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# Capital Events



## Special Interest Articles:

- Honors & Awards
- New Members

## “Honors & Awards Banquet”

### Planner of The Year - George Fong

George has continued to support the chapter with his picture taking at almost every SGMP event. He is always there with a smile on his face and his camera in hand. He also submits a couple of photos each year for the auction. George is our Archives Chair person. Thank you George for all that you do.



Planner of The Year – George Fong (left) with Claire Smith (right)



President's Award Arlene Roberts (right) with Ellen Sliger, President (left)

**President's Award** - Arlene Roberts has dedicated many hours over the years of work in all areas of our chapter. One of the main things Arlene has worked very hard at is to increase the membership ratio, add great educational programs, and have more members involved through committees. She continues to bring in new planners to the chapter. She personally contacts all members on the drop report to maintain their SGMP membership. She sends a welcome e-mail to all new members joining the chapter. She sends out monthly reminders to Chapter members on events, meetings, and news on a National level. Anytime there is something to do, Arlene has been the go to person for the Chapter. She is involved with and knows what is going on in all the committees. She usually tries to attend all committee meetings. She is always there for support, advice, or help. She is a great team leader and team player. She always addressed the chapter as her “TEAM”. She reminds members that it takes the TEAM to do what is happening within the chapter. She never puts it out that she is the one doing everything. It is always the TEAM. And this, she is very proud of, the work, dedication, and commitment that members continue to show.



Member's Choice Award Arlene Roberts right with Ellen Sliger, President

**Member's Choice Award** – This award is decided through nominations from the membership, and the choice was unanimous for the one person, who with the membership by her side, has made the chapter what it is today. Thank you for your guidance and service throughout your years with SGMP.

### Supplier of The Year – Marcia Burks of the Florida Hotel & Conference Center

Marcia stepped up when needed into one of the Director positions on the board. Marcia also serves as our Membership Services Chair. She has been an asset to the board, and from the nominations sent in, she is truly the Supplier of The Year. Thank you Marcia for all that you do and your continue support as a sponsor over the years.



Supplier of The Year – Marcia Burks (right) with Chantale Acacia (left)

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## “To Succeed – To Be A WINNER”

*to you from the mystery writer*



**President’s Message** – Ellen Sliger, Florida Capital Chapter President

Congratulations to all our award winners!  
 And thanks to all of you for what you have done to help the Florida Capital Chapter become what it is today. Big or small - every helping hand, idea, sponsor, donation, speaker, committee chair, board member, newsletter contributor, or bringing in a new member can make this chapter the best. I am proud to be President and hope we can make this next year even better. THANK YOU!

**More Honors & Awards**

**Stellar Awards** for outstanding commitment and genuine dedication to the chapter were presented to Suzanne Kelly, Board Treasurer, and Retha Nero. Thank you both for your outstanding and continued dedication and support to the chapter.



LEFT – Suzanne Kelly (right) and Ellen Sliger (left)  
 RIGHT – Retha Nero (right) and Ellen Sliger (left)

**Special Recognition Awards** were presented to Teresa Hall and Melissa Jackson for their duties on the registration desk. They stepped in at the last minute and have shown great pride in making the meetings flow in an orderly manner when checking in.

**Amy Brown** also received a special recognition award. Amy, as a fairly new chapter member, filled a big gap on the board as First Vice President when this position became vacant. Amy is a real trooper when it comes to ideas and suggestions during board meetings.

BELOW right to left – Ellen Sliger, Melissa Jackson, and Teresa Hall, and again Ellen with Amy Brown



And last, but not least, Rebecca Meiers for her own quiet way, snaps pictures along with George at the monthly meetings. You see her work quite often in the newsletters and on the web. Rebecca was unable to attend this event.

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**SGMP Board**

*Ellen Sliger  
 President*

*Arlene Roberts  
 Immediate Past  
 President*

*Amy Brown  
 First Vice President*

*Chantale Acacia  
 Second Vice President*

*Claire Smith  
 Secretary*

*Suzanne Kelly  
 Treasurer*

*Directors:  
 Suzy Keenan  
 Karen Lambert  
 Marcia Burks*



## Committee Reports

### New Members – Welcome to our newest members!

Ava Williams with Leon County Schools, and Pegine Echevarria, Team Pegine Inc.

Community Service – a check for \$588.23 from the chapter will be presented at the National Conference for the national charity, Heros for Children.

## And More Honors & Awards to Share

The Hilton Family Hotels of Florida sponsored our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual event, and what a treat it was! The room setting was beautiful and the food fabulous. We all had a great time and look forward to next year again! The Hilton Family shown below with Ellen presenting the certificate. Thank you all for a wonderful evening!



We also want to thank our other sponsors for their support throughout the year as follows:

- Embassy Suites Destin – July 07
- Bradenton Area CVB – August 07
- Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs - September 07
- Holiday Inn Select Tallahassee – October 07
- Tallahassee Area CVB – November 07
- Florida Hotel & Conference Center – December 07
- Kissimmee CVB – January 08
- Tampa Bay CVB – February 08
- Sheraton Orlando North Hotel – April 08

Thank you to every member, planner and supplier for making our chapter a success. This takes TEAM work, and you truly come through and shine. THANKS!

## Food for Thought

### Breakfast Casserole:

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| 1 tube of Pillsbury crescent rolls         | shredded, frozen hash brown potatoes |
| 1 roll breakfast sausage (Jimmy Dean roll) | 3 tbs fresh salsa                    |
| Eggs (about 8-10)                          | cheddar cheese                       |
| salt, pepper, parsley                      |                                      |

- Take a tube of Pillsbury crescent rolls and line your pan, making a crust.
- Fry up a package of sausage.
- Add Hash browns and salsa and mix in with the sausage. Remove from heat.
- Add salt and pepper to taste. Remove from heat.
- Beat Eggs and add to sausage mixture. Mix well.
- Pour mixture over the crescent roll dough and spread out.
- Top with Cheddar cheese and parsley
- Bake Covered for about 50 minutes at 325.
- Turn up to 400 for about 10 minutes until it is done in the center.

Baking times will vary depending on the size of pan used.  
So yummy...enjoy! Great for Brunch, or any special breakfast occasion.

Chantale Acacia  
Sheraton Suites Orlando Airport

### Committee Chairs

Archives  
George Fong

Community Service  
Suzanne Kelly

Honors & Awards  
Arlene Roberts

Member Services  
Marcia Burks

Membership Recruitment  
Marcia Burks  
Arlene Roberts

Membership Retention  
Arlene Roberts

National Conference  
Arlene Roberts

Programs  
Gloria Marion-Smith

Publications and  
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promote chapter matters only.  
The newsletter will not be used  
to promote a member's  
business or hotel site.



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## Membership Report

As Of Our 5/9/08 Report  
57.4% Planners  
42.6% Suppliers  
Govt. Planners – 53  
Contract Planners – 4  
Suppliers – 43  
Assoc Suppliers – 1  
Educator/Student - 2  
Retired – 7  
Total Members - 110

## Looking Ahead

National Conferences:  
June 11-14, 2008 Dallas, TX -  
Anatole Hotel  
May 13-16, 2009  
Louisville, KY-The Galt House  
May 19-22, 2010  
Kansas City, MO -The Hyatt and  
The Westin at Crowne Center  
June 8-11, 2011  
Norfolk, VA -The Sheraton and  
The Marriott Waterside

## About Our 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.

## June No Membership Meeting due to the “National Conference”

June 11-14, 2008  
Dallas, Texas  
SEE YOU THERE!

Next chapter meeting  
July 15, 2008

## 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

June – No meeting due to the National Conference, Dallas, Texas  
July 15, 2008 –  
August 12, 2008 – Silent/Unsilent Auction  
September 16, 2008 – Leadership

**REGIONAL CONFERENCE, August 3-6, 2008**  
Scholarship application on the “HOME” page

**ELLEN SLIGER, PRESIDENT  
FLORIDA CAPITAL CHAPTER**