



Golf Show generates members, prizes, enthusiasm

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We had another successful Golf Show last month, with dozens of volunteers putting a positive face on our Portland EWGA Chapter and EWGA in general. When we believe in what EWGA stands for and how it changes lives, it shows.

Based on 112 hours of volunteer service to the Golf Show, with our members working the front door, will call, putting contest and other busy spots, the Chapter was rewarded with \$200 in merchandise. We will be giving out the cache as prizes at our events throughout the summer.

The biggest return, however, were the three new memberships our volunteers generated at our EWGA booth by talking up our programs, and the value and benefits – tangible and intangible -- that come with being an EWGA member. Thanks to **Cecilia Villalon, Joellen Piluso** and **Arlene Strong** for taking the time to talk to us at our booth and for making our day by joining on the spot.

Nearly 100 women left their names and contact info after stopping at the booth and many have said they intend to come to the Kickoff to learn more. **Marilyn Morfitt, Jodenne Scott, Allison Lindsay** and **Susan Weiner** split up the list and called or emailed the potential members to give that personal touch to an invitation to the Kickoff and to join. Most said they appreciated the special effort.

I understand there was a little mix-up this year with the registration process when you signed up to work the Golf Show. Organizers had a new person in charge of the volunteers and there might have been some miscommunication because of that and their new, separate registration process for the show itself. As a result, there were issues with some volunteers not getting the position, day and time that was requested.

We will be working on this for next year to make it a smoother registration. If we don't actually show up for the number of hours we commit to, then we may not receive the credit in merchandise or the amount may be reduced. We depend on the volunteer hours to get most of our prizes for our chapter.

I want to recognize **Suzie "Scooby" Budeau** for her many hours making the neck-cooling scarves that we sold at our booth. She did an excellent job making them and put in a lot of time. We will be selling them at the Kickoff also, so be sure you thank her for her time and stop by the table to check them out. The proceeds are going into our general fund and will be given back to our members in various ways.