



Capital Event

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President's Message

Amy Brown, CGMP



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

Please do not hesitate to e-mail me amy.brown@freshfromflorida.com or call me (850) 617-7510 with any of your suggestions, questions or concerns.

Thanks again for your valuable support and encouragement.

Supplier Appreciation Dinner

The Chapter hosted its Supplier Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, May 1, at the Holiday Inn. This was an evening specifically set for our suppliers, and we are happy to report that the event was an absolute success! We had 28 suppliers to pamper with refreshments, gifts and live entertainment.

Chris Schuh, Kathleen Richards and Rita Healy worked hard, putting together a fantastic meal. The menu included mouth watering mojito roasted pork, roasted turkey, spring rolls, sliced tomatoes with avocado, a colorful platter of fresh strawberries and pineapple wedges, and an assortment of cheeses and crackers as hors d'oeuvres. Janet Roach made sangria, and we also had drinks donated by Coca Cola, along with a cash bar. A beautifully decorated cake, with the Chapter's logo was served for dessert.

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Supplier Appreciation Dinner Cont'

Suppliers were presented with a variety of beautiful potted plants, donated by Florida A&M University, to take home. Jennifer Anderson led us in several line dance selections, including the famous electric slide!

The Special Events and Fundraising Committee are chaired by Faith Clarke and members including Janet Roach, Krystal Serrano, Cheryl Graham, Kathleen Richards, Rita Healy, Jennifer Anderson, and Chris Schuh.

We would also like to thank Krystal Serrano (below, left) for graciously giving up her property for another chapter event. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the chapter.



Dance instructions above by Jennifer Anderson



**Shown above after a quick lesson, we have our dancers rocking n' rolling!
Look at them go!**

National Conference Highlights, Honors & Awards, New Members



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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.

Looking Ahead

May 1, 2012
Supplier Appreciation

June 19, 2012
Honors & Awards

Membership Report

Current Report
57.4% Planners
42.6% Suppliers
Planners – 66
Suppliers – 49

National Conference Highlights Reported by Rob Coffman, National President

A new record was set this year with 1,000+ attendees. There were 40+ educational breakout sessions including pre-conference offerings and 72 attendees at the CGMP certification course. The silent and live auctions raised over \$26,700. The Crescent House of New Orleans and the Family Justice Center of New Orleans had a hands-on event Wednesday morning with 46 member volunteers doing landscaping, raking, planting azaleas, laying down mulch, sod, dead tree and debris removal, purchasing and putting together new furniture for the front porch, power washing, and more.

Honors & Awards

Make plans now to attend the Annual Honors & Awards Banquet to be held on June 19, 2012 at the DoubleTree Hotel Tallahassee. We hope you plan to attend and share in the honoring of our award winners. You just may be one of them!

New Members as of April 2012

Christina Candler, Sheraton Miami Airport Hotel and Executive Meeting Center, Miami

Karen Hodges, Four Points Sheraton, Orlando

Chuck Highers, Plan Ahead Events of the Emerald Coast, Destin

Committee Chairs

Archives, George Nero; Community Service, Gloria Marion-Smith; Honors & Awards, Jenean Chavey; Membership, Lydia Southwell; National Conference, Ray Lowe; Programs, Jennifer Anderson; Publications, Arlene Roberts; Special Events, Faith Clarke; Sponsorship, Arlene Roberts; Marketing, Gabrielle Gabrielli, PhD; Web, Janet Roach

Our Regional Conference Charity is the Ronald McDonald House of Mobile

The SREC committee annually selects a charity from the conference community in order to give back to the conference location community. This year we have selected the Ronald McDonald house of Mobile <http://www.rmhcmobile.org/> as our conference charity.

The mission of the Ronald McDonald House is to be a welcoming home that serves families of seriously ill and injured children who are receiving medical treatment at area hospitals. Their home satisfies families' needs and provides quality of life without compromising personal dignity. Their home allows staff, volunteers and board members personal satisfaction in an atmosphere of trust, respect and the highest ethical standards.

They are in need of monetary donations and items listed on the "wish list". Please help this worthy cause with your generous donations.

Thank you so much for your support of our conference charity.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Amy Brown, CGMP, SREC Charity Chair, Florida Capital Chapter President

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We will be accepting donations at the July 17, 2012 Membership meeting.



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