Jude.

Tran Tran is an employee of NAVSISA and has been a member of YGL for the past year.

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Executive Leadership Panel by Laura Ritchey, NAVSISA



On 30 November 2009, Harrisburg Young Government Leaders (YGL) hosted a Leadership Panel with featured speakers Ms. Karen Gadbois, CAPT Steve Nagorzanski and Mr. Brian Zirbel. Over 25 employees, some from YGL and others from the Commands at the Naval Support Activity attended the session. Panelists discussed how to better under-



stand the requirements, pathways and benefits of taking on a leadership role. They also shared real life leadership experiences to help attendees better understand the unique characteristics of building a career and advancing into leadership positions within the federal government.

Many employees took advantage of the opportunity



to ask these leaders questions and obtain advice for their own leadership experience. The event was a great success, allowing employees an opportunity to learn from those currently leading the federal government.

Laura Ritchey was the 2009 Vice President of YGL; she hosted and moderated the Executive Leadership Panel.

"Featured speakers at the panel program were (left to right) Ms. Karen Gadbois, Deputy Commander for Corporate Operations, NAVSUP; CAPT Steve Nagorzanski, NAVSISA Commanding Officer; and Brian Zirbel, Director of the Technical Solutions Department."

Harrisburg YGL Leadership for 2010 by Laura Ritchey, NAVSISA

In December, Harrisburg YGL members voted for our 2010 Executive Board and Committee Chairs.

The 2010 Harrisburg YGL President is Kevin Schafer, an employee of NOLSC. Amy Graeca, the 2009 Treasurer for YGL and an employee of NAVSUP HQ, was elected to be Vice-President. Our new Treasurer for 2010 is Melissa Rummel, an employee at NAVSISA.

Laura Ritchey, the 2009 Vice-President and an employee of NAVSISA, was elected to be the Professional Development Chairperson and to continue on as the Newsletter Editor. Aly-

son DiMarco, the 2009 Secretary of YGL and an employee of NAVSISA, is the 2010 Volunteer Chairperson. Christine Sharbaugh, an employee of NAVSUP, was elected as the Social Chairperson. Logan Groh, an employee of NAVSISA, was elected to be the 2010 Technology Chairperson.

The elections for the 2010 Secretary and Fundraising Chairperson are underway.

As we pass on our leadership responsibilities to the 2010 Board members, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, on behalf of the 2009 Executive Board of Harrisburg YGL, for your support and encour-

agement to YGL this past year. Harrisburg YGL's success in 2009 was due largely to the hard work of our members and the support of our co-workers, management, and senior leadership.

Please congratulate the new members of the Harrisburg YGL Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons! We look forward to an exciting year for Harrisburg YGL in 2010.

Laura Ritchey was the 2009 Vice President of YGL and is an employee of NAVSISA.



YGL is a professional organization of men and women employed by the Federal Government that are young in service and fresh in perspective. Our mission is to educate, inspire, and transform the current and future leaders of the Federal Government.

Our organization is committed to serve as a coordinated voice for the current and future generations of young government leaders by providing a community of leadership through professional development activities, networking opportunities, volunteer opportunities, social events and seminars.



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Upcoming Events

January 19, 2010 - Harrisburg YGL Planning meeting in the Pennsylvania Room, Bldg 409 at NSA Mechanicsburg

May 3-5, 2010 - Sea-Air-Space Expo at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland

October 14, 2010 - Pennsylvania Governor's Conference for Women at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia
(<http://pagovernorsconferenceforwomen.org>)

If you have any ideas for professional development or volunteer opportunities, or if you would like to host an event at your agency, please contact us. For Professional Development opportunities, contact Laura Ritchey (laura.ritchey@navy.mil). For volunteer opportunities, contact Alyson DiMarco (alyson.dimarco@navy.mil). Please make sure to CC: the Executive Board (execboard@yglharrisburgpa.com).

Monthly Professional Development Events are hosted and planned by YGL members. Once event details are finalized, they will be shown on our calendar.

Check out [**www.yglharrisburgpa.com/calendar**](http://www.yglharrisburgpa.com/calendar) for the most current schedule!