

## **KASC Community Safety Awareness Meeting**

@ Eastman Lodge, November 18, 2008

President Gene Faxon opened the meeting and Gail Plum led in the opening prayer. Gene thanked Eastman for sponsoring the meal and providing the meeting facilities. He also recognized Brenda Lowder, Pearl Dotson, and Julia Williams for ordering the food and decorating the tables. There were 43 members and guests in attendance.

A report was given on the Halloween Treat Bag Giveaway which was highly successful. Special thanks to everyone who attended the stuffing and giveaway. Terry Armstrong and Gene Faxon gave a Halloween Safety presentation at Lincoln Elementary to 78 students on Thursday, October 30 and provided them with treat bags from the council.

The KASC Seminar Committee met on November 13th at the Toy F. Reid Employee Center, Room 224 from 3pm to 4:30pm to primarily discuss the 2009 speaker matrix and to ensure we have a variety of new class topics. We only have a few speaker slots to fill, so get your suggestions to the committee soon.

At our Board of Directors meeting last Thursday, we voted to sponsor three local benevolence projects: \$100.00 to the Marines' Toys for Tots program, \$500.00 to partner with the Apostolic Lighthouse youth group for events with Downs Syndrome children as well as children at the Saint Junes Childrens Ward at Wellmont. We also voted to donate \$500.00 to Geraldine Swagerty, Full Gospel Mission's Kitchen of Hope. Geraldine was presented a check by our Treasurer Randy Cassell, and she thanked the council for the timely gift.

Our speaker for November was Max Middleton, PE, CSP, Technical Associate, Plant Protection at Eastman Chemical Company, Tennessee Eastman Operations. His topic was OSHA's Special Emphasis on Combustible Dust Explosions. Max explained the specific dangers that are present when working in heavy dust environments. Products that would normally be stable to work with can become highly explosive. The smaller the particle size, the more explosive the dust becomes when airborne. It is highly suggested to prevent dust from accumulating on surrounding equipment or building components. This can often be accomplished through process engineering or better housekeeping.

After the program, several door prizes were given out. Attendees donated \$210.00 which was taken to the Second Harvest Food Bank by Brenda Lowder. There will be no meetings in December.



Randy Cassell presents \$500.00 check



Geraldine humors Gene and Randy



A heartfelt thank you to our council



Gene talks about our benevolence funds



L-R: Joel Jones, Jeff Barrett, Linda Morelock, Tom Patton, Mike Livingston, Randy Cassell, Pearl Dotson, Geraldine Swagerty, Max Middleton, Whitney Carr, Julia Williams, Gail Plum, Dana Taylor, Brenda Lowder, Jean Rhea, Harold Gillenwater



Guest speaker Max Middleton presents an overview on Combustible Dust Hazards



WSI's Jeff Barrett and John Byington listen intently as Max explains hazards of dust



Terry Armstrong presents \$100.00 check for Toys for Tots to Tina Dade, General Manager Of Blue Ridge Properties on Lynn Garden Dr.