

Capital Events



Special Interest Articles:

- Auction Results
- DoubleTree, Janet Roach and Kristi Griffith, sponsor

“Silent Auction”

Another successful auction for the chapter! We had a very large turn out and an abundance of items for auction. As members, you did a great job supporting our annual fund raiser. A special thanks to Karen Lambert for her organization of this event, along with her worker bees; Ellen Sliger, Retha Nero, Joice Ventry, and Arlene Roberts. Melissa Jackson had a job of her own with all the registrations coming in at the door. We had approximately 60 people attend this year. Thank you everyone for joining us. We appreciate your support and shopping you did for the good of the chapter! We hope to see you all again next year.

Our total take this year from our auction is \$3,928.00



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Thanks to the DoubleTree, Janet Roach and Kristi Griffith for all the good eats! We had an array of pot stickers, chicken on a stick, mini beef wellingtons, phillo stuffed spinach, veggie, fruits, and delectable sweets. Thank you both for your support of the chapter.

“When in doubt, go SHOPPING”
to you from the mystery writer





President's Message – Amy Brown, CGMP, Florida Capital Chapter President

On August 13th I participated in a conference call with our National Liaison Rob Coffman, the South Eastern SGMP chapter presidents and vice-presidents. Rob shared the President's/National Board Vision for the SGMP members.

- 1. Open and Effective Communication
2. Encourage members to take ownership of their membership benefits
3. Work together to promote SGMP both internally and externally
4. Have each chapter initiate actions to implement the above vision

After a successful conference call I was ready to present this to the board at our annual board retreat.

On August 14th the board met all day for their annual board retreat. Don't let the word "retreat" fool you; it was definitely not a day at the spa. It was a lot of work and I want to thank all the board members for participating.

I shared the National vision with the board and after some fantastic ideas from them we settled on some goals that will facilitate implementing the above vision. Our main focus this year is to better serve our members (Planners and Suppliers).

Remember SGMP is here to serve you, so "Plug into SGMP"!

SGMP Board

Ellen Sliger
Immediate Past President

Suzy Keenan
First VP

Marcia Burks
Second VP

Chris Schuh
Secretary

Joice Ventry
Treasurer

Directors:

Retha Nero
Janet Roach
Arlene Roberts

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.

We have an exciting program planned for September 15th, 2009. The program will be on "Effective Leadership" and the presenter will be Mark Raciappa, Business Coach/ActionCOACH. Please visit his website at http://www.actioncoach.com/ for more information about him.

Looking Ahead - National Conferences:

May 19-22, 2010 - Kansas City, MO
June 8-11, 2011 - Norfolk, VA

A Need to Know – Upcoming Programs

- September 15 – Effective Leadership
October 20 – Fright Night/Supplier Appreciation Dinner
October 21 – TSAE Education Day
November 17 – Getting and Staying Organized
December 15 – Holiday Celebration and Charity Event
January 19, 2009 – What's in Your SGMP Playbook
February 16 – Meeting Toolbox
March 16 – Ethics the Do's and Don'ts
April – Another Meeting?

September Membership Meeting "Effective Leadership"

Tuesday, September 15, 2009
5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Residence Inn, 600 W Gaines Street

Sponsored by Sheraton Orlando North

RSVP Jackie Rhody
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Membership Report

As Of Our 8/10/09 Report
56.3% Planners
43.7% Suppliers
Govt. Planners – 54
Contract Planners – 3
Suppliers – 45
Assoc Suppliers – 1
Educator/Student - 2
Retired – 7
Total Members - 112

Committee Chairs – Archives, George Fong; Community Service, Gabrielle; Honors & Awards, Arlene Roberts; Member Services, Teresa Hall ; Membership Recruitment and Retention, Retha Nero; National Conference, Amy Brown; Programs, Gloria Marion-Smith; Publications and Communications, Arlene Roberts; Special Events, Karen Lambert; Sponsorship, Arlene Roberts

About the 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.