



Capital Event

Florida SGMP Capital Chapter

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Getting to Know our Members - Spotlight on Mary Jo Ortiz

What is your favorite food and/or beverage?

Stoli Dirty Martini with blue cheese stuffed green olives

If you could stay a certain age, what age would it be and why? *I would like to be 47 years old for the rest of my life. In fact, I have been 47 for over 10 years now. At 47 you are not too young nor are you too old. You have experience but you are not experienced. You can act maturely but you are not mature. Middle aged, not old.*

What is your biggest accomplishment? *My two wonderful children, my son Jimmy and my daughter Joanna. They and their families, are my world! ♥*

Name one thing on your bucket list and why it is on your list? *I would like to travel back to Italy with my sister. We toured Italy about ten years ago together and I would love to go back one more time. My Grandparents were from Italy and I would like to visit the town of Sora, where they are from for more than just a few hours like last time, it is beautiful country.*

If you had the opportunity to have dinner with anyone, dead or alive, who would it be with and why? *I would love to spend time once again with my Grandmother. We lived right next door to my grandparents when I was growing up in the suburbs of Chicago and I spent a lot of time with her and we shared many memories. My Grandmother was at my wedding and a few months later found out I was pregnant with my first child but she passed away shortly after that. I traveled home for her funeral and already felt the sadness that she would never know my children. I would love to be with Gramma again to share the part of my life that she has missed and let her know she is in my heart every day*

If you could pick anyone, who would you choose to be your mentor and why? *That is an easy question as I already have/had a mentor, Mr. Ed Quigley. I have learned so much from him in the Hotel Industry. He is a class act and one of the reasons I host the November Reception for SGMP. He believes in supporting the Organizations you belong to and when you host an event you go "all out". He has taught me creative negotiating, especially when it comes to working with people who have become your friends. And everyone I meet that has worked with Ed Quigley considers him a "friend", even people he had to fire! Sadly though, we lost our friend three years ago when he lost his battle with cancer. He may be gone but he is not forgotten. To this day I ask myself in tough situations, "What would Ed do?"*

What is your favorite quote? *"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou*

What chore do you hate doing? *All of them, I pay to have my house cleaned!*

*How would you answer these questions?
Think about it as the spotlight may be on you next.*



Jason Zaborske
President



Mary Jo Ortiz, Sales Manager
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Thank you to Hilton Daytona Beach
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November meeting!

Chapter members started the holidays with a pre-Thanksgiving reception that included chef carved roast turkey, a mashed potato bar and top shelf adult beverages. The reception was followed by an informative presentation by the "See Different Team" from the Division of Blind Services. Walter Blackmon, Adam Gaffney and Randall Crosby shared their strategies for negotiating the world. They also provided helpful hints on how to assist visually impaired travelers and meeting participants.



Mary Jo Ortiz, Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort along with Adam Gaffney, Randall Crosby and Walter Blackmon of the See Different Team receive Certificates of Appreciation from Chapter President Jason Zaborske



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**SGMP Florida Capital Chapter Meeting Schedule 2016**

December 6, 2016

5:30-7:00pm

Program; Holiday Party—Wine Pull Fundraiser

Location: Marie Livingston's Steakhouse

2705 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee

Sponsor: Plaza Resort & Spa

