

2018 IFSAP ANNUAL CONFERENCE RE-CAP

Another great IFSAP conference is in the books! This year's conference was held at the beautiful Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena, IL.

Despite the APRIL snowy conditions the conference was kicked off with a well-attended Weary Traveler's gathering. The members played a few get-to-know each other games and got to enjoy some fun networking time with each other outside of the work atmosphere. Although toasting s'mores had to be sacrificed because of the winter conditions, a great time was had by all.

Thursday's speaker was the charming Rita Emmett. Rita has written books on dealing with clutter and procrastination. Besides being delightfully entertaining, she gave us sound advice and specific techniques to help change our thought process and bad habits when dealing with too much stuff. I can't imagine anyone did not come away from Rita's presentation without gaining some valuable tools for blasting procrastination and/or busting clutter.

Thursday nights' dinner was delicious and followed by a time to socialize and some "Girls just wanna have fun" dancing... a few boys too! DJ Jason (Helvey) did a great job keeping the dance floor hopping!

Friday morning after treating ourselves to the delicious omelet bar we enjoyed a Computer Crime Webinar by Michael Bazzell. During the webinar Michael astonished us time after time showing just how easy it is for hackers to manipulate computers... and people into giving up information that can lead to major criminal acts. Michael also gave us sound advice on how to keep our computers and usage more secure against these attacks.

After lunch our speaker was Retired Army Colonel Jill Morgenthaler. It was inspiring listening to Colonel Jill tell us stories of her journey as one of the first women in the United States Army. Loved hearing how Colonel Jill faced off with Saddam Hussein... she is one tough cookie!

All of the speakers were outstanding; we are a lucky bunch to secure such inspiring persons for our annual conference!

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