

Capital Events



Special Interest Articles:

- National Conference next month, 5/13-15
- National Charity - Kosair

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"Communicating through the Generations"

Presented by Dr. Gabrielle, Gabrielle Consulting

Our meeting held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Blair Stone Road was sponsored by The Florida Hotel and Conference Center, Orlando. Thanks to Ms. Marcia Burks, Sales Manager/Florida State Government & Associations staff for the wonderful reception. Guests were introduced and Ellen Sliger, chapter president, encouraged each member to complete the on-line survey regarding the chapter's services and future direction. She also mentioned that Ms. Retha Nero received a full scholarship from National, as well as George Nero and Dr. Gabrielle receiving partial scholarships. Retha gave the membership status. Also noted, were the nominations for the 2009-2011 board positions, and requests for the Honors & Awards nominations.

One of our own members, Dr. Gabrielle, PhD presented on the topic of "Communicating through the Generations" on defining characteristics of generational cohorts and targeting your message and communication style to achieve desired goals. The presentation and discussion were informative, entertaining and engaging. There was plenty of audience participation and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Dr. Gabrielle will have the presentation on the web in the next couple of days.



Our Speaker, Dr. Gabrielle
Gabrielle Consulting

Ellen Sliger, President (left)
Marcia Burks, Sponsor (right)
Florida Hotel & Conference Center



"There is no I in the word TEAM"
to you from the mystery writer



President's Message – Ellen Sliger, Florida Capital Chapter President

The next couple of months are going to be very busy for the Chapter. It is election time, honor and awards, national conference, member survey and the silent auction is just around the corner. Please take time to get involved and cast your vote, nominate a fellow member, complete the survey or round up some donations for the silent auction. Your assistance is always appreciated.

The Chapter is proud to announce that with member contributions and Chapter funds we were able to contribute \$500 to Kosair, the National Charity. Thank you to all who donated and to Gabrielle, our Community Services Chair.

Please be sure to visit the website sgmpfl.org for information.

SGMP Board

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Suzy Keenan
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A show of three past presidents from left to right Merle Manzi, Arlene Roberts, and Barbara Ann Cox with Ellen Sliger, current president

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.

Membership Report

As Of Our 4/13/09 Report
56.1% Planners
43.9% Suppliers
Govt. Planners – 54
Contract Planners – 5
Suppliers – 47
Assoc Suppliers – 1
Educator/Student - 1
Retired – 6
Total Members - 114

Looking Ahead

National Conferences:
May 13-16, 2009
Louisville, KY
May 19-22, 2010
Kansas City, MO
June 8-11, 2011
Norfolk, VA

A Need to Know – Upcoming Programs

May – No meeting due to the National Conference
June 16 – Honors & Awards Banquet
July 14 – Meeting Technology
August 11 – Silent Auction / Larry Ferguson, Auctioneer
September 15 – Effective Leadership
October 20 – Fright Night/Supplier Appreciation Dinner

June Membership Meeting “Honors & Awards Banquet”

Tuesday, June 16, 2009
5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Governors Club
202 South Adams Street

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Committee Chairs – Archives, George Fong; Community Service, Gabrielle; Honors & Awards, Amy Brown; Member Services, Teresa Hall ; Membership Recruitment and Retention, Retha Nero; National Conference, Ellen Sliger; Programs, Gloria Marion-Smith; Publications and Communications, Melissa Jackson; Special Events, Amy Brown; Sponsorship, Arlene Roberts

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.