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A Word from President...

Glenn Middleton ***A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the silent auction at the 2009 Meet, Eat and Greet at the annual trade show in Conroe.***

I see the SUN, I guess that means spring is here. Right? Well maybe not yet, but its right around the corner. The oak leaves are falling. The Saucer Magnolias are flowering along with the Redbuds. This is truly a great time in the life of a nurseryman and nurserywoman. Birds chirping, bees buzzing and the sound of tractors loading nursery stock to be delivered. Yea that's what I'm talking about!

I tell you, it makes me proud to lead an organization that has the quality of product that we have. Do not get your feelings hurt if I don't mention you. I don't have enough room for everyone. But to name a few that really stand out in my book are, Enchanted Trees of Texas, Shades of Texas, Sandy Creek Wholesale Nursery, Suzanne Longley Farms, and Tosca Tree Farm.

We should be proud of each other and help each other as much as possible. If you don't have something and another nursery does. Then bring it in for your customer or let them know were to get it. It's all about each and every association member prospering.

As you will read in this month's newsletter, we are having our Dinner Meeting on March 18th. PLEASE make every effort attend. This is a great time to meet other members and network with potential customers for our affiliates.

I wish everyone a fantastic spring.

***May the Lord bless you businesses,
Glenn***

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A list of the donors and winners is listed in the newsletter. Your contributions are appreciated, and allow STNGA to continue to meet goals and commit to special projects. If you did not participate this year, please consider doing so next year!

Meet Eat Greet 2009 Silent Auction Items				
<u>#</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	Corona Aluminum Handle Hedge Shear	Nitro-Phos	Suzanne Longley	\$45.00
2	Corona Aluminum Handle ByPass Lopper	Nitro-Phos	Suzanne Longley	\$45.00
3	30 Gallon Treeform Bottlebrush Tree	Legacy Live Oak Farm	Texas Trees	\$100
4	3 gallon avocado	Brazos Citrus Nursery	Suzanne Longley	\$65
5	Water Roller (Lawn Roller) (Sod Roller)	Adams Wholesale Supply Inc	Legacy Live Oak Farms	\$40
6	KL-11 Cast Iron Chimenea	Jackson Pottery	Glueck Tree Farm	\$120
7	Gilmour 4.5 gallon backpack sprayer	Nitro-Phos	Best Horticultural Supplies	\$50
8	Red Knock Out Patio Tree Rose	Suzanne Longley Farms	Joseph Davenport	\$50
9	Jar of Jalapeno Pecan Brittle	Glueck Tree Farm	American Nursery	\$45
10	Bulldog Shade Tarp (12x16)	Best Horticultural Supplies	Texas Trees	\$65
11	Two 15gallon Sago Palms	Tree Connection Inc/Texas Trees		\$55
12	Strawberry Herb Pot	Nitro-Phos	Jo Van Winkle	\$35
13	3 gallon avocado	Brazos Citrus Nursery	Suzanne Longley	\$75
14	Bountiful Harvest Basket	Glueck Tree Farm	American Nursery	\$140
15	Set of 3 Texas Star Pots	Nitro-Phos	Joe Van Winkle	\$140
16	Booth	Bushman Plant Farm	Suzanne Longley	\$400
17	Tulip Poplar	Riley Fuzzel Farm	Not Sold	
18	Bahco Pruning Shears	Schobels Tree Farm	American Nursery	\$45
19	Schobel's Restaurant Gift Card	Schobels Tree Farm	American Nursery	\$75
20	15 gallon Spindle Palm	American Nursery and Tree Farm, Inc.	Alan Gardipe	\$45
21	12 dozen azaleas	Home Growers Nursery	Russ Taylor	\$80
<u>#</u>	<u>Live Auction Item</u>			
1	KBW Fishing Trip	KBW	Best Horticultural Supplies	\$1,200
2	Irrigation Station Fishing Trip	Irrigation Station	Glueck Tree Farm	\$600

STNGA March 2009 Dinner Meeting

Long time affiliated member Joe Davenport to be our featured speaker at our first Dinner meeting for 2009:

Do plan to be with us on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 6:30 pm at Pappas Seafood House, 6945 Gulf Freeway (just north of the 610 Loop Interchange).

Joe Davenport, recently characterized as “Chief Cheerleader” of our association, will deliver his long awaited presentation, “Seven Keys to Success in Business” following our usual social hour and dinner.

Based on his many years as a financial consultant to business, his “Keys to Success” will also include first hand observations on success in *Family Business*, so STNGA members who have, or expect to have, family members involved in their Nursery Operations will want to be sure to attend. (Joe’s extensive resume appears elsewhere in this issue.)

And, for Dinner, the Menu will include your choice of:

Blackened Mississippi Catfish, with shrimp etouffee and white rice, (a special Pappas delicacy), or

Gulf Coast Fried Shrimp with French Fries, or

Crawfish Etouffee with White Rice.

**Dinner includes Pappas Salad and
Dessert choice of Key Lime or Pecan Pie.**

Price to members is a modest \$25.00 per person, payable to STNGA when you arrive.

Since the restaurant requests an accurate count three days in advance, please RSVP to Randi at randi@iapc.net, or by phone to 1-866-88STNGA, not later than Monday noon, March 16.

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Elmer G. Letterman

COMING EVENTS

MARCH 18

**MEMBER DINNER
MEETING**

**SPEAKER:
Joe Davenport**

Details in newsletter.

**Watch your newsletters
for future events!**

