

Capital Events



“Annual Silent Auction”

We did it again with another successful auction for the chapter! The turn out was great and we had plenty of items to bid on. Our members did a great job in support of our annual fund raiser. Karen Lambert did another outstanding job with her organization of this event, along with her worker bees; Retha and George Nero, Joice Ventry, Marcia Burks, Staci Bengé, and Arlene Roberts. We also had a little helper this year that kept up with the pace, Karen’s daughter, Sarah. Our own Merle Manzi had the mic and gavel in hand as our auctioneer. He made the numbers roll with fun and excitement. Thank you to Merle for offering his services for this worthy cause. There were approximately 83 people in attendance this year. Thank you everyone for joining us. We appreciate your dedication and support along with your ability to shop, shop, shop! We hope to see you all again next year.

Our total take this year from our auction is \$4,457.00. This is \$529.00 over last year’s amount. Yeah.....

Remember if you paid for auction items with a credit card, it will appear on your statement as a MEETING SPOTS charge.... Please do not dispute this. Thank you.

Thank you again this year to the DoubleTree for hosting this important event and all the good eats! We had an array of cheese and crackers, fruits, egg rolls, meat balls, cheese and ham balls, and delectable sweets.



(left) Merle Manzi, auctioneer, and (right) one of our big bidders throughout the evening, Amy Brown, our very own chapter president making her bid known!

Special Interest Articles:

- Silent Auction - outcome
- First Time Golf Tournament – plan to participate!

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Please NOTE that the September meeting is a Luncheon/11:30 am

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

The annual silent auction was a great success. I want to thank everyone who donated and/or attended the auction. We had an approximate 13 % increase in revenue. Way to go FL CAP chapter!!!

The board met on August 20th in Destin at the Courtyard by Marriot for our annual planning meeting. Thanks to Lynn Holland for sponsoring our meeting. We have had a great year but still have a lot of work to do. We will continue to work on our registration process, website and member communications.

We also unveiled our new online registration last month. Bear with us we are still working out the "kinks". Thanks to Gabrielle and Joice Ventry for making this Possible.

Please also visit <http://www.sgmpfl.org/fundraising.shtml> for more information about our 1st annual Golf tournament. We need sponsors and Golfers. Proceeds are used to raise money for educational scholarships.

Also do you want to gain visibility for your business? Our website now accepts advertisements. Please contact joice@meetingspots.net for more information. Proceeds from the website ads also provide educational scholarships.

Remember SGMP is here to serve you, so "Connect to Government meetings - Plug into SGMP"!

SGMP Board

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Directors:
Retha Nero
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Membership Report

As Of Our 6/2010 Report
55.8% Planners
44.2% Suppliers
Planners – 67
Suppliers – 53
Not including retirees or
Educators/Students

September Membership Meeting – LUNCHEON

Registration and reception, 11:30 am, 8th floor pre-meeting area
12:00 noon lunch entrée buffet with present salad and dessert
"The Meeting Planning Timeline"

Tuesday, September 14, 2010, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm – Hotel Duval on Monroe

Complimentary valet parking

Sponsored by – Visit Gainesville

RSVP – from our home page, www.sgmpfl.org

Remember to RSVP and pay on-line to save time at the meeting.

Looking Ahead – National Conferences

June 8-11, 2011 - Norfolk, VA
2012 – New Orleans, LA
2013 – Orlando, FL

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 14 - So you have to plan a meeting -
The Meeting Planning Timeline
October 19 – Golf Tournament

Committee Chairs

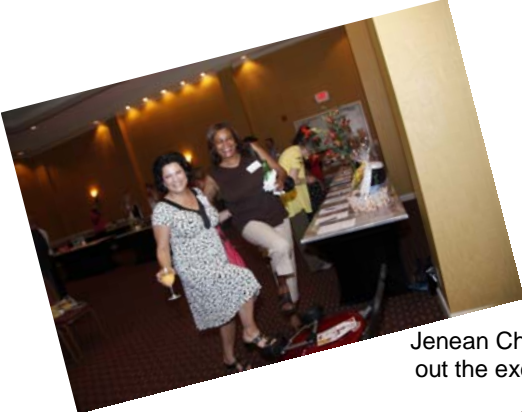
Archives, George Fong
Community Service, Gabrielle Gabrielli
Honors & Awards, Arlene Roberts
Member Services, Melissa Jackson
Membership Recruitment and Retention,
Lydia Southwell
National Conference, Amy Brown
Programs, Gloria Marion-Smith
Publications, Arlene Roberts
Special Events, Karen Lambert
Sponsorship, Claire Smith
Fundraising, Joice Ventry
Web, Janet Roach

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.

Annual Auction

Below - two of our big bidders,
John Davis and wife
Thank you for your bids for the cause



Jenean Chavey and Janice Harris trying out the exercise gadget!!! You go girls!



Left to right,
Nancy Fischer, Sandy Noreen,
and Marcia Burks enjoying the
bidding wars!



George Nero and Arlene Roberts displaying a beautiful handmade quilt by E. McKinney, along with Merle Manzi, our auctioneer raising the bid!



George Nero displaying a live auction piece with Merle starting the bid.



Bidders moving about to make their mark in hopes of taking a stash home



Right at podium – Karen Lambert is at the helm of this event talking with Merle on points of interest for the bidding.



A beautiful print by George Fong, SGMP Florida Capital Chapter member



Kristie Manzi and Michele Bemis



Awaiting the bidding wars to start...

Upcoming Fundraising Event

Save the Date

October 19, 2010 10:00 A.M.

Tell your co-workers, friends, and family. We need you to come and golf with us, bring friends to golf with us. Not good, not a problem. We want you anyway. Come and have a fun day golfing with SGMP!

SGMP Florida Capital Chapter 1st Annual Golf Tournament

**Golf Course at Summerbrook
7505 Preservation Road
Tallahassee, FL**

To Provide Education Scholarships for the Chapter Members

**Please contact the chairs listed below if you are interested
in helping with the tournament.**

**Tournament Chair – Joice Ventry
Tournament Director – Karen Lambert
Sponsor Chair – Joice Ventry
Golfer Chair – LaNedra Carroll
Prize Chair – Arlene Roberts
Volunteer Chair – Jenny Dawson**

Upcoming Fundraising Event

Contact Karen Lambert, klambert@mmihg.com or call 850 386-7500 regarding the tournament or sponsorships, or Joice Ventry, Meeting Spots at joice@meetingspots.net or call 850 926-2508. You can also contact a board member if you have questions.

For donating door prizes, contact Arlene Roberts, arlene.roberts@fldoe.org or call 850 245-9072.

RED ALERT for Volunteers!

We need several volunteers for our first time golf tournament. We need your participation to bring this together. Please contact Karen Lambert or any of the board and committee members to put your name in for assisting. There is plenty to do and we are always short on members to do the work. Help to make this successful in raising dollars for our educational scholarship program.

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Industry News

Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association Offers Members Legal Recourse for Oil Spill Claims

The Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association (FRLA) recently announced a partnership with three respected and nationally-recognized law firms to offer legal representation to those hoteliers and restaurateurs who have either had their claims rejected by BP, or have yet to receive any economic recovery dollars to date.

"Our Association believed it could avoid litigation, hoping that the BP claims process would fairly and fully compensate our collective losses," said Carol Dover, President and CEO of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association. "But as the BP claims process denied requests for emergency payments and/or paid merely pennies on the dollar in interim payments to our members, we realized we had to seek legal counsel now to protect our membership and the future of Florida's tourism."

In addition, the Association will be hosting local claims briefings with the legal team beginning in Northwest Florida in the coming weeks. This will allow for maximum outreach to local hoteliers and restaurateurs and the ability to walk through the expedited claims process. For more information, please go to www.FRLA.org.