



40th Anniversary Task Force
2008-2009 Year End Report

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Accomplishments:

Fall Conference Celebration

Fall Conference Celebration included a 40th Anniversary Luncheon, interest sessions, and reception. Invitations were sent to all retired and former members. Their charge was \$20, which included the luncheon, afternoon interest sessions, and the reception. Over 40 retired and former MAFAA members attended as well as 17 Past MAFAA Presidents. Past Presidents were recognized at the luncheon. The luncheon was held as part of the regular conference for all registered members attending. A special 40th Anniversary pen was presented to all registered guests. During the luncheon, a skit, entitled “MAFAA: 40 Years and Still Paddlin’ Upstream” which reflected the past 40 years in financial aid was presented. The skit, written by Dan Reyelts and Dick Leighninger and acted by Dave Vikander and Michelle Ahrendt, was very well received.

A slide show of pictures from the past 40 MAFAA years was shown during the luncheon, which will be available soon on the MAFAA web site. Several interest sessions highlighting MAFAA’s past 40 years were also offered.

Rather than the traditional President’s Reception, we hosted a “Blast from the Past” celebration which was attended by over 200 MAFAA members. Beverages and hors d’oeuvres were served and music from the past 40 years played. Picture boards highlighting pictures and memories from the past 40 years were also displayed.

Spring Conference Celebration

A special 40 year in review (Ruby History of MAFAA) power point presentation was presented at the start of Spring Conference. The 40th Anniversary slideshow was also updated to include additional pictures from the past and was available at the spring conference for viewing.

The MAFAA Partners in the Process is being updated to include all 40 years of MAFAA. This will be available on the MAFAA web site after the spring conference.

Recommendations for the Future:

- Rather than hosting anniversary celebrations every 5 years, the Task Force recommends doing so every 10 years. We recommend celebrating 50 Years of MAFAA in 2018.