

Capital Events



"Honors & Awards Banquet"

It was an exciting night for the award recipients of our Annual Honors & Awards Banquet, 2009-2010. As always, the DoubleTree put on a wonderful sit down dinner of Caesar salad, rolls, filet mignon with a cream sauce, twice baked cheddar potatoes, mélange of colorful vegetable, and topped it off with the chef's dessert and Starbucks coffee station. Thank you for the feast! Our sponsor was the Hilton Worldwide hotels and they did a fantastic job making sure everything was fabulous for the event.

We had the honor of having five past presidents join the activity. The board would like to thank you for continuing your membership and sharing this time with us. Thank you to Tammy Hamlet, Merle Manzi, Allen Stucks, Ellen Sliger, and Arlene Roberts.

Special Interest Articles:

- Annual Honors & Awards Banquet
- Award Recipients Congratulations!

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Planner of The Year - Joice Ventry (center) with Retha Nero (left) and Amy Brown (right)



Supplier of The Year - Karen Lambert (center) with Arlene Roberts (left) and Amy Brown (right)

Member's Choice Award - Lydia Southwell

Lydia had to leave the event early due to another commitment. No picture available



President's Award - Janet Roach (right) with Amy Brown (left)



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

The awards banquet was fantastic. I want to thank everyone for their dedication to the chapter this past year. We have recruited 19 new members this year and our planner ratio is 55.8%.

The July meeting is a presentation entitled "Another Meeting? Ways to make meetings more effective for both the supplier and planner!" Again you will receive 0.125 CEUs for participating in the meeting. Our very own Program committee Co-chair; Mrs. Buenita Lee will be conducting the meeting.

Ms. Elizabeth Diaz of the Wyndham Miami Hotel and Executive Center will be sponsoring this meeting. Please RSVP to rsvp@sgmpfl.org

Please also visit <http://www.sgmpfl.org/fundraising.shtml> for more information about our annual silent auction. Proceeds are used to raise money for educational scholarships. We are now accepting donations.

Also do you want to gain visibility for your business? Our website now accepts advertisements. Please contact joice@meetingspots.net for more information. Proceeds from the website ads also provide educational scholarships.

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

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

Thanks again for your valuable support and encouragement.

SGMP Board

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Retha Nero
Janet Roach
Arlene Roberts

Membership Report

As Of Our 1/2010 Report
58.6% Planners
41.4% Suppliers
Planners – 68
Suppliers – 48
Not including retirees or
Educators/Students

July Membership Meeting - "Another Meeting"

Tuesday, July 20, 2010, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Sponsored by – Wyndham Miami Hotel & Executive Meeting Center

RSVP - rsvp@sgmpfl.org

Looking Ahead – National Conferences

June 8-11, 2011 - Norfolk, VA

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

August 17 – Annual Silent Auction
September 14 - So you have to plan a meeting -
The Meeting Planning Timeline
October 19 – Golf Tournament

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

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.



Honors & Awards, cont'



Stellar Award - Retha Nero (right) with Amy Brown (left)



Special Recognition Recipients presented by Amy Brown (left)

Left to right

Gloria Marion-Smith, George Fong, Buenita Lee, Claire Smith, Melissa Jackson, Heather Brown, George Nero, and Arlene Roberts

Thank you to our Board of Directors for their continue dedication and service to the chapter, (left to right), Amy Brown, President; Claire Smith, First Vice President; Ellen Sliger, Immediate Past President; Retha Nero, Director; Chris Schuh, Secretary; Joice Ventry, Treasurer; Janet Roach, Director, and Arlene Roberts, Director and Past President



Honors & Awards, cont'
Thank you to our sponsors throughout the year



President Amy Brown (left in each picture) presenting to our sponsors, above left, Jennifer Dawson, Residence Inn Universities and Tallahassee Capital Courtyard, and Krystal Serrano, DoubleTree Tallahassee



Above - John Read, Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront
Below left, Joice Ventry, Meeting Spots
Below right, Mary Jo Ortiz



Honors & Awards, cont'

Thank you to our Honors and Awards sponsor for this year's event.



Get involved with the chapter. Talk to your committee chairs and let them know you want to be a part of their committee. Sign up now and be one of our recipients next year. YOU can make a difference. We need your support and commitment to work with the TEAM to make things happen and make the chapter the best it can possible be.