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Capital Events



"Effective Leadership"

The September 15 meeting was an exceptional meeting, which was hosted by the Sheraton Orlando North. The speaker, Mark Raciappa, a Business and Action Coach addressed the topic of "Effective Leadership". His discussion on the topic was lively and drew in those who attended by asking three questions 1) what are the characteristics of a leader? 2) What are the actions of a leader? In addition 3), what can you do to improve your leadership skills? Mr. Raciappa's examples in the discussion were vivid and conveyed much to all of the SGMP members who attended. Our thanks to Jackie Rhody at the Sheraton Orlando North for hosting the meeting.

Special Interest Articles:

- Effective Leadership, Mark Raclappa
- Sheraton Orlando North, Jackie Rhody, sponsor

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Above, right to left, Kristi Griffith, our speaker, Mark Raclappa, and Gloria Marion-Smith



Mark Raclappa giving it his all!



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Above – our sponsor for the evening, Jackie Rhody (right) and president, Amy Brown (left). Thank you Jackie for another fantastic sponsorship! We appreciate your continued support of the chapter.

"Dreams are Possible"
to you from the mystery writer



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

October 20, 2009 is our annual supplier appreciation party. This event is designed for the planners to show their appreciation for the suppliers. We have an exciting evening planned at the Springhill Suites on Apalachee Parkway. The theme is "Caribbean Night" so please wear your favorite island attire and get ready to have fun.

In addition to the party, we will be having Barbra Ann Cox, CMP, President, Meeting Makers Inc. presenting "Meeting Mishaps: Directing Traffic when the Ship Hits the Span"

I saw Barbra Ann Cox present at last year's SE Regional Education conference in Jacksonville, FL and she was fantastic.

I look forward to seeing everyone there for this exciting event.

Also please see the ad for the Certified Government Meeting Professional (CGMP) training class and examination. We can bring this to Tallahassee if we have at least 15 participates. Please e-mail me if you would like the training/exam to come to the Capital City.

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October Membership Meeting - "Caribbean Night Supplier Appreciation"

Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Springhill Suites, Apalachee Parkway
Sponsored by – SGMP Planners

Membership Report

As Of Our 8/09 Report
56.3% Planners
43.7% Suppliers
Planners – 58
Suppliers – 45
Not including retirees or Educators/Students

RSVP

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We have an exciting program planned for October 20th, 2009. The program will be on "Meeting Nightmares" and the presenter will be Barbara Ann Cox, CMP, President, Meeting Makers Inc.

A Need to Know – Upcoming Programs

- October 20 – Caribbean Night Supplier Appreciation
October 21 – TSAE Education Day
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 – Another Meeting?
May 12 – So you have to Plan a Meeting?
June 20 – Honors & Awards Banquet
July 20 – Staying Fit

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

Committee Chairs

Archives, George Fong;
Community Service, Gabrielle;
Honors & Awards, Arlene Roberts; Member Services, Teresa Hall; Membership Recruitment and Retention, Retha Nero; National Conference, Amy Brown; Programs, Gloria Marion-Smith; Publications, Arlene Roberts; Special Events, Karen Lambert; Sponsorship, Claire Smith

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.