

# Capital Events



## Special Interest Articles:

- Ethics
- 28<sup>th</sup> National Conference and Trade Show –
- National Charity

## SPECIAL NOTICE

April Meeting is a Luncheon on April 20, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

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## "Ethics the Do's and Don'ts"

Presenting for the evening was our own President, Amy Brown, who provided the Topic of the evening on Ethics. She provided a Power-Point presentation that was prepared by Garland Preddy, CGMP who is a teacher of the CGMP course. The topics presented in the presentation are also in the CGMP course. She discussed each slide as it related to remaining within the policy and guidelines of the state and federal regulations. Emphasis was placed on the limit of contributions that can be accepted from prohibited sources and the identifying the do's and don'ts of accepting gifts from suppliers or other business associates. The industry is governed differently for planners in the private sector, but contractors working on behalf of the Government should also adhere to the same guide lines. A list of ethical resource websites were provided for attendees to become acquainted with the many issues that govern and define proper and in proper professional ethics in our industry; U.S. Office of Government Ethics, [www.usoge.gov](http://www.usoge.gov), Ethics Resource Center, [www.ethics.org](http://www.ethics.org), Florida's Commission on Ethics, [www.ethics.state.fl.us](http://www.ethics.state.fl.us). Ms. Brown was very informative and provided a quiz to summarize the overall presentation. The quiz addressed specific situations that border-lined on appropriate and inappropriate acceptance of gifts by planners. In addition, Ms. Brown allowed for a question and answer period to complete the overall ethics educational training session.

The sponsor for the evening was the Tallahassee Capital Courtyard, Ms. Jenny Dawson. It is a Marriott property located here in Tallahassee. The General Manager, Brennan Fogerty provided a brief welcome and invited participants to tour the facility following the meeting. The tables were decorated in very creative spring pouring tin holders and creative insects constructed of metal materials. They were very attractive and were created by an employee of the hotel as part of their spring time theme for centerpieces. The overall event was well attended and not a seat remained open.

The National Charity was presented on the Cancer Center by way of a video. Committee Chair, Gabrielle K. Gabrielli, Ph.D. indicated that we should provide donations of yarn or monetary value at the next meeting. The food and beverage was plentiful and well accepted by the members, which was provided by our sponsors.



Buenita Lee (left), presenter, Amy Brown (center), and Gloria Marion-Smith (right)



Brennan Fogerty (left), Jenny Dawson (center) and President Amy Brown (right)



"Spring is in The Air"  
to you from the mystery writer



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

Our National Education Conference will be held in May (See page 3 for details ). Four of our members applied and received full scholarships from our chapter to attend the National conference in May. Gloria Smith, Claire Smith, Buenita Lee and Karen Lambert received the honor because of their chapter involvement.

SGMP Board

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Scholarships are awarded to members based on their involvement with the chapter the past year. It is easy to earn points. You earn points by serving on committees, attending meetings, bringing in new members and submitting articles for the monthly newsletter. So make sure you are involved so that you are eligible to receive these scholarships.

The April meeting is a luncheon along with a Social Media Workshop. Again you will receive 0.125 CEUs for participating in the meeting. April Broussard, Social Media Consultant will be conducting the workshop. At the workshop you will learn how to take advantage of the opportunities available in the virtual marketplace

Mr. John Read of the Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront will be sponsoring this meeting. Please RSVP to [rsvp@sgmpfl.org](mailto:rsvp@sgmpfl.org)

It looks like we have enough people interested in taking the Certified Government Meeting Professional (CGMP) training class and examination. Therefore we will be bringing the class to Tallahassee. The Tentative dates are June 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. More details will come later.

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

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

Thanks again for your valuable support and encouragement.

Membership Report

As Of Our 1/2010 Report  
58.6% Planners  
41.4% Suppliers  
Planners – 68  
Suppliers – 48  
Not including retirees or  
Educators/Students

April Membership Meeting - “Social Media Workshop, by April Broussard”

Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm (LUNCHEON MEETING)  
Sponsored by – John Read, Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront 321 613-9023

RSVP - [rsvp@sgmpfl.org](mailto:rsvp@sgmpfl.org)

Looking Ahead – National Conferences

June 8-11, 2011 - Norfolk, VA

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

April 20 – Social Media Workshop – TIME CHANGE – Luncheon, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

May 4 – So you have to Plan a Meeting?  
June 20 – Honors & Awards Banquet  
July 20 – Another Meeting?  
August 17 – Annual 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

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.



GET CONNECTED TO SGMP



**PLUG INTO KANSAS CITY**  
MAY 19-22, 2010

Please join us at the Society of Government Meeting Professionals' 28<sup>th</sup> National Education Conference and Tradeshow! Experience the value of SGMP's education resources and networking by earning up to 2.5 CEUs, gaining insight from renowned speakers, and enjoying industry forums and events with your colleagues. Registration opens at [www.sgmp.org](http://www.sgmp.org) on January 25, 2010.

**Host Hotels**

**Hyatt Regency Crown Center**  
2345 McGee Street  
Kansas City, Missouri, 64108  
Tel: 816-421-1234  
Fax: 816-435-4190  
[www.crowncenter.hyatt.com](http://www.crowncenter.hyatt.com)



**Westin Crown Center**  
One East Pershing Road  
Kansas City, Missouri, 64108  
Tel: 816-474-4400  
Fax: 816-391-4438  
[www.westincrowncenterkansascity.com](http://www.westincrowncenterkansascity.com)



**Registration Fees**

*(fees are subject to change)*

Government Planner member	\$325	Government Planner non-member	\$400
Contract Planner member	\$410	Contract Planner non-member	\$575
Associate Supplier member	\$550	Associate Supplier non-member	\$1,115
Supplier member (non-exhibiting)	\$610	Supplier non-member (non-exhibiting)	\$1,175
Retiree member	\$325	Guest	\$335
Educator/Student member	\$280	Gilmer Awards Banquet	\$75

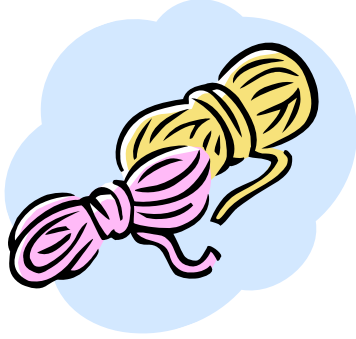


**Back by Popular Demand!**  
**CGMP Course & Exam: May 16-19**  
**Supplier Bootcamp: May 18-19**

**See you in Kansas City...**

For updates, go to [www.sgmp.org](http://www.sgmp.org)!  
For questions, please contact the Meetings Team:  
**Chris Middleton, CGMP, Director of Conference Services**  
**Mark Harvey, CGMP, Program and Events Manager**  
703-549-0707  
SGMP  
908 King Street, Lower Level  
Alexandria, VA 22314

**New this Year!**  
**Protocol & the Government Meeting Professional: May 18-19**



## National Charity SGMP Yarn Drive



Cancer Action Center is the Society of Government Meeting Professionals special charity for our National Educational Conference in May of 2010.

This non-profit organization is local, with three offices providing services to the Kansas City Metro area. They provide rides for patients to doctor visits, chemo therapy, and radiation. They provide financial assistances to those in need. They provide a hand-made comfort item to each new cancer patient that walks through their doors. THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN!

**ALL members attending and those not attending the National Conference in Kansas City, bring yarn or ship it to:**



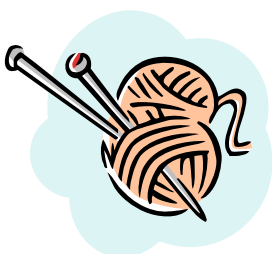
**Mindy Lallier  
9001 W. 110th Street  
Overland Park, KS 66210**



**The more yarn collected the more blankets the Cancer Action Volunteers Can make!**

In addition to the Yarn Drive, financial donations are needed. Let's make a commitment to SGMP's National Charity! We need the Chapter's financial support to make this fundraising endeavor a huge success! If you have any questions please call

**Mindy Lallier at 913-491-0123!**



### General Information and Notes of Interest

Please note that the April meeting is a luncheon.  
Remember to RSVP, [rsvp@sgmpfl.org](mailto:rsvp@sgmpfl.org)

We are in need of a sponsor for the July 20, 2010 meeting. If you have an interest in sponsoring this meeting, please contact Arlene Roberts, [arlene.roberts@fldoe.org](mailto:arlene.roberts@fldoe.org) or call 850 245-9072, or Claire Smith, [clsmith52@hotmail.com](mailto:clsmith52@hotmail.com) or call 850 599-3805.

The newsletter team would like someone interested in supplying industry news articles. We need articles of interest regarding government meeting planning; local, state, and federal, and hotel business. If you have time to submit such articles, please send them to the newsletter editor, Arlene Robert, [arlene.roberts@fldoe.org](mailto:arlene.roberts@fldoe.org), or call if you have questions, 850 245-9072.