



AGA
Topeka Chapter
Professional Series Lecture
January 13, 2005
Top of the Tower



Top of Tower at 11:30 AM

Attendance totaled 23, with 9 guests. Guests were from as far away as Manhattan and Leavenworth.

Nickie Roberts gave an annual update of Community Service activities. Members provided many hours to Race Against Breast Cancer, with Nickie doing a radio spot promoting AGA. November and December projects were the Rescue Mission and Toys for Tots. Currently members are helping with VITA, also needed this year are “greeters” to help as people come in to have their taxes prepared. Please contact Nickie, if you can help VITA at this time. The next project is the American Heart Walk on April 23, 2005. A continuous project is the pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House, Nickie is always accepting the tabs.

The January speaker this year and many years in the past was Duane Goossen, Director of Budget and Secretary of Administration. He provided us with two handouts detailing the revised 2005 budget and the projected 2006 budget. The budget for 2005 has been decreased by \$10M. The 2006 budget proposed increase is \$116M, with the General fund getting about one-half of the increase or 3.4% increase. The year-end carryover from 2005 to 2006 is projected to decrease by \$73M. The “Question” this year is, where is the money coming from to finance the “Education Program” mandated by the Kansas Supreme Court. Additional money is all needed to increase the carryover to the “required” amount. At the end of his presentation he answered several questions from the membership.

Sincerely submitted

Carolyn Brock, Secretary