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ALUMNI FALL CONFERENCE 2003

Mark your calendars now for the 2003 Alumni Fall Conference set for Thursday, October 30th. The TGEI Steering and Fall Conference Committees are developing an exciting agenda. More information on registration, location and additional details are available on the TGEI website!

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST 2003

While you have your calendars out, circle December 12th for the Holiday Breakfast. This year's event will be held at Ellington Agricultural Center and our cooks are already dusting off their cook books to have some great new breakfast dishes. Registration information and specific details will be available on the web site soon. Plan to be with us on December 12th!

This year's Holiday Breakfast will be a time of celebrating 20 Years of TGEI. People who were instrumental in the history/legacy of TGEI have been invited to attend with special recognition of the Class of 1983, the first TGEI Class. A special power point presentation with pictures of every class will be shown. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate 20 Years of TGEI!

*Web Site
Directory Reminder*



Have you updated your TGEI Directory information accordingly? What about your address, phone or e-mail "@ Home"? The TGEI Directory is used as a mail list to distribute important information of interest to you and to keep you informed of events as they are forthcoming. It is important that you keep this information updated.



*Spotlight
Article:
Mike Morrow
Class of 1997*

Mike Morrow
Deputy Commissioner of Operations
Department of Finance and Administration

Anyone who knows Mike Morrow, knows that he is a person of great character and someone who has earned the reputation of high integrity, is well respected throughout state government and is a loyal friend and professional.

Mike has been employed by the State of Tennessee for over 28 years. Upon graduation from the University of Tennessee with a bachelor's degree in accounting, he began his career with the State as an internal auditor of federal grant programs. From that point he has served in administrative accounting positions and as fiscal director for the Department of Employment Security.

For the last 16 years, he has worked in the Department of Finance and Administration as fiscal director, Director of the Division of Administration and on June 1, 2003 he was promoted to the Deputy Commissioner of Operations.

Mike is a graduate of the Tennessee Government Executive Instituted, Class of 1997. Mike commented, "As with all TGEI classes, our class was very diverse. It was amazing how barriers were quickly broken down and every class member was a mentor and encourager for the rest of the class".

He and his wife, Lou, have been married for 25 years and have a son, Ben who is 19 and daughter Katie, who is an 8th grader at David Lipscomb Middle School. Mike is active with the youth group at his Church teaching Sunday school and has traveled on five junior and senior high mission trips to Mexico, Bahamas and in Tennessee. He has also been active in the "Room in the Inn" program for homeless people for the last 13 years.

When Mike was asked what he thought his biggest professional challenge has been, he replied, "It's taken me a while to learn and to always remember that you cannot do it all yourself. He went on to say "To be an effective leader, you need to involve everyone around you, respect their opinions and trust them to do what needs to be done."

Mike says on a personal note, "Life gives you many challenges and raising children and dealing with health issues of family and friends are two of the most difficult."

Mike gives this advice to anyone entering a new job with the state or any other employer, "Pick a mentor carefully. Take your time to select someone who is wise, can keep a confidence, and truly wants you to succeed."



Class News

Class of 1984

Brenda Gilmore – was recently re-elected Metro Council Representative, Nashville-Davidson County, for District 1. Brenda was unopposed and garnered 1,974 votes, the most votes of any other district council race.

Jim Petrocelli – I am spending the summer in Boulder CO. Great little town just north of Denver. UC Boulder was recently named the number one party school in the country. I've seen nothing to contradict that, especially around the pool on the weekend.

Ann Tuck – Realizing that it has been 19 years since we graduated from TGEI, makes me feel old. Either that, or we were too young to be there without parental supervision.

Just got back from two weeks in Alaska. Fabulous trip. If you go, do the land tour first to see the real Alaska and then kick back on the ship. Really the way to travel.

Class of 1987

Nick Fielder – State Archaeologist, appeared recently on both 20/20 and the Discovery Channel in a program featuring the Chief Forensic Anthropologist at the Smithsonian. They discussed a cast-iron coffin from Tennessee that Nick had helped excavate. You may also spot Nick on local news shows anytime digging is going on in the state.

Donal Campbell – Commissioner of the Department of Correction for Alabama, sends his regards to TGEI alumni. Donal's wife, Annette, just moved to Alabama recently and is teaching Special Education in Prattville. They are beginning to feel at home in "Beautiful Alabama", but Donal plans to stay in close touch with Tennessee football...he's hanging on to those PSLs and comes to all the Titans' games.

Class of 1997

Jim Bassham – recently retired as Assistant Adjutant General, TN Air National Guard. He has accepted the position of Director at TEMA.

David Jennings – has been promoted to Deputy Director at the TBI.

John Moore – returned to Department of Agriculture as Personnel Director beginning Sept 8, 2003.

Mike Morrow – has been promoted to Deputy Commissioner of F&A Operations. Mike has also been busy serving as temporary Deputy Commissioner of Mental Retardation

Class of 1999

Sue Quick – announced her retirement after 31 plus years with the State. Her last day with the Department of Agriculture will be October 3rd.

Class of 2001

Lynn McDonald recently promoted to Chief Officer of Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute. Lynn has worked for the department since 1973. She began her career as a registered nurse and has served in a number of roles at the facility through the years. Her in-depth understanding of patient care and management principles make her the perfect leader at her facility!

Now in the "Peach State", **Debbie Copeland** & family have relocated to Atlanta, GA. Debbie is working as an Investigator with Georgia's first-ever Inspector General, in an effort to stamp out waste, fraud, abuse, & corruption in state government. Dedicated to ensuring her "2001 Best Ever" TGEI classmates remain connected, she continues to serve as the class reporter and is now affectionately known as the "Foreign Correspondent."

Currently the Vice President of Business Development with RCI Holdings, a private contract provider, **Leonard Burton** is "enjoying free reign & creative energy to help build the company." RCI provides foster care services, outpatient mental health and counseling services, and educational alternative schools. They do business in TN, MD, DC, & VA; Leonard's focus is to expand the business to the southern and western parts of the United States.

Eydie Cloyd - is aggressively pursuing new professional challenges and is now a full-time student in Vanderbilt's esteemed Nurse Practitioner Program. An accomplished lawyer already, Eydie will definitely have her clients' best interests at heart upon completion of the program.

Jules Marquart - left her position with F & A in July and has enjoyed some summer travels. (Wish she could have taken the whole class!)

In case you haven't heard, **Amber Gooding** is now the Director of the Human Rights Commission. She's thrilled with the assignment and is committed to improving operations.

Class of 2002

Commissioner Susan Whitaker of the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development announces the appointment of **Lee Waddell Curtis** to the new position of Director of Sales. Curtis previously served the department as the Director of Middle Tennessee's Heritage and Community Development Division, overseeing tourism development programs in 40 counties. Curtis also served the division.

"In accepting this appointment," Lee remarked, "I am very happy to continue serving the department and the Tennessee tour and travel industry. I am excited about the opportunity to increase travel and revenue for our state's second largest industry through in-state, domestic and international marketplaces."

James Floyd - an Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Personnel, has departed state government to accept a position with Middle Tennessee State University. James will serve as general counsel to President McPhee and the University. Good luck, James!

Jean Stone has a new job with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. She started on October 1st, and her new title is Counsel for the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. Congratulations Jean!

*Our Condolences
To The
Davis Family*

As many of you are aware, one of the granddaughters of Mark Davis (Class of 1999) was diagnosed with Leukemia in October 2001. In February 2002 her bone marrow was replaced with donor cells. The transplant was declared a success. After one year, however, her new cells were constantly attempting to reject her body's tissues. That battle resulted in three trips to the Pediatric ICU during the spring of 2002.

"Our latest sad news is that we lost her on July 31. My wife, daughter, son-in-law and I would like to offer our sincere appreciation to those who were aware of her struggle and who constantly included her in their prayers, petitioning God for her cure. It is friends like you who make life's difficulties bearable." Mark Davis



*TGEI Class
of 2003*



The Class of 2003 will begin week three in Knoxville on Sunday, October 12. The first two weeks were spectacular! Special luncheon speaker guests for this year have included UT's Men's Basketball Coach Buzz Peterson and Women's Athletic Director Joan Cronan. TGEI alumni who have made the trip to Knoxville include Major General Gus L. Hargett, Chuck Pitt, Chair of the TGEI Steering Committee, Loren Chumley, Commissioner of Revenue and Mike Morrow, Deputy Commissioner of F & A.

On Friday, September 26, the Class helped celebrate 20 Years of TGEI in Knoxville. A special brunch was held and people who had been instrumental in the history/legacy of TGEI attended. These special guests included Darrell Akins, George Bass, Bob Cunningham, Mike Fitzgerald, Dr. Bob Smith, Eleanor Yoakum, Susan Williams, Tom Ballard, Mary Taylor and Nat Johnson. Members from the Class of 1983 in attendance were Joe Carobene, Susan Kirk, Deborah Loveless, and Hazel Albert. Steering Committee Members who attended were Chuck Pitt, Tracy Carter and Brenda White.

TGEI Class Reporters for 2003

The newsletter staff is always looking for updates, stories, good news, etc., on our fellow alumni. In order to accomplish this, we utilize "Class Reporters" representing every one of the TGEI Classes. The reporters for 2003 will be contacting you via e-mail, telephone or in person to pick your brain on any information you might have regarding fellow classmates as well as your own update. Please contribute information because your input is what makes this network so very viable. Listed below are the latest class reporters:

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To Enhance the effectiveness of executive in Tennessee State Government through education, fostering personal networking strategies, developing new leaders and practical application of principles of contemporary management philosophies.