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- Supplier Appreciation

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"Supplier Appreciation Dinner" "Standing Out from Your Competition"

One of our own members, Dr. Gabrielle Gabrielli, CGMP, did our program tonight on "Standing Out from Your Competition". Dr. Gabrielli covered a massive territory, some areas included were; consumer trends, marketing trends, emotional intelligence, self awareness, self motivation, empathy, effective relationships, excellent customer service, influencing change, change, change, change, and much more. She had an interactive group with members chiming in with questions asked and comments given. It was something for everyone in the room. For those of you who missed the meeting, you can view the presentation from our home page. Take some time to view this presentation.

Our Supplier Appreciation Dinner was a total success. Several suppliers were able to attend their special event and everyone seemed to enjoy the program, great food, and festive fun of the evening. Macaroni Grill set the stage with chicken parmesan, eggplant parmesan, spaghetti, their famous rosemary bread and dipping sauce, caeser salad and tossed green salad. Desserts were hand crafted by our president, Amy Brown with her famous Tiramisu, and Arlene Roberts furnished her Oakie Cake and her husband, Leon, brought in his homemade cherry vanilla ice cream. Everyone enjoyed their first round, and we were delighted to see those who came back for a second helping of whatever. It was great to see more suppliers able to attend this year and we hope to build this to more next year. Thank you to all our suppliers who continually support the chapter with their sincere commitment and dedication. We appreciate all you do! MANY THANKS! Pictures on page 4.



Above left to right
Gloria Marion-Smith, Programs,
Dr. Gabrielle Gabrielli, Speaker (also shown right)
Buenita Lee, Programs

"APPRECIATION – The Key to All"
to you from the mystery writer



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

Remember to mark your calendar and RSVP for the Annual Honors & Awards Banquet on June 14, to be held at the DoubleTree Tallahassee. We are looking forward to another great event to honor chapter members who consistently go above and beyond. Be there to support those who will be honored during this event. This will also be a time to celebrate with your 2011-2013 Board of Directors.

Another June event, is the National Conference to be held June 8 – 10, in Norfolk, VA. If you have not made plans to go yet, there is still time to register. We want as many Florida Capital Chapter members as possible to attend.

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

Please do not hesitate to e-mail me Browna@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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June – Honors & Awards Banquet
sponsored by Hilton Worldwide at DoubleTree Tallahassee
Tuesday, June 14, 2011
RSVP – www.sgmpfl.org
Remember to RSVP and pay on-line to save time at the meeting.

Membership Report

Current Report
56.2% Planners
43.8% Suppliers
Planners – 68
Suppliers – 53
Not including retirees or
Educators/Students

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

June 8-11, 2011 - Norfolk, VA
May 16-19, 2012 – New Orleans, LA

A Need to Know – Upcoming Program Dates

July 12
August 16
September 20
October 18

Committee Chairs

Archives, George Fong
Community Service, Gabrielle
Honors & Awards, Arlene Roberts
Member Services, Melissa Jackson
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Lydia Southwell
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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.

May - National Charity Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP)

Our NEC host cities always provide outstanding hospitality and resources to ensure SGMP members have a most successful conference each year. SGMP always strives to leave an imprint on the community that has welcomed our attendees with open arms. The Commonwealth of Virginia is home to approximately 820,000 veterans...which means that one of every 10 citizens is a veteran. We are confident that—through our members' generous support of VWWP—we can have an impact in our host state.

VWWP is a legislatively-mandated program operated by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services in cooperation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Department of Rehabilitative Services. It was established in 2008 in response to the growing need to improve and expand services to our nation's veterans and their family members whose lives have been touched by stress-related injuries or traumatic brain injury.

SGMP's Old Dominion chapter (based out of Richmond, VA) will spearhead SGMP's efforts to raise funds this year for a cause and a program to which we are all connected simply by being an American. The next six months will be an opportunity for each chapter to begin its promotions and work closely with chapter president Joyce Foggand chapter immediate past president Gloria Colvin to make the national charity a success. The program's newest campaign-"We are Virginia Veterans"-is targeted to reach all eras of veterans and their family members who may benefit from the services and draw strength from the Virginia communities and national supporters such as SGMP.

All chapters and members will soon receive information from our Old Dominion chapter on the 2011 SGMP national charity. For more information now on the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program, visit www.wearevirginiaveterans.org.

This article is taken from the National web site,
<http://www.sgmp.org/nec2011/charity.cfm>

JUNE - Honors & Awards Banquet

Remember to RSVP for our Annual Honors & Awards Banquet coming in June. This event will be sponsored by Hilton Worldwide again this year and held at the DoubleTree Tallahassee. We look forward to an exciting evening and a fantastic meal as usual. You will also have the pleasure of being a part of the new Board of Directors oath. The Installation of Officers will take place at the end of the awards presentations. We hope you will be above to attend this event.

SUPPLIER APPRECIATION DINNER AND FUN EVENT



We had a great show of suppliers this year and hope to continue with more next year. Thanks to all the suppliers who were able to attend our special event to you this year. We appreciate your sincere dedication and commitment to the chapter.



Everyone is having a good time networking and eating great food. Thank you to all our suppliers!

Save the Date
September 11-14, 2011

2011 The Shores Resort & Spa in Daytona Beach Shores, FL
September 11-14, 2011
SGMP Southeast Regional Education Conference

Mark your calendar (September 11-14, 2011) and make plans to join us at the Southeast Regional Education Conference for this premiere event!

- Develop skills to position yourself as a strategic asset to your organization
- Get up-to-speed on industry developments and learn ways to plan more efficiently
- Learn how to work with tighter budgets and less staffing, all while facing higher expectations
- Tap into SGMP's vast network of contacts and established partners
- Learn new planning tools that will help you save time, minimize errors, reduce costs and increase your quality of service

The event will take place at the beautiful [Shores Resort & Spa](#) in Daytona Beach Shores, FL. [Visit us online at: sgmpregionalconference.org](http://sgmpregionalconference.org)

