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Workouts That Travel

Arlene Roberts

Fitness on the Go for the Workout Traveler was presented by Lisa Williams. The experience was a good time for all. Lisa took us through workout tips that travel; stay hydrated, snack healthy, walk, walk, walk, and strength training. A few simple exercises were done by all as you see below. Workouts are an essential part in maintaining a positive and healthy lifestyle. Traveling makes it easy for us to find reasons not to exercise and not eat healthy. Lisa showed ways to simple stretches while on a plane, waiting in line, stopping to fill up for gas, and in the office. Taking a few minutes for stretching helps relieve the stress of travel. Thank you Lisa for promoting good health while on the road.

Our sponsor was Jennifer Coto, Daytona Beach Area CVB. Jennifer in all her glory shared our membership numbers shown on page four. She did a bang up job on the array of foods presented; shrimp, mini beef Wellington, mini sandwiches, chicken fingers, and half a cow! Then a very special fun treat, there was an ice cream sundae bar. What fun that was! Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening.

Retha shared with us the elections and how things were progressing. Ballots were available for those who wanted to vote at the meeting. There is still time to vote on-line for those of you who wish to. Voting closed May 4, 2007. Thank you Retha.

“LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH”

to you from the mystery writer

President’s Message – Arlene Roberts, Florida Capital Chapter President



I am proud of our TEAM. The chapter keeps moving forward! As you can see on the Membership Report below, our ratio is staying above the national requirement. I would like to challenge every planner to bring in one new planner. Bring a co-worker who plans, or someone in another area of your organization who plans to the July meeting. Remember, we will not have a meeting in May due to the National Conference, and June is the Honor & Awards Banquet, so July would be a great meeting for visitors. We still have a continuing effort to keep this planner ratio up.

I am also proud to say that we have 21 members from our chapter attending the national conference this year. This is the highest number I can remember. I hope you all learn from the educational sessions and enjoy the fun as well. I hope to see more members able to attend next year. You need to jump at the chance for a national scholarship as soon as they are announced. Thank you TEAM for your efforts!



**Member Profile –
Judy Taylor-Fischer, Florida Department of Health**

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Hometown: Overland Park, Kansas, moved to Phoenix, AZ, San Diego, CA; and Appleton, WI before settling in Tallahassee.

Education: Bachelor of Science, Broadcast Journalism, Arizona State University; Pre-Law, University of San Diego, FSU; Management Courses, FSU.

Family/Pets: Married to John Fischer, hearing healthcare practitioner, raising two teenagers: Nick, future sports trainer or vet; and Alex, future baseball major leaguer/attorney; and Shasta, our yellow lab.

Interests/Hobbies: Enjoy frequent travel, water skiing, boating, swimming, fishing (any water related activities) horseback riding, cycling, music and reading. Avid baseball fan of Royals, Padres, Timber Rattlers, Seminoles and Moon Dawgs. Canopy Roads Citizen Committee and Red Hills Horse Trials volunteer.

Position/Years at Job: Joined FL Department of Health three years ago as Program Manager, promoted to Testing Services Unit Manager; recruited by Office of Public Health Research, to current position as Marketing and Public Events Manager to launch Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease (FL CURED.)

Most Rewarding experience: Personal: raising two sons and watching them succeed in school and extracurricular activities. Professional: Created and produced annual televised simulcast of ‘San Diego Boat Parade of Lights, Live! Original simulcast included multiple television stations (in U.S. and Mexico,) radio stations and several newspapers. Live video coverage aired from boats, helicopters and on docks in the San Diego port. Sponsorship funds benefited the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Why she belongs to SGMP: To meet and network with colleagues, develop new resources and learn more about successfully navigating through Florida bureaucracy.



Committee / Member Reports

New Members – Welcome to our newest members!

Ferronda L. Burke, Regulatory Program Administrator, Dept. of Health Testing Services
 Eujenia C. Criswell, Director of Refugee Services, Dept. of Children & Families
 Teresa A. Hall, Administrative Assistant II, Dept. of Health
 Chris C. Watson, Senior Sales Manager, Hyatt Regency Bonaventure Conf. Ctr & Spa

Elections Update/2007 – 2009 – Retha Nero, Chair

During the chapter meeting in January at the Ramada Inn North, Retha Nero asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominations & Elections Committee. The following persons agreed to serve; Allen Stucks, Co-chair; Suzy Davis, Shirley Garrett and Patti Mohan.

The call for Nominations with a deadline of February 20 to respond went out to the membership via "Yahoo Blast". At the February chapter meeting held at the Hampton Inn, the committee met to count the mailed in nominations and ones collected during the meeting. The committee determined the slate of candidates for 2007 – 2009. The status of each candidate was verified with the assistance of the President and Suzanne Kelly from PACT points. The final nominees were asked to provide a brief bio, respond to three questions and submit a letter of commitment. The committee was kept abreast of the progress through e-mails and telephone conversations.

The slate of candidates was presented during the chapter meeting on March 20 at the Cross Creek Golf Club. The official ballot for voting was sent March 27, 2007 with a deadline of May 4, 2007. Members voting on-line must supply his/her membership number or name. The committee will meet after the May 4 deadline. The names will be listed in the May newsletter for your 2007 – 2009 Board of Directors. The newly elected officers will be installed at the June meeting.

The committee appreciates the cooperation and support of the membership.

Committee Chairs

Archives
George Fong

Bylaws
Arlene Roberts

Community Service
Suzanne Kelly

Honors & Awards
Sandy Stevens, CMP

Member Services
Jennifer Coto

Membership Recruitment
Jennifer Coto

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Suzanne Kelly

National Conference
Suzy Davis

Programs
Tanya Robinson

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Communications
H A Scott

Special Events
Ellen Sliger

Food for Thought

Orange-Pecan Rice Salad

Cook 1 1/2 cups long grain white rice in
3 cups orange juice - let cool

2 - 3 cooked chicken breast chopped
small and let cool

chop small:
6 - 7 stalks celery heart
1 can water chestnuts
1 cup pecans

Mix all ingredients in bowl with
mayonnaise (just enough to hold
together, (you don't want it too moist),
season salt, and fresh ground pepper to
taste.

Arlene Roberts
Florida Department of Education

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If you have an article you would like to submit, please contact either Arlene Roberts, President, or H A Scott, Publication Committee Chair, Florida Capital Chapter

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We are on the Web!

www.sgmpfl.org

National's Web Site

www.sgmp.org

Membership Report

As Of Our 4/11/07 Report

57.8% Planners

42.2% Suppliers

Govt. Planners – 63

Contract Planners – 3

Suppliers – 49

Assoc Suppliers – 1

Educator/Student - 2

Retired – 7

Total Members - 125

Looking Ahead

National Conferences:

May 2-5, 2007

Atlantic City, New Jersey

2008

Dallas, Texas

2009

Louisville, Kentucky

June Membership Meeting

“Honors & Awards Banquet”

Tuesday, June 19

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Sponsored by
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Monthly Board Meetings

The Board meets the same day and place as the membership meeting beginning at 4:30 pm. Members are welcome to attend, and minutes are available upon request.

About Our Organization...

The SGMP Florida Capital Chapter chartered June, 1989 with 35 members. The chapter offers a variety of services to its members, including monthly educational programs, leadership opportunities, social activities and a strong code of ethics.

Mission Statement

The Society of Government Meeting Professionals is a national organization dedicated to improving the knowledge and expertise of individuals in the planning and management of government meetings through education, training, and industry relationships.

A Need to Know - A Need to Know – Upcoming Programs

May 2007 – no meeting due to the National Conference

June 19, 2007 – Honors & Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers 2007-2009

July 17, 2007 – Great People

August 14, 2007 -



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