

Greater Oregon SGMP Chapter Connections

THE PRESIDENT'S LINK

GOSGMP PRESIDENT, LILA DUNCAN, CMP

What a conference! A big thank you to Kelly Stevens-Malnar and her Conference Committee for all of their hard work and to Melinda Thompson and the Village Green Staff who went out of their way to take good care of us. I think that everyone came away with good information and had a great time, as well. Who knew the 80's was so much fun?

In the last newsletter, I talked about the chapter's 20th anniversary this coming November. Be sure to watch for more information on this event.

Another event, you won't want to miss is the National SGMP Conference, May 13-16, 2009, in Louisville, Kentucky. This year's conference theme is: *Finishing First in Education*. Keynoters for the conference are: Bruce Weinstein, Ph.D., "*Lie, Cheat & Steal Your Way to Success*" and Robin Crow, "*How Anyone, in Any Job Can Lead with Enthusiasm, Passion, and Purpose!*" There are a variety of workshops to choose from; our own Jenny Baird has a "Green Hotels" workshop on Friday, May 15th.

Jenny Baird, Kim Blanding & I had the opportunity to travel to Louisville in January for a leadership meeting. We had a sneak peak at some of the Louisville sites (including the Slugger Museum) and stayed at the conference hotel, The Galt House. I think it will be a tremendous conference and would love to see a large Oregon contingent make the trip to Louisville. You can register now for the conference on the national website, www.sgmp.org. If you are thinking about applying for a chapter scholarship to national, please complete the scholarship application form and return it to me.

The National SGMP Headquarters and the National SGMP Board have been working hard and they are moving ahead with lots of new things. It's an exciting time to be part of SGMP.

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE UPDATE

BY: NANCY AHLBIN

April 2, 2009

at Red Lion Hotel on the River

***“Get the Edge...
Drive, Direction and Focus”***

Presenter: Sue Hansen

May 7, 2009

at Holiday Inn Springfield

“Facilitation Tools for Meeting Professionals”

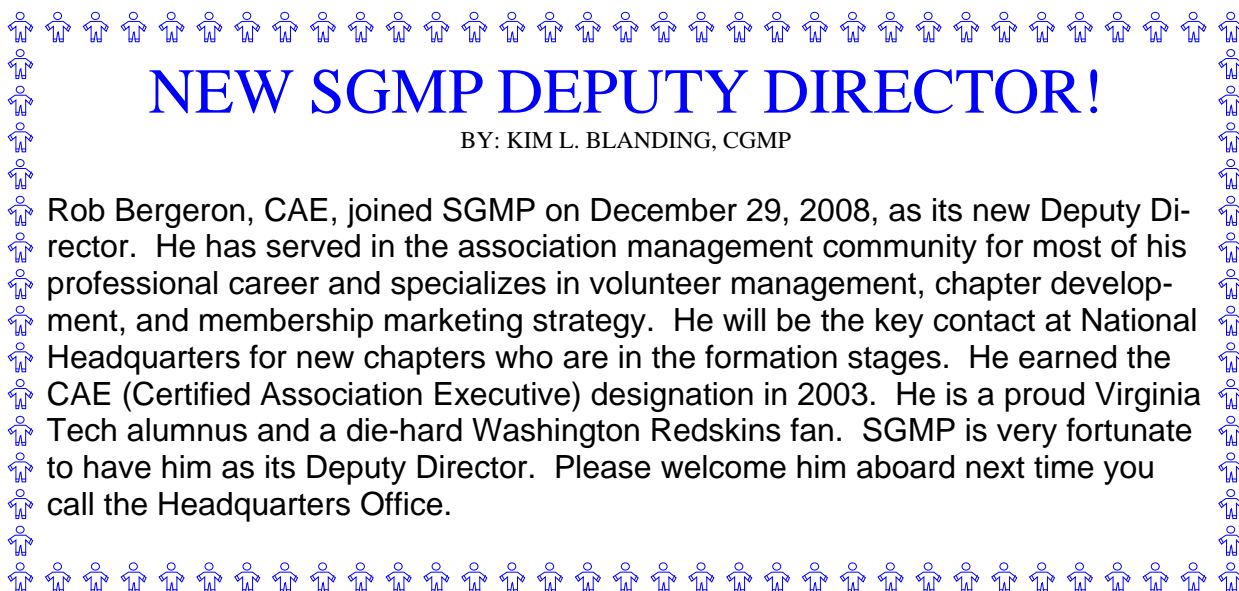
Presenter: George Smith, *Certified Professional Facilitator*

June 4, 2009

at Phoenix Grand Salem

“Best Practices” Chapter Appreciation & Awards Luncheon

Presenter: George Smith, *Certified Professional Facilitator*



NEW SGMP DEPUTY DIRECTOR!

BY: KIM L. BLANDING, CGMP

Rob Bergeron, CAE, joined SGMP on December 29, 2008, as its new Deputy Director. He has served in the association management community for most of his professional career and specializes in volunteer management, chapter development, and membership marketing strategy. He will be the key contact at National Headquarters for new chapters who are in the formation stages. He earned the CAE (Certified Association Executive) designation in 2003. He is a proud Virginia Tech alumnus and a die-hard Washington Redskins fan. SGMP is very fortunate to have him as its Deputy Director. Please welcome him aboard next time you call the Headquarters Office.

HOSPITALITY - FUNDRAISING UPDATE

HOSPITALITY/FUNDRAISING CHAIR - FLETCHER BECK

Hello GOSGMPers,

It was nice to see everyone at the annual conference at the Village Green Resort. A huge thank you goes out to Kelly Stevens-Malnar and her team for making this year's conference a huge success.

Speaking of success, we had close to 30 silent auction items this year which was an increase over last year, and the chapter raised nearly \$3000. This says a lot about the strength of our chapter during these difficult times as the silent auction is an important component of the chapter's budget and the annual conference. Thank you to everyone for participating in this year's auction either through your donation and/or your bid.

On an additional note, the chapter has raised over \$600 this year through the monthly lunch raffle. Great job everyone and keep up the good work.

Finally I would like to mention that my reign as the hospitality/fundraising chair is coming to an end. With the upcoming elections, the chapter is looking for an outstanding individual to take on responsibilities of this important role. If you have any questions regarding this position, or all the fame and notoriety that goes along with it please let me know.

Thank you,



COMMUNITY RELATIONS UPDATE

COMMUNITY RELATIONS CHAIR - TRACEE GURNEY JOHNSON

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 50/50 raffle at the Annual GOSGMP conference! We raised \$202.00 for the Oregon Food Bank. Our winner of the 50/50 raffle was Kathy Melzer of Oregon School Employees Association and she graciously gave her \$101.00 winnings back to the Oregon Food Bank. THANK YOU KATHY!

The \$202.00 that was raised and donated will help Oregon Food Bank collect and distribute 1,000 pounds of food or enough food to fill 17 emergency food boxes. A typical emergency food box provides enough food for a family of four for three-to five-days.

I know that it is a hard time for everyone and we all have our challenges to deal with. These hard times make everyone's participation extra special in helping our fellow Oregonians!



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

COMMUNICATION CHAIR - JAN JOHNSTON

We had approximately 47 members attend our GOSGMP Annual Conference at the Village Green Resort in Cottage Grove. Melinda Thompson and the staff were great hosts. If you want to know about Cottage Grove talk to Melinda she has first hand knowledge of the area. The conference committee lead by Kelly Steven-Malnar did a great job of planning and coordinating the conference. Thank you for all your work.



"20 years and Still Growing Strong"

We began the conference with a presentation entitled, Leading Yourself and Teams, discussing team, self, enterprise/organization and conscious awareness. Leading was defined as providing direction or guidance; winning: to be the victor, to overcome barrier/challenges and teams: people gathered and in action to achieve a shared purpose. An interesting thought was made saying that we often let our mindset influence the results, so be positive.



The conference continued with a variety of topics and ended with a presentation entitled, Setting To Your Objective which was an interactive session where we learned different meeting room sets, how to calculate square footage and how to make meetings more productive and comfortable for attendees. It's amazing what a small change can do.

If you were unable to attend the conference, the presentations will be available on our website.

In closing, our conference Past, Present, Future “20 years and Still Growing Stronger” lead to the theme for our Monday night banquet which was the 80’s. Not only was GO-SGMP in the making in the 80’s but there were some interesting clothing fashions. We have some very creative members among us who came up with the fashionable hair styles from teased, to crimped, to side pony tails along with dark eye make-up, bright lips and the outstanding bright colored clothing and leggings, to accessories of big hoop earrings, jelly/bangle bracelets.



2008/2009 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

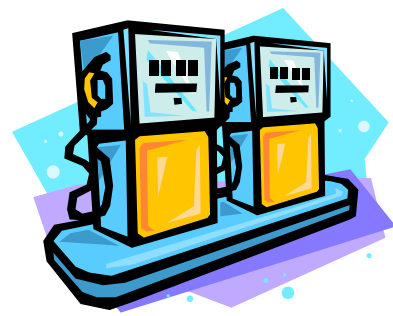
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - JENNY BAIRD

We started our membership drive in September and for each planner guest you bring to a GOSGMP meeting we will provide you with a \$10.00 gas card! Anyone can play; all you have to do is bring a new planner guest and you will receive a \$10.00 gift card on the spot. Plus, there are some great prizes at the end of this!

The membership drive will be effective September 2008 through June 4, 2009

In the end, who ever has brought the most planner guests to our meetings will receive \$150.00 in any of the following: CASH, credit towards the monthly luncheons, or credit towards National or Annual Conference.

Bring a guest! Here’s your opportunity for some extra money!



WHAT'S HAPPENING



CONGRATULATIONS!

The Resort at the Mountain in Welches is the 2008 recipient of the U.S. Local Business Association's Best of Welches Award.



ARTICLES WELCOME!

Our Newsletter "Chapter Connections", which is published quarterly is a great communication tool for all members so if you have attended training or have an article to share with other members please submit them to Jan Johnston or Rocci Taylor.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

2009 NATIONAL SGMP EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

BY: KIM L. BLANDING, CGMP

Finishing First in Education is this year's theme for SGMP's 27th Annual Education Conference scheduled for May 13-16, in Louisville, Kentucky. This year the host hotel is the Galt House which President Lila Duncan, 2nd Vice President Jenny Baird, and I toured for the first time at our Joint Leadership Meeting in January. Though the temperature was somewhat cold (-1 one morning) the temperature in May should be much warmer! Some of the highlights for this year's conference include the Welcome Reception to be held at the newly opened Muhammad Ali Center; dynamic keynote speakers, Bruce Weinstein, PH.D., and Robin Crow; and excellent educational tracks. Some differences this year include the Sam Gilmer Awards Banquet to be held Thursday night as this is an election year for the National Board of SGMP, Friday night is supplier night, and the National Silent Auction is back organized by the Gilmer Institute of Learning Trustees. This year's community project will be for Kosair Charities which was formed in 1923 by a committee of members from Louisville's Kosair Shrine Temple, doctors, lawyers, and community leaders. The mission was to provide the highest quality health care possible for children who had nowhere else to turn. For more information on the Conference, please go to the SGMP National Website, www.sgmp.org. It is going to be an excellent conference!



SGMP NATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE – MAY 13-16, 2009 – Louisville, KY

Join us for two days of great educational opportunities. You will be offered daily CEU certified educational tracks focused on personal and professional development, contracts, meeting management, supplier skills, and technology trends. You can also take advantage of our pre-conference certification courses in CGMP, CMP & CHSC. You can't afford to miss the networking and great educational programs, so mark your calendar for SGMP's 27th Annual Education Conference, May 13-16, 2009.

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Registration Fees

Registration fees subject to change

Government Planner Member	\$325.00
Government Planner Non-Member	\$400.00
Contract Planner Member	\$410.00
Contract Planner Non-Member	\$575.00
Associate Supplier Member	\$550.00
Associate Supplier Non-Member	\$600.00
Supplier Member Non-Exhibiting	\$610.00
Supplier Non-Member	\$1175.00
Guest	\$335.00
Honors Luncheon	\$50.00
Student Member	\$280.00
Retiree Member	\$325.00



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Check the SGMP website for updates on the 2009 National Education Conference!

www.sgmp.org

For Membership information and application to join SGMP, please go to www.sgmp.org and click Membership

For questions, please call 703-549-0892

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To be a dynamic, innovative chapter that is recognized for providing quality education and expertise to its members.

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