

Capital Events

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Our Holiday Charity Event was held at Kleman Plaza, sponsored by Marcia Marinello, The Florida Hotel and Conference Center. Marcia did a great job with her Christmas decorations, a touch of Louisiana fare provided by Harry's, and an evening of fun. Thank you Marcia for a job well done! Marcia and Arlene Roberts, President, left, and Claire Smith, 1st Vice President is on the right below.

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

I want to thank our TEAM, the membership, for the continued support and dedication to the chapter. Our membership continues to grow, we have more committee member participation, and people wanting to make a difference. The Board continues to send out monthly meeting notices to planners, renewal reminders, and SGMP welcome to new members. The coming year brings new adventures to SGMP. We are looking forward to the 25th anniversary of SGMP, bringing on more planners under the \$25.00 fee that national has set through May 2007, continuing our excellent programs, and charity work. Kudos goes out to many of our members for their hard work on programs, community service, sponsorship, and membership. With the effort from each member, we can achieve the goals set forth during our retreat. Remember to live and believe in Teamwork, Communication, Integrity, Knowledge, Achievement, Consensus, Respect, Advancement, and Perseverance. As a TEAM, we can do this! Thanks for another great year!

Member Profile –

Jackie Rhody, Sheraton Orlando North

SGMP Board

Arlene Roberts
President

Claire Smith
First Vice President

Jennifer Coto
Second Vice President

Suzy Keenan
Secretary

Karen Lambert
Treasurer

Directors:
Chantale Acacia
Michele Bemis, CMP
Ellen Sliger

Hometown: Sayreville, NJ (hometown of singer Jon Bon Jovi)

Education: AAS in Aviation Customer Relations, Mercer Community College, NJ

Family/Pets: Husband, Steve, of 15 years (met on a blind date!); son, Michael (age 12) & daughter Jordan (age 8). Our first child, Murphy (age 14), chocolate lab.

Interests/Hobbies: My favorite thing to do is decorating and landscaping our home with my husband. I am the all-time biggest fan of HGTV (home & garden television). If I have the t.v. remote, HGTV is on. I also love to travel with my family. I vividly remember the excitement of going to the airport as a child...just imaging where those planes could take me! I truly believe that's what got me started in the travel / hospitality industry.

Position/Years at Job: I joined the Sheraton Orlando North 9 months ago as Sr. Sales Manager, after a great (5) years with the Hilton Family. Since January, 1992, I've worked for various hotel companies in Orlando including Marriott, Renaissance, Hilton and now Sheraton.

Most Rewarding experience: After getting married at age 24, my husband and I moved to Florida with some money in the bank, but without jobs to support ourselves. If we couldn't make it in a year's time, we would move back to NJ. Needless to say, 15 years later, we are still here! We took a chance and chased a dream of a better place to start our lives together & raise a family.

Why she belongs to SGMP: I originally inherited my membership when I joined the Hilton. As a part of my job, it was a great way to become acquainted with the government planners in Tallahassee. It stopped being "just" a part of my job after the 1st year. The members of SGMP became my friends. They shared their insight and experiences with me and asked for nothing in return. I look forward to our monthly meetings and the interesting topics we discuss. SGMP has also provided me with many opportunities for professional and personal growth through state, regional and national conferences. The knowledge I have gained has allowed me to succeed in my career.

Committee / Member Reports

New Members – Welcome to our newest members!

Letreze G. Gooding, Florida Association of Counties

When recruiting new members, remember that a supplier needs to bring in a two-planner match.

PLANNERS – PLEASE remember to include your Planner Profile along with your renewal application. National will not process your membership renewal without this form.

Government Planner Fee Effective 12/1/06 – 5/1/07 - \$25.00 special fee

Nominations & Elections – Call for nominations will be in January. Think about becoming a board member. We need new voices, new talents. Contact a current board member if you have questions. The January membership meeting will be the board presentation regarding the officer positions and committees, and our PACT program to be presented by Suzanne Kelly.

Elections – New Elections Procedure adopted by the Board on December 12, 2006 is posted on the web, Policies.

Publications & Communications – Do we have writers out there who would like to do articles on personal or professional development, values of SGMP membership, and other topics of interest to the chapter? We welcome your input. Please contact Arlene Roberts or H A Scott.

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

Membership Retention
Suzanne Kelly

National Conference
Suzy Davis

Programs
Tanya Robinson

Publications and
Communications
H A Scott

Special Events
Ellen Sliger

Food for Thought

Artichoke Crab Dip

8 oz Philadelphia cream cheese
8 oz Hellmans Mayonnaise
1 pkg of Imitation Crabmeat (cut up into chunks)

13 oz can of Artichoke Hearts (cut into chunks)
½ cup shredded parmesan cheese (shredded, not grated)

Mix all ingredients together. Add seasoning to taste if you wish...it is delicious with garlic powder.

Put mixture into a baking dish and bake at 375 until brown and bubbly (about 20 min).

Serve warm with Crackers, Vegetable Crudités, French or Sourdough Bread.

Chantale Acacia
Sheraton Suites Orlando Airport



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you would like to
submit, please
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Committee Chair,
Florida Capital
Chapter

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newsletter will be used to
promote chapter matters
only. The newsletter will not
be used to promote a
member's business or hotel
site.



We are on the Web!

www.sgmpfl.org

National's Web Site

www.sgmp.org

Membership Report

As Of Our 12/5/06 Report

54.5% Planners

45.5% Suppliers

Govt. Planners – 56

Contract Planners – 3

Suppliers – 49

Assoc Suppliers – 2

Educator/Student - 2

Retired – 7

Total Members - 119

Looking Ahead

National Conferences:

May 2-5, 2007

Atlantic City, New Jersey

2008

Dallas, Texas

2009

Louisville, Kentucky

January Membership Meeting

How to become more Involved

Tuesday, January 16

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Ramada Inn and Conference Center
North Monroe

Sponsored by
Kissimmee CVB

RSVP
Janet Jones
jjones@floridakiss.com



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

January 16, 2007 - How to become more involved with SGMP. Everyone can make a contribution

February 20, 2007 –

March 20, 2007 – Supplier Appreciation Dinner

April 17, 2007 –

May 2007 – no meeting due to the National Conference

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