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Capital Events

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Supplier Appreciation Dinner

Suppliers Remarks:

Michele Bemis - SGMP Florida Capital Chapter's annual "Thank you" to our supplier members was held on March 20th at Cross Creek. Planners showed their appreciation to the Suppliers for all of their support and sponsorships throughout the year and we feasted on delicious ribs, pulled pork, baked beans, cole slaw and potato salad. Carolyn Hinson baked the desserts which were a real hit! Suzanne Kelly was the winner of our 50/50 drawing and she immediately donated it to our charity! Thank you Suzanne!! The Suppliers really enjoyed the evening and gifts were given out. A good time was had by all and we're looking forward to next year!

Members enjoyed an array of delicious desserts provided by Carolyn Hinson

Jenean Chavey - Kudos to our chapter for recognizing suppliers at this years dinner, not only was the dinner delicious, a special surprise was personally very enjoyable as I was in heaven under Lyman's hands during the chair massages from Core Institute.

When do we get to do it again???

Members enjoy fellowship and fun!

Patti Mohan - I really enjoyed the time to mingle with the meeting planners. It was very informal, a lot of fun, great food, not to mention the massage! A special thank you to Carolyn for making those wonderful desserts. I was also the lucky recipient of a door prize! Thank you all.

Jennifer Coto - As a member of SGMP who participates as often as travel schedules allow. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of the chapter to provide us suppliers with dinner and this year massages! Awesome job! Look forward to another great year.

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

Congratulations to our members who will enjoy the scholarship assistance for the national conference; Ellen Sliger, Claire Smith, Karen Lambert, Suzy Keenan, Suzy Davis, Carolyn Hinson, Retha Nero, and George Nero. Our chapter last year received two conference registrations for this year's conference. These were awarded to Ellen and Claire. This all happens with members going above and beyond, being there to assist, and coming to the meetings. We always need help on committees. Talk to your board members or committee chairs for information regarding work you might be interested in doing.

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

Member Profile –

Jennifer Coto, Daytona Beach Area CVB
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Hometown: Taylor, Michigan

Family/Pets: Married for 22 years to Roly, 3 Children, 2 Horses, 2 Goats, 2 Dogs, 5 Chickens & 1 Cat

Interests/Hobbies: Camping w/Roly and our Horses, and Golf

Position/Years at Job: Senior Sales Manager @ the Daytona Beach Area CVB for eight years

Most Rewarding experience: The final result of the MILI Golf Tournament held here in Daytona Beach October 2006. I pursued the business, booked it for the destination and with the help of our hotel community and golf courses ~ We, the Daytona Beach Area SHINED!!

Why she belongs to SGMP: I belong to SGMP for the camaraderie. Most organizations have a stuffy feel to them....SGMP feels like family.

Committee / Member Reports

New Members – Welcome to our newest members!

Dr. Patty Ball Thomas, Assistant Professor, Florida A & M University
Stephen T. Belding, Appraiser II, State of Florida Department of Revenue, Property Tax
Gloria Marion-Smith, Manager of Extended Day Program, Title I Programs
Melissa McLeod, Administrative Assistant, Floridians for Better Transportation

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 Anniversary Fee Effective 12/1/06 – 5/1/07 - \$25.00

Registration Process at Monthly Meetings

We need your help to be more vigilant with our registration process at our monthly meetings. Our PACT report is not showing all members at meetings they attend. This causes problems when verification of a member in good standing is required for scholarships and the nominations and elections process. You need to make sure that you check in at the registration desk at every meeting. If you are early, and the registration area is not set yet, please make sure that you check in with Suzy prior to the start of the meeting. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Elections - be sure to VOTE –

Retha Nero, Nominations Chair

2007 – 2009 Term Candidates for the ballot are:

President - write-in
1st Vice President – Ellen Sliger
2nd Vice President – Chantale Acacia, Judith Taylor-Fisher
Secretary – Suzy Keenan
Treasurer – Suzanne Kelly, Lydia Southwell
Directors – Claire Smith, Jennifer Coto, Karen Lambert, Jenean Chavey, Sharon Kingston

Food for Thought

Sean's Creole Tilapia Florentine

4 medium sized Tilapia filets
6-8 oz (1 bag) baby spinach
1/4 cup chicken broth
1 large Roma tomato
1 green onion, sliced diagonally
2 tablespoons garlic powder
2 tablespoons Creole Seasoning
Salt and pepper to taste
½ tsp. garlic salt

Grease a 9 x 12 pan lightly with olive oil. Add spinach, sprinkle with garlic salt, salt and pepper and add chicken broth. Rub fish with Creole seasoning (Both sides); place fish on top of spinach in single layer. Chop tomato into small cubes and sprinkle over fish. Add green onion slices, cover and bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

H.A. Scott, CMP
Fla. Assn. of Comm. Colleges

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
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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.



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www.sgmpfl.org

National's Web Site

www.sgmp.org

Membership Report

As Of Our 3/7/07 Report

57.6% Planners

42.4% Suppliers

Govt. Planners – 63

Contract Planners – 4

Suppliers – 49

Assoc Suppliers – 2

Educator/Student - 2

Retired – 7

Total Members - 127

Looking Ahead

National Conferences:

May 2-5, 2007

Atlantic City, New Jersey

2008

Dallas, Texas

2009

Louisville, Kentucky

April Membership Meeting

“Workouts That Travel”

Tuesday, April 17

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

DoubleTree Hotel

Sponsored by
Daytona Beach Area CVB

RSVP
Jennifer Coto
jcoto@daytonabeachcvb.org



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

April 17, 2007 – “Workouts That Travel”

May 2007 – no meeting due to the National Conference

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