

## AR-CRT Helps with NVOAD and ARVOAD Conference



Harry C. Mason, Jr.

Recognized by the Arkansas VOAD as "Super Volunteer"

Harry drove more than 8 hours and volunteered more than 40 hours at the 4-Day May 2008 National VOAD Conference. Thanks for being a great volunteer and ambassador for the Arkansas Crisis Response Team

## John Tyson Takes the Lead as Arkansas Shows Off Its Best!

Mary Flo Klein, Arkansas VOAD Conference Chair and Liaison to the National Annual VOAD Conference, helped coordinate a successful week of fun, fellowship and education for the 64 national disaster relief agency membership.

AR-CRT is one of 21 ARVOAD disaster non-profit agencies. Ginger



Former Homeland Security Undersecretary Asa Hutchinson with AR-CRT Board Member Msgr. Jack D. Harris

Bankston Bailey is the AR-VOAD Chair and brought the conference to Arkansas on invitation by her friend, National VOAD President,

Rev. Tom Hazelwood and past NVOAD President Cheryl Guidry Tyiska.

AR-CRT was a major resource for the conference. Through AR-CRT membership collaboration, Arkansans were the focus.

The Kick-off dinner was emceed by Mary Flo Klein's good friend, Ar-



ARVOAD Chair and AR-CRT Executive Director Ginger Bankston Bailey, Lt. Governor Bill Halter, Tyson Foods Board Chairman John Tyson and AR-CRT Board Member Rev. Lawson M. Anderson at the Kick-off Dinner

kansas Department of Emergency Management Deputy Director Danny Ormand. Rev. Dr. Stan Wilson invited Lt. Governor Bill Halter to make opening remarks. The Rev. Lawson M.



NOVA Executive Director Will Marling

Ander-son, AR-CRT Board Member and Chaplain, asked his friend John Tyson to provide the Kick-off speech. He asked his

daughter to invite her business partner, former Homeland Security Undersecretary Asa Hutchinson. Other Arkansans that were featured: Skip Rutherford, Dean, Clinton School of

Public Service. Dr. William Mason, Arkansas Health Department, former Pulaski County Coroner and President of Disaster Management International, Mark Malcolm, to name a few.

ADEM Disaster Recovery Division Chief Richard Griffin emceed the "Live Auction" and Mary Flo's son, Lindsay Klein provided chair massages in the AR-CRT rejuvenation room.

Methodist Family Health donated the labyrinth to be used for quiet time and reflection.

Nancy Thomas, Linda Craig, Msgr. Jack Harris and Super Volunteer Harry D. Mason gave countless hours to the conference.

The Annual VOAD Conference was a succession because of the joint efforts by AR-CRT members.



ADEM Deputy Director Danny Ormand with Conference Chair Mary Flo Klein before Ormand



Johanna Olson and AR-CRT Members Mary Flo Klein and Nancy Thomas

I can't imagine hosting the Annual VOAD Conference without Mary Flo Klein's assistance. She is an expert in logistics. I also am overwhelmed by the talented colleagues that are members of AR-CRT!

Johanna Olson, NVOAD Conference Director