

Capital Events



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- Holiday Charity / Homeless Shelter

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"Holiday Charity/Homeless Shelter"

Our December Holiday event was sponsored by DoubleTree Tallahassee in their ballroom with approximately 40 in attendance. Thank you to Krystal Serrano for the wonderful lunch served; salad with rolls, chicken cordon bleu, roasted new potatoes, asparagus spears, and chocolate moose dessert. Thank you for your continued support of the chapter.

Our charity again this year was The Tallahassee-Leon Shelter, which has been a vital part of this community since 1986. Along with others donating a total of \$200 plus blankets, and other needed items, our charity chair, Gabrielle Gabrielli donated a \$200 check for a total dollar amount of \$400. In the 26 year history, the Shelter won "non-Profit Organization of the Year" in 2009; the only two-time winner. They are the largest basic service to the Big Bend area. There are no fees for lodging, meals, clothing, etc. There are certified nurses on duty, free over-the-counter and prescribed medications, and much more. We thank everyone giving their time to the Shelter. The Shelter's Mission "Our mission is to get people off the street and provide them with a safe place to stay for as long as needed. Anyone who needs food or shelter is welcome". Thank you for sharing your experience with us. Below left, (left to right) are John Hosmer, former residence of the shelter, Jacob Reiter, Program Coordinator, and charity chair, Gabrielle, and picture right, (left to right), our sponsor, Krystal Serrano and Amy Brown.



Above (left) Charlene Thompson, and (right) Eloise Williams
Two new planner members



"A Time for Giving, Sharing"
to you from the mystery writer



sponsor



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

Thanks to everyone for your generosity to the Homeless Shelter at our Annual Charity Event. I really appreciate and I know that they do also.

The January program will be given by one of our very own Ms. Janet Roach, presenting "Hotel Safety and Security" Looking beyond the Peephole". This is a very important topic and after this presentation you will know the following:

- Name the safety and security features of a hotel.
- Decide what key safety concerns should be addressed in your RFP.
- Determine which questions to ask on site visits.

Ms. Jenny Dawson of the Residence Inn Universities will be sponsoring this meeting.

This program will be a great kick off for the New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone there for this exciting event.

Also don't forget we will be having the New Member Orientation immediately following the January program. All are welcome, even if you are not new and would like a SGMP refresher course.

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Please do not hesitate to e-mail me Brownna@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.

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December Membership Meeting, sponsored by Residence Inn Universities

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

RSVP – www.sgmpfl.org

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

Membership Report

As Of Our 10/2010 Report
56.7% Planners
43.3% Suppliers
Planners – 72
Suppliers – 55
Not including retirees or
Educators/Students

Looking Ahead – National Conferences

June 8-11, 2011 - Norfolk, VA

A Need to Know – Upcoming Programs

January 18, Hotel Safety & Security
February 15, Uncovering Norfolk's Meeting Planning Treasures
March 15, Ten Excel Secrets Every Planner Should Know
April 19, How to Budget Effectively

Committee Chairs

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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 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.

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