

**IREM East Tennessee Chapter #57  
Membership Meeting  
March 12, 2009**

On March 12, 2009, our regularly scheduled membership meeting was called to order at 12 noon by our President Annette Mehal. This was our Friends of IREM Showcase meeting. President Mehal recognized first time guests & our Friends of IREM guests. We had 55 people attend the meeting (28 members, 16 friends of IREM and 11 guests).

President Mehal called on committee chairs to make announcements. Sara Sweat announced that our chapter had won the 5 Star Chapter Award. Sara also announced that our chapter would be recognized at the Legislative Summit in April. Sara reported that the deadline for the Income/Expense submittal is March 20, 2009. She says we need more apartment submittals. John Watson recognized our Friends of IREM. Emily Hurst thanked everyone for the cell phone donations today and reminded everyone of the upcoming collection of school supplies at our May meeting.

President Mehal introduced our speakers, Janan & Susan Dakak with Intuitive Technologies, Inc. Susan Dakak is from Iraq and she moved to the United States with her family at a young age. She says she was so fortunate to experience America. She received her education in America. So she decided that she wanted to go back to her country and help her people – “to give something back”. She says that the Iraqi people were so hungry to learn about business, they would risk their own lives. Susan commented that the media only reports the negative. She says that the American soldiers are doing an excellent job in Iraq. She says that the good things they are doing go unreported. Susan said that we should be proud of the work our soldiers are doing and be proud of America. Her husband, Janan Dakak spoke about construction in Iraq and fielded questions from the audience.

President Mehal thanked our speakers, Janan & Susan Dakak.

A door prize was drawn for & won by Kristen Kubeja with Wilkinson Real Estate Advisors. The door prize, a gift certificate to Calhoun's, was donated by John Watson of Common Grounds.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary J. Rosson, ARM  
East Tennessee Chapter #57, Secretary