

On Thursday January 14, 2010, the DC Branch of PGMS held its annual Holiday Social. This year we were honored to have our Social at the United States Botanic Gardens. Just mere steps from the United States Capitol with a backdrop of the Washington Monument in the distance, the Botanic Gardens location is truly stunning! Jim Kaufmann, of the United States Botanic Gardens was a very gracious host and helped make the Branch's evening very memorable. There are not too many times in life that we are privileged to dine in the middle of a Jungle Conservatory! To dine with a setting of literally hundreds of plants from all around the world and amidst fountains, set for an atmosphere that most restaurants could only dream of!

As our evening of dining and socializing drew to a close we welcomed a new slate of Officers and Directors-at-Large. Phil Lee, a DC Branch member of 50+ years, did us the honor and privilege of serving as Sergeant at Arms for the swearing in of the members to their new positions. Our Branch would like to extend another huge thank you of appreciation to Ms. Mary Bean. She is our outgoing Chairperson and has done an incredible job over the past several years in serving the DC Branch. She is responsible for many behind the scenes jobs that make our Branch run smoothly! Thank you again Mary! Our outgoing President, Mr. Jock Robertson, will now serve as the branch's Chairperson.

The DC Branch's Board for 2010-2011 is as follows; Mr. Jock Robertson/ Board Chairman Mr. Michael Gildea/President, Mr. Adam Newhart/Vice President, Mr. Eric Wenger/Secretary, Mr. Doug McDaniel, Treasurer. Serving the board with Directors-at-large positions include; Mr. David Bogdan, Mr. Chris Cortelyou, Mr. Steve Horn, Mr. Patrick Murphy and Ms. Marie Rojas.

2010 DC Branch Board Members



Pictured left to right; Doug McDaniel, Patrick Murphy, Steve Horn, Eric Wenger, Chris Cortelyou, Jock Robertson, Michael Gildea and Adam Newhart. Not pictured; Dave Bogdan and Marie Rojas.



Jim Kaufmann, United States Botanic Gardens, gives us a welcoming talk to the Conservatory.



Swearing In New Board from Left to Right; Adam Newhart, Eric Wenger, Dave Bogdan, Doug McDaniel and Steve Horn



Swearing In from left to right; President, Michael Gildea; Vice President, Adam Newhart; Sergeant-at-Arms