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Capital Events



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- New Members

Annual Silent Auction

The Annual SGMP Silent Auction was a record breaking success. Thanks to the work of Karen Lambert, who organized the event, and the many members who contributed to the auction our chapter will have funds to support our members in attending the National meeting and training session on May 13-16, 2009 in Louisville, KY at the Historic Galt House. The amount raised was \$4,000.00,



Stephanie Dressel (left), Jenean Chavey (middle), and Amy Brown, (right)



Our auction members, friends, and family Ready to start the bidding wars



Bill Foley, Hilton Naples Hotel Auctioneer for the event, What Talent!



Stephanie Dressel (left), Jenean Chavey (middle), Sponsors

Donations included such items as luxurious gift baskets with several nights stay at our member hotels, four nights stay at two hotels in the Bradenton area, beautiful porcelain roses, framed photography by our own George Fong, homemade specialty cakes by Carolyn Hinson and the list goes on.

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Our sponsor, Jenean Chavey (left) Bill Foley (right) Putting on the Ritz!



Marcia Burks (left), Arlene Roberts (center) and Karen Lambert (right) your board members! Enjoying some of the good eats!!!



President’s Message – Ellen Sliger, Florida Capital Chapter President

I would like to give a big “THANK YOU” to Karen Lambert and her helpers for a very successful auction this month. I was at a conference and unable to attend. Thank you to all who purchased items in support of the Chapter’s only fundraiser event. Scholarships will be provided with these funds for the next year.

The chapter is busily getting ready for the next year with great education programs and charitable activities. If you would like to get involved in any of the committees, please contact the committee chair or one of the board members. The program for September will be on Leadership, so we hope to see you on the 16th. Also, coming October 15th is TSAE Educations Days; there is a great line-up of training sessions. Scholarships are now available for this event to be held in Tallahassee. This information went out to members on 8/18 via “Yahoo Blast” with the scholarship application attached.

The RFP for monthly meeting sponsors has been sent out. Please check your budgets and see if your hotel can participate in one of these meetings.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and have a safe Labor Day Holiday.

SGMP Board

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President*

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Suzy Keenan
Karen Lambert
Marcia Burks*

Annual Silent Auction

We had plenty of bidding wars throughout the evening, closing out tables at different times, and doing bits and pieces of the live auction throughout. All seemed to have a good time bidding, networking, and eating. There was an array of foods that were, as always at the Woman’s Club, excellent.

Please remember that as a member of the Florida Capital Chapter SGMP, your support is very important to the vitality of our organization. Start planning for next August when the auction will return. The cakes were well received and are homemade. Put on a show for the future silent auction and donate a cake, pie or other baked goods.

Thanks to everyone who donated, worked for and attended this event – you made it a success.



Arlene Roberts – Bidding War Starts!



The WINNER takes all! Marsha Black



Committee Reports

New Members – Welcome to our newest members!

Rita Driggers-Healy, Program Specialist, Florida Department of Education

Suppliers - Sponsorship for Monthly Meetings

An RFP has been sent out a couple of times for the 2008-2009 meeting sponsorships. Please check your calendars and submit your RFP Response to either Arlene Roberts or Claire Smith for the month you would like to sponsor a meeting. We know that budgets are getting tighter all the time for you. Remember, that you can double up on your month with others if you would like. In the past, we have had three different members do one meeting. This could be a cost savings for everyone and you would still have the opportunity to host one of our meetings. Thank you all for your continued support to the chapter.

Planner Membership Recruitment

In a continued effort to bring more planner members into the chapter, the board has hosted a table at the last two trade shows here in town. We had a table at the Meeting Spots show, and we shared a table with Karen Lambert, Cabot Lodge Tallahassee, at the Chuck Cook Trade Show this month. The board would like to thank Karen for extending this offer to share her table. At both shows, we were able to reach planners that did not know about SGMP. We obtained three planners and one supplier from the Meeting Spots show. Amy Brown is doing the follow-up from the Chuck Cook show. Hopefully, we will have a few more planners join. Please take time to reach out to planners that you know, or work with on meetings, to talk to them about SGMP and the chapter. Have them check our website, invite them to a meeting, urge them to join. We need everyone working on this. Thanks!

Food for Thought

Peach coffee cake

Cake batter:

½ cup softened butter
1 cup sugar
3 eggs
1 tsp. almond/or/ vanilla extract
3 cups all-purpose flour
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1 ½ cups milk
1 can * apple or peach, etc.? pie filling
2 tsp. ground cinnamon

Glaze:

¾ cup confectioners sugar
1 TBS. butter softened
¾ tsp. vanilla extract
2+ tsp. water

In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Beat in eggs & extract.

In a med. Mixing bowl, combine flour, baking powder, & salt;

Add to creamy (wet) ingredients alternately with milk.

Pour half into greased 13 x 9 x 2 baking pan. Combine filling & cinnamon; spoon over batter.

Drop remaining batter over filling; spread gently.

Combine topping ingredients; sprinkle over batter.

BAKE 350 degrees. 40-45 mins.
(till toothpick in center comes out clean).
Cool. Combine glaze ingredients; drizzle over cake.

Chantale Acacia
Sheraton Suites Orlando Airport

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Committee Chair,
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The newsletter will not be used
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business or hotel site.



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Membership Report

As Of Our 8/7/08 Report
57.8% Planners
42.2% Suppliers
Govt. Planners – 54
Contract Planners – 4
Suppliers – 43
Assoc Suppliers – 1
Educator/Student - 2
Retired – 7
Total Members - 111

Looking Ahead

National Conferences:

May 13-16, 2009
Louisville, KY-The Galt House
May 19-22, 2010
Kansas City, MO -The Hyatt and
The Westin at Crowne Center
June 8-11, 2011
Norfolk, VA -The Sheraton and
The Marriott Waterside

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.

SEPTEMBER Meeting Leadership

Tuesday, September 16, 2008
Staybridge Suites
1600 Summit Lake Drive
90 East just past the I10 overpass

Sponsored by
Florida Capital Chapter

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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.

A Need to Know – Upcoming Programs September 16, 2008 – Leadership

TSAE Education Day – October 15, 2008

**ELLEN SLIGER, PRESIDENT
FLORIDA CAPITAL CHAPTER**