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Membership Appreciation Dinner Huge Success

The Membership Appreciation Dinner at the Country Music Hall of Fame was a huge success. Minnie Pearl and a fiddler greeted participants as they exited the buses and entered the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Members also had the opportunity to tour the Country Music Hall of Fame Museum.

Trustees welcomed participants and distributed dividend checks to boards in attendance. Dividend checks will be mailed in January to other boards that qualified for a dividend.

Participants were highly complimentary of the steak and lobster dinner and were treated to some fun bluegrass music. Members had a chance to greet old friends and make new ones.



Member Don Weathers presents dividend check to Fayetteville Superintendent Billy Joe Evans and Board Chairman Mark Clark



Bluegrass band plays at Membership Appreciation Dinner

An annual report for Utrust was distributed to participants. The report revealed that more than \$4 million has been spent on claims and dividends than the Trust has collected in premiums for the past ten years.

A new logo and nickname, "Utrust" and motto, "Appreciating, Developing and Supporting School Staff" were introduced along with the launch of a new Employee Appreciation and Development Program. A video about the Employee Appreciation and Development Program was shown. After the video, Dale Lynch, superintendent of Hamblen County Schools, a participant in the pilot program, informed members of how the program made a significant difference in the two employee groups honored, and he encouraged all members to participate in the program. He complimented Utrust for sending materials which simplify the work required by superintendents, boards and principals to make appreciation days successful.



Members enjoy a steak and lobster dinner and learn about the New Employee Appreciation Program

[Click here to view the video!](#)

Utrust Launches Employee Development and Appreciation Program



Utrust will kick off its new Employee Development and Appreciation Program to all member boards in January 2009 beginning with Food Service Personnel Appreciation Day. The program will be available to all school systems. However, it is available at no cost to member school boards or to the schools within their system. Although no marketing is planned for the near future, there will be a fee for boards that are not members of Utrust.

Dr. Dan Tollett, Utrust Administrator, said, "We have been thrilled with the success of the program in the seven systems which piloted the program. It clearly made a difference to the employees in the groups being honored," Tollett said. "Many employees were deeply touched and very grateful to the board, superintendent and children in the schools where they worked," he continued. "It has proved to be highly beneficial."

If your board would like to participate in this program, please e-mail kcoleman@tnuct.com. The next appreciation day is scheduled for January honoring food service personnel. Materials will be sent in December to superintendents who wish to participate.

Sign up for Membership Newsletter

School board members, superintendents and employees of member school boards may sign up to receive a newsletter about the new Employee Development and Appreciation Program. If members of your board or staff would like to receive information about the program through the newsletter, please send us their names and e-mail addresses.

