

# Capital Events



## Special Interest Articles:

- Meeting Mishaps, Barbara Ann Cox, CMP
- SGMP PLANNERS, sponsor

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## "Caribbean Night Supplier Appreciation"

The Capital Chapter SGMP's Supplier members were treated to a wonderful Caribbean themed dinner thanks to the SGMP Planner members. Our meal was prepared by one of our own, Lydia Southwell. The annual event was well received by the suppliers and topped off with homemade desserts.

The program for the event was presented by Ms. Barbara Ann Cox, CMP of Meeting Makers, Inc. and was titled "Meeting Mishaps: Directing Traffic When the Ship Hits the Span". The members worked in groups to address theoretical "wrecks" for a meeting with workable solutions. The members found the activity informative, fun and helpful in dealing with real-life situations. It was also described as a great team building exercise.

The SGMP Board and Planner members thank all of the suppliers who make our meetings possible on an annual basis. Your continued support to the chapter is appreciated and we hope you all had a great time on your special appreciation event. Thanks to all who were able to attend our annual Supplier Appreciation event.

Thank you to the Springhill Suites for the use of your facility to host the Supplier Appreciation Event. We appreciated your kindness for this and hope to be with you again in the future. Florida Capital Chapter Planners, sponsor for the evening.



Above - Barbara Ann Cox, CMP President, Meeting Makers, Inc.

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Above –Planners and Suppliers enjoying our show of appreciation to you the SUPPLIERS for all that you do during the year. Thank YOU!

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*to you from the mystery writer*



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

I am so excited about our special guest that will be at next month's meeting, Rob Coffman our National Liaison will be visiting with us, so please plan to attend.

In addition to Rob, we will be having Christy Crump, President, Administrative Professional Services & Solutions, LLC presenting "Getting and Staying Organized- Organize into Shape"

Ms. Crump states on her website that" Organization is the key to take you where you want to be. Whether you organize your office, schedule, home, or the school PTO fundraiser, organization is essential to succeeding in today's fast-paced culture. This workshop includes tips and tricks, ideas and suggestions, and proven methods for organizing and planning." I look forward to seeing everyone there for this exciting meeting.

Also, on October 27, 2009, SGMP Supplier Members will join together in support of the Gilmer Institute of Learning by making a collective monetary donation to benefit the educational mission of SGMP's thirty Chapters nationwide. Please see the link on our website for more information. http://sgmpfl.org/docs/GilmerDayXI.PDF

Florida also has the opportunity to host the 2013 SGMP National Educational Conference. An RFP was sent to all of SGMP member CVBs/CVAs. If you have any questions regarding the RFP or the conference itself, please contact Chris Middleton, SGMP Director of Conference Services 703/549-0892 or e-mail chris.middleton@sgmp.org .

Again, please see the ad for the Certified Government Meeting Professional (CGMP) training class and examination. We need more people to commit before we can bring the class to Tallahassee.

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

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

November Membership Meeting - "Getting and Staying Organized"

Tuesday, November 17, 2009, 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Brokaw-McDougall House
Sponsored by – Visit St. Pete/Clearwater, Michele Schilling

RSVP

Arlene Roberts
arlene.roberts@fldoe.org or call 850 245-9072

We have an exciting program planned for November 17, 2009. The program will be on "Being Organized both Professionally and Personally" and the presenter will be Christy Crump, President, Administrative Professional Services & Solutions, LLC

Membership Report

As Of Our 9/09 Report
54.7% Planners
45.3% Suppliers
Planners – 58
Suppliers – 48
Not including retirees or Educators/Students

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

A Need to Know – Upcoming Programs

- November 17 – Getting and Staying Organized
December 15 – Holiday Celebration and Charity Event
January 19, 2009 – What's in Your SGMP Playbook
February 16 – Meeting Toolbox
March 16 – Ethics the Do's and Don'ts
April 20 – Another Meeting?
May 4 – So you have to Plan a Meeting?
June 20 – Honors & Awards Banquet
July 20 – Staying Fit
August 17 – Silent Auction

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 – National Conferences:

May 19-22, 2010 - Kansas City, MO
June 8-11, 2011 - Norfolk, VA

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.