

## ASPAN Conference 2012

Conference started off on Sunday morning early with the Dream Walk sponsored by the Resource Development and FLASPAN. Participants received a bag of goodies and oranges from FLASPAN.

Next came the Representative Assembly where the business of ASPAN is handled. During the morning session many subjects were presented with the history of ASPAN discussed and candidates were able to give speeches and give their ideas on how ASPAN should be run in the future. Voting went fast with a few run-off elections.

Then came Component Night, and the theme was, "Through the Looking Glass." There was good music and white rabbits, mad hatters and the Queen of Hearts running around. Many of the components had tables with things to raffle.

Monday kicked off the Conference. The topics were great. We had a changeup of the President Reception by having it on Tuesday night. Everyone seemed to enjoy it with plenty of food and dancing. The vendor hall was always busy. Many people visited with vendors and listened about their products. Some people enjoyed buying shoes, jewelry and other products.

At the Development Luncheon, Lois Schick showed a PowerPoint presentation of the history of ASPAN. Many of the people enjoyed reminiscing of the fun times they had in the past. Some of the *Hail, Honor and Salutes* were read out loud. I was surprised when I won the Pat Hansen Award for having the highest score on the scholarship applications.

A group of us, FLASPAN officers, stayed over to observe the ASPAN board in action during their business meeting. We learned some things that will help our FLASPAN meetings run smoother. The officers and directors offered advice during the breaks with issues we were having in FLASPAN.

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