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# Capital Events



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## "Supplier Appreciation Dinner"

A very big Thank You to SGMP Capital Chapter for such a nice "Supplier Appreciation" evening! The location was beautiful and the food was fabulous! A great time was had by all. As a supplier I appreciate you pointing each of us out and giving each of us a public note of thanks. My Sincere Appreciation, Marcia Burks.



Marcia Burks (left), Coo Coo the Clown (center), and Claire Smith (right)  
We want to thank you Marcia as one of our Special Suppliers for the evening

Janet Roach (right)  
Janet, we are glad you were able to attend this special event!



Coo Coo the Clown (left), with Bill Foley (right)  
Bill, it was great to have you in the mix!



Angela Kurczewski (left), with Coo Coo the Clown (right) Angela, thank you for making your way to the Supplier's Event!

The Florida Capital Chapter held its annual supplier appreciation meeting on March 18th at Dorothy B. Oven Park. Suppliers were greeted by SGMP planners and Coo Coo the Clown. The meeting featured entertainment by Coo Coo and a home cooked meal including lasagna, salad, garlic bread and deserts. Suppliers were individually recognized for being part of the chapter and for all they do throughout the year as sponsors. This meeting was also special because next month our new President, Ellen Sliger will begin her reign. Our outgoing President, Arlene Roberts presided over her last official chapter meeting, after serving our chapter faithfully for the past four years and eight months. Attendees thanked Arlene for her hard work and friendship and urged her to continue to be an interregnal part of our chapter and its success. As a supplier, I am happy to say that attending SGMP meetings is more than a place to build business relationship. It's a place where I am warmly welcomed and I see many friendly and familiar faces. Thank you, Janet Roach

I thought it was a great family affair evening. For the suppliers there it kind of gave us "family" relationship with each of the meeting planners. Because it was Easter time, Ellen's daughter, Melissa, made the special Easter baskets for the suppliers which were very nice. And of course, the clown was great. A nice time was had by all, Bill Foley

President's Message – Arlene Roberts, Florida Capital Chapter President



The time is here to hand over the President duties of the Florida Capital Chapter to Ellen Sliger. I wish Ellen the best in her new adventure with the chapter. I will remain on the board as Immediate Past President, and I am here for Ellen and the rest of the board, various committees, and membership. My four years and nine months as your President has been a heartfelt experience I will always remember. Thank you!

I want to thank each and every one of you for all your hard work, dedication, and commitment to the chapter. It has been my utmost pleasure to have worked with such a TEAM. Keep up the good work and support for your new president.

Ellen, thank you for taking the plunge into this vast area of ups and downs the chapter has been through and the uphill climb for the continued growth of the chapter. You have a great TEAM to work with, and I know you will do a fantastic job.

MORE Supplier Appreciation Dinner Fun!



To the left - Ellen Sliger, our soon to be President (left) with CooCoo the Clown (right) Best of everything to you Ellen!



To the right – Gabrielle Coo Coo the Clown Below – Arlene Roberts and Coo Coo the Clown

Bottom – H A Scott (left) received her 700 PACT Point Pin



Top – Melissa Jackson and daughter Bottom – Teresa Hall Thank you to our registration desk ladies.



SGMP Board

Arlene Roberts  
"Acting Trustee"

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Claire Smith  
Karen Lambert  
Marcia Burks



## Committee / Member Reports

### New Members – Welcome to our newest members!

Karen Crawford, President, CMC & Associates

Kathleen M. Richards, Executive Director, Florida Department of Education

### Florida Capital Chapter Membership

Our planner membership is starting to slip away again. The chapter needs everyone to join together and bring on new government planners. The membership fee is only \$50.00 for the year. Look at the benefits you share in being a member of this organization; the educational programs presented, the networking and tradeshow, fun, food, and good times.

\$50.00 is a small price to pay for all the benefits that come from your membership. Pull that \$50.00 out of your own pocket when renewal time is here and your agency will not pay. Talk the SGMP Talk to others who plan and ask them to pay for themselves to have these benefits at their fingertips. **WE REALLY NEED THE HELP OF EVERY CHAPTER MEMBER ON THIS. THANK YOU.**

Some of you heard at the meeting this month, H A Scott is leaving Tallahassee and relocate in Orlando. We will miss H A and all the time and effort she put forth to assist with the newsletter every month. Thank you H A for your commitment to the monthly newsletter.

Remember, there is always room for someone to assist with this and other committees. If you have an interest in serving on a particular committee, please contact one of the board members, or the committee chair. These names are on the web, from our home page, go to the Chapter Officers and Committees page. The names are also listed here to the right.

If anyone has a recipe they would like to share, please send them to Arlene Roberts, [arlene.roberts@fldoe.org](mailto:arlene.roberts@fldoe.org).

#### Committee Chairs

Archives  
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Special Events  
Ellen Sliger

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Claire Smith

## Food for Thought

Marcia Burks, Florida Hotel and Conference Center

Snickers or Milky Way Bar Cookies – beat together

- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1 Cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 Cup soft butter
- 1 Cup peanut butter
- 1 ½ Teaspoon vanilla
- 2 Eggs

Slowly blend in:

- 3 Cups of Flour
- 1 Teaspoon of baking powder
- 1 Teaspoon of baking soda
- ¼ Teaspoon of salt

40 Snickers Mini's or 40 Milky Way Mini's or mix them up 20 & 20.

Shape the dough around each candy bar, covering it completely. Set approx 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 13 to 16 minutes.



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promote chapter matters  
only. The newsletter will not  
be used to promote a  
member's business or hotel  
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**Membership Report**

As Of Our 3/7/08 Report  
56.3% Planners  
43.7% Suppliers  
Govt. Planners – 54  
Contract Planners – 3  
Suppliers – 45  
Assoc Suppliers – 1  
Educator/Student - 2  
Retired – 7  
Total Members – 112

**Looking Ahead**

National Conferences:  
June 11-14, 2008 Dallas, TX -  
Anatole Hotel  
May 13-16, 2009  
Louisville, KY-The Galt House  
May 19-22, 2010  
Kansas City, MO -The Hyatt and  
The Westin at Crowne Center  
June 8-11, 2011  
Norfolk, VA -The Sheraton and  
The Marriott Waterside

**About Our 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.

**April Membership Meeting**

**“Negotiation”**

Tuesday, April 15, 2008  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Residence Inn Tallahassee, 600 West Gaines Street  
Sponsored by  
Jackie Rhody, Sheraton North Orlando

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**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 - A Need to Know – Upcoming Programs**

April 15, 2008 – Negotiation  
May 6, 2008 – Honors & Awards Banquet  
June – No meeting due to the National Conference, Dallas, Texas  
July 15, 2008 –  
August 19, 2008 –  
September 16, 2008 -



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