



NASCOE SOUTHEAST AREA

2008 ALL SOUTH RALLY REPORT

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On behalf of those that attended the 2008 ALL SOUTH RALLY in St. Simons Island, Georgia on March 27-29, 2008 a special thanks is sent out to the Georgia crowd for the great job they done hosting the rally. Everyone enjoyed true southern hospitality. The rally had over 210 in attendance and our special guest from the SWA made the journey with nearly 40 in attendance form their area. It was a pleasure working with Keith Whiteneck, NASCOE SWA Exec and Chad Scruggs, Georgia Association President in getting this rally together.

The general session was held on Friday, March 28 with a great crowd in attendance the speakers were Bonnie Heinzman, NASCOE President, Don Koehler, Georgia Peanut Commission, Jack Kingston, Georgia Congressman, Allen Boyd, Florida Congressman, Teresa Lasseter, FSA Administrator, Barbara Boyd, HRD Specialist, John Johnson, Farm Programs, and Jim Mace, JM Marketing. A great lineup of speakers that was very open and informative with their speeches. We were very appreciative of the Congressman's taking their time from their busy schedules and addressing the attendees. The notes from the meeting along with the questions and answers will be attached.

Benefits Planning conducted a session on retirement that was excellent; afterwards, several states mentioned trying to get them to be at their State Convention. This has been an issue that a lot of folks have wanted more information on and the efforts to have them available at the Rally are greatly appreciated.

The banquet was well attended and for those that weren't available to be their, Jim Bob Solsbery, a retired CED from Texas was our guest speaker. He reminded all of us the value of humor and laughter in the things we do every day. During your spare time visit Jim Bob Solsbery's website laughyourwayout.com and view part of his wonderful message.

Hats are off to Georgia for the successful 2008 ALL SOUTH RALLY. Thanks also go out to the folks from the Southwest Area for attending. We are all looking forward to a great 2010 Rally out west.