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Capital Events



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"Holiday Charity Event"

The December 15th Holiday event for SGMP at the University Center, FSU was sponsored by Meeting Spots, Pensacola CVB, Hilton Pensacola, and DoubleTree Orlando. With approximately 70 individuals in attendance, the event was high-spirited, lively and rewarding for all who attended. Ours hosts provided the members with an array of delicious food and beverages and the decorations were delightful. We want to thank the sponsors for their support of the chapter.

The Tallahassee-Leon Shelter, which has been a vital part of this community since 1986, was the recipient of a large donation of supplies for the participants donated by our members. Additionally, Meeting Spots donated \$100 with Gabrielle Consulting, Inc. donating \$200, a Publix Gift card and miscellaneous cash. The funds collected at the door will also be donated to the Shelter.

The Board of the Florida Capital Chapter of SGMP wishes each of you a joyous holiday season.



PICTURE ABOVE – Amy Brown (left), Sponsors - Susan Jones (middle), and Roberta Ramsey (right)



PICTURE ABOVE – Sponsors - Jennifer Rosenblatt (left) and Joice Ventry (right). Thanks to all our co-sponsors for hosting our Charity Event this year.

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Above – Dr. Gabrielle, Community Service Chair (right), and our host, Mel Eby, Director of The Shelter (left)

"A Child's Dream, A Christmas Wish"
to you from the mystery writer



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

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When we get together again it will be 2010, I can hardly believe another year has passed. I want to thank everyone for making 2009 a great success for the Florida Capital Chapter of SGMP. We have increased our membership and participation in the monthly meetings.

My vision for 2010 is to continue growing our chapter by providing excellent monthly programs with CEU credits. In addition to providing excellent education, I would also like everyone to feel like they belong to an extended family when attending our chapter meetings.

We are also planning our 1st Annual SGMP Florida Capital Chapter Golf tournament. This will take place the morning of May 6th the day after the Meeting Spots Trade Show. So start now assembling your team. More information will be provided about the tournament in January.

The January program will be given by one of our very own Ms. Buenita Lee, she will be presenting "What's in your SGMP Playbook? Learn the vision of SGMP and work as a team and have the winning chapter." This program will be a great kick off for the New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone there for this exciting event.

Ms. Kathy Daniels of the Crowne Plaza Tampa East will be sponsoring this meeting.

Again, please see the ad for the Certified Government Meeting Professional (CGMP) training class and examination. We need more people to commit before we can bring the class to Tallahassee.

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

Please do not hesitate to e-mail me Brown@doacs.state.fl.us or call me (850) 617-7510 with any of your suggestions, questions or concerns.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. Thanks again for your valuable support and encouragement.

January Membership Meeting - "What's in Your SGMP Playbook"

Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Sponsored by – Crowne Plaza Tampa East, Kathy Daniels, 813 623-6363

RSVP - rsvp@sgmpfl.org

Membership Report

As Of Our 11/09 Report

59.1% Planners

40.9% Suppliers

Planners – 65

Suppliers – 45

Not including retirees or

Educators/Students

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

January 19, 2009 – What's in Your SGMP Playbook

February 16 – Meeting Toolbox

March 16 – Ethics the Do's and Don'ts

April 20 – Another Meeting?

May 4 – So you have to Plan a Meeting?

June 20 – Honors & Awards Banquet

July 20 – Staying Fit

August 17 – Silent Auction

Committee Chairs

Archives, George Fong

Community Service, Gabrielle

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

Looking Ahead – National Conferences:

May 19-22, 2010 - Kansas City, MO

June 8-11, 2011 - Norfolk, VA

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.