

Capital Events

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Emotional Intelligence: A Key to Planning a Successful Meeting

Presented by Yolanda Fairell, M.S.

Meeting Review by Tanya Robinson, Programs Chair

The Society of Government Meeting Planners meeting was held on September 18, 2007, at the Governor's Club, located at Adams Street. Our sponsor for the evening was David Gilmore, Sales Manager, with the Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs. The tender turkey breast slices and the chocolate covered strawberries were among the favorites as well as the crisp tasty egg rolls.

Our speaker Ms. Yolanda Fairell, a professional speaker and professor of Sociology at Florida A&M University and Tallahassee Community College gave an exhilarating speech on "What is Emotional Intelligence (EI)"? Some key points of EI are Self-Awareness, Self-Regulation, Motivation, Empathy and Social Skills. Yolanda emphasized the importance of Meeting Planners using EI when we communicate and collaborate with our vendors, sales persons, convention services, etc., because where there are humans, there are emotions. She also pointed out the importance of treating people with dignity and respect.

The SGMP members were given an exercise to complete an Accurate Self-Assessment survey as a method to think about the development and the success of well planned meetings.

As meeting planners and suppliers, using the techniques of EI can be beneficial as we communicate and build relationships with our stakeholders. Although we may not be able to predict the outcomes of well-planned meetings, we can use instruments like the accurate self-assessment survey as an evaluation tool to determine the lessons learned.



"Do you have something to Say?"

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

We are so close to our 60/40 ratio! Look at our numbers this month. We still need more planners to fill in where other drop because of jobs changing, moving, budget cuts, and more. Suppliers! Bring in those planners that you work with on different meetings throughout the year. Invite your meeting planners to visit one of our monthly meetings to see what the scoop is. Someone on the board would be more than happy to enlighten visitors about the benefits of SGMP.

As you know from the yahoo blast on September 11, the time is closing in on a new president coming on board. If any of you have a desire to be the Florida Capital Chapter President, please feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding this position. I will be more than happy to assist any way I can. And remember, I will be there on the board as the Immediate Past President for you to lean on.

Member Profile –

David Gilmore, Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs

SGMP Board

Arlene Roberts
"Acting Trustee"

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Hometown: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Education: Working on Masters in Hospitality

Family/Pets: Wife, Dawn – VP of Casino Parties Orlando / Dog - Sam

Interests/Hobbies: Love heights and playing sports till my body quits.

Position/Years at Job: Sales Manager, Government & Associations – 6 months at Hilton / 24 years in the industry.

Most Rewarding experience: Spending 10 days at Club Med and realizing the value of vacations.

Why he belongs to SGMP: To understand the needs of the government meeting planner.

Committee / Member Reports

New Members – Welcome to our newest members!

Kathy L. Collins, Executive Assistant, Leon County Schools
Eve Turner, Executive Assistant, Leon County Schools
Rebecca Hamilton-Miller, Director of Sales & Marketing, Holiday Inn Lakewood Ranch

Holiday Charity – Suzanne Kelly, Community Service Chair

If you're like me, you've probably already shaken your head and grumbled about the local stores already setting up their Christmas displays. Well, after I grumbled a bit, I realized that it was time we begin thinking about our charitable campaign. After all, we will only see each other two more times before the actual event!

So, to begin planning for our event, the community service committee met and chose three charitable organizations for the SGMP membership to vote on during the September meeting. The members present during the meeting were provided a ballot and these were collected at the end of the meeting. Based on the majority of the votes, the membership choice is America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend. This organization is a non-profit agency that solicits warehouses and distributes food and groceries to non-profits for hungry people. To participate in this charitable organization, you, the membership are asked to bring in non-perishable food and other groceries. If you know that you will be unable to attend the December Holiday Meeting, I encourage you to participate by bringing in donations to the October and November SGMP meetings.

As always, I am honored and proud to work with such caring and generous individuals in the SGMP membership. Happy Holidays (early)!!

Committee Chairs

Archives
George Fong

Bylaws
Arlene Roberts

Community Service
Suzanne Kelly

Honors & Awards
Arlene Roberts

Member Services
Jennifer Coto

Membership Recruitment
Jennifer Coto

Membership Retention
Arlene Roberts

National Conference
Suzy Davis

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Food for Thought

DUMP CAKE

2 Cans of your favorite pie filling (my favorite is Peach)
1 Stick of Margarine
1 Yellow Cake Mix



In a 9 x 13 glass dish “dump” in both cans of pie filling. Spread evenly through out the dish. Dump on the dry yellow cake mix, spread evenly over the pie filling. Cut the stick of butter into small pats and place them evenly on top of the cake mix. Cook on 325 for 35 minutes. For a crunchier top, cook an additional 5 minutes. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

This is easy to make and is so delicious!

Marcia Marinello-Burks, Florida Hotel and Conference Center, Orlando

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We are on the Web!

www.sgmpfl.org

National's Web Site

www.sgmp.org

Membership Report

As Of Our 9/10/07 Report

59.6% Planners

40.4% Suppliers

Govt. Planners – 65

Contract Planners – 2

Suppliers – 46

Assoc Suppliers – 1

Educator/Student - 2

Retired – 7

Total Members - 123

Looking Ahead

National Conferences:

May 2-5, 2007

Atlantic City, New Jersey

2008

Dallas, Texas

2009

Louisville, Kentucky

October Membership Meeting

“Green Meetings”

Tuesday, October 16

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Sponsored by
Holiday Inn Select Tallahassee

RSVP
Vicky Dunn
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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

October 16, 2007 – “Cooperating with Green Lodging Facilities – from a Meeting Planner.”

November 13, 2007 –

December 11, 2007 – Holiday Charity Event

January 15, 2008 –

February 19, 2008 –

March 18, 2008 – Supplier Appreciation Dinner

April 15, 2008 –

May 6, 2008 – Honors & Awards Banquet

June – No meeting due to the National Conference, Dallas, Texas

July 15, 2008 –

August 19, 2008 –

September 16, 2008 -

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