



Florida SGMP Capital Chapter



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My “Wonderful” NEC Experience by Amy Brown

I left my house Monday morning to catch a direct flight to Fort Lauderdale. How awesome it that having a direct flight from Tallahassee! However, my “travel buddy”, Janet Roach was unable to get her seat on the over booked plane. Not wanting to separate from her, we choose to fly to Miami and rent a car and drive to Fort Lauderdale. The airline was more than happy for me to give up my seat. We arrived at the Hilton Marina in Fort Lauderdale where we were greeted with a warm smile and margarita’s as soon as we walked in the door. All was well as we started our NEC journey!!

The next day we were able to connect with our fellow chapter members in attendance. Our president Jason Zaborske had co-sponsored a welcome reception with the Central

Florida Chapter, as both our chapters were the host of this year’s NEC conference. Jason introduced our incoming board members, James Moran (president-elect), Karen Hodges (2nd VP), Chris Capozzi (Treasurer), and Betty Ann Lewis (director). He also introduced other chapter members present, Janet Roach and Mary Jo Ortiz (I hope I didn’t miss anyone). It was wonderful to see old friends and make new ones. After that we caught the bus to the “Wonderful” opening night reception at the Museum of Discovery and Science sponsored by the Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau. We were able to see “Wonder Woman” on their new IMAX Theatre.

Did you know we also have a “Wonder Woman” in our chapter? Janet Chernoff was recognized as our chapter super hero during the chapter recognition luncheon. Please take time to congratulate Janet



Chapter President
James L. Moran, Jr. Ph.D.

and thank her for all she does for our chapter!

NEC is a lot of fun, but don’t get me wrong there is serious education also. I would love to share everything but will just highlight my favorite sessions. I attended “Do you Sizzle or Fizzle” by Dr. Dale Henry. Through his entertaining southern style story telling I learned to always be positive, optimistic and a problem solver. This is very helpful when you are traveling and your flight is delayed!

Dr. Dale Henry was also the keynote closing speaker. I

enjoyed and learned more leadership qualities from him. He taught “Never say that’s not my job” or “I wish I had”.

I challenge you to use these leadership skills within our chapter. I can tell you Janet Chernoff never says “That’s not my job” or “I wish I had”. Let’s all strive this year to be the chapter super hero. We need to help our new board and join committees to make our chapter “Super”!

Thank you so much for sending me to this year’s NEC! It was truly a blessing and a “Wonderful” experience. Special thanks also to my friend and “travel buddy” Janet Roach for always being there for me. We have traveled to many NECs together and she is truly a positive, optimistic, problem solver!

P.S. Save the date for NEC 2018 in Norfolk, VA.

June 5-7, 2018.

For those who are wondering about our return, Janet and I did fly direct to Tallahassee from Fort Lauderdale, it was delayed, but we remained calm and happy!

To view all the NEC pictures visit <http://sgmpnec17.eventphototracker.com/>



The Florida Capital Chapter makes their presence known at the NEC in Ft. Lauderdale. Thank you Amy Brown and Karen Hodges for the pictures.





Jason Zaborske, Janet Roach and Mary Jo Ortiz (above) get a photo op with Wonder Woman. Selfie time for Janet, Amy and Mary Jo (below).



Chapter Events

Date: July 18, 2017

Time: 5:30PM - 7:00PM

Speaker: Dr. James Moran

Topic: Florida Capital Chapter Update – Where Do We Go From Here?

Location: SpringHill Suites Tallahassee Central, 1300 Executive Center Drive

Sponsor: Janet Roach, Leon County Tourism Development ([Visit Tallahassee](#)) and Emily Johnson-Truitt, [SpringHill Suites Tallahassee Central](#)

Date: August 15, 2017

Annual Auction Fundraiser – location and sponsor TBA