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September 2010 Luncheon.....

Our next monthly luncheon will be held on Tuesday, September 14th, at 11:30 am, at the Leon County Community Room at the Amtrak Station located at 918 Railroad Avenue in Tallahassee.

Our guest speakers will be Mrs. Geraldine Seay. Mrs. Seay will give a presentation on the Restoration Years of B Sharp's Jazz Café.

The luncheon will be catered by Michele Davis and the cost is \$7.00 for members and \$9.00 for guests.

Reservations are required and should be made to myself via email at:

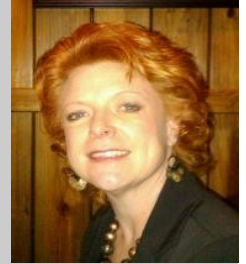
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CUT OFF DATE FOR RESERVATIONS IS:

Noon, FRIDAY, September 10th 2010

From the President, Sabrina Hartley.....

Can you believe that it's September already? Of course, with election season upon us, we'll be wishing for November to get here soon enough to bring an end to the onslaught of political ads, mudslinging, and media. Woops, maybe I shouldn't have opened that way since it's election season for the NFCPM as well. Of course, our elections come without the overwhelming ads, mailers, and mudslinging. In fact, they're mercifully quite pleasant and hopeful.



You've probably already heard that the chapter is seeking members to serve in the treasurer and secretary positions as well as the creation and implementation of a new communication committee. While we've had some interest in the two position vacancies, we're still looking for a few people to serve on the communication committee. This committee will be integral to the chapter's continued growth and our ability to successfully meet members' needs. Please consider whether you could serve the chapter in this capacity.

In the past, the chapter has had to beg, cajole, and persuade people to serve on the board. We're working very hard to change that paradigm. Since we're developing a top-notch alumni chapter, we've set our sights on attracting top-notch quality servants to its board that are committed to helping shape and participate in the chapter's future. Playing a leadership role in the North Florida Chapter of Certified Public Managers will be a point of pride that one can note on their resume with distinction. Having said that, we're looking for enthusiastic members willing to brainstorm and share their ideas about improving member communication as well as play a role in making things happen. Please consider whether this service appeals to you and if it's time for you to take on a new challenge. If it is indeed of interest, please drop myself or the VP, Pam King, a note so we can continue the conversation. As you've also heard me say, if now is not the time for you to take on such a commitment, please consider how else you might get involved in or support the chapter. We will repeat the fall member survey to both gauge our performance over the last year as well as help plan activities and organizational development for 2011. Please give some thought to what kind of feedback you can and will provide so we can continue on our path to greatness in 2011.

Finally, going back to the whole election season theme, I don't know when it became a bad thing to be a public servant but I refuse to abandon the pride I bring to my office everyday as I honestly work to serve my state and the people in it. As Certified Public Managers, I know you share this commitment and pride. I hope the chapter and its activities will reinforce the positive aspects of public service and management and remind you that you are not alone and that your expertise is invaluable. While some aspiring politicians may not fully appreciate what we bring to the table, I hope you will take a moment to remind yourself of the skill, training, and value that you bring everyday as well as the commitment you made and achieved by becoming a CPM. Once you've got that down, spread some appreciation and pride in your workplace; for it's the same politicians espousing platforms to do away with public employees that will be relying on our skill, commitment, and knowledge to make things work if they get into office.

If you'd like more information about the chapter's position vacancies, please visit our [webpage](#) or Facebook page.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

It's time once again to renew your membership in the Florida Society of Certified Public Managers. The cost of membership is \$40 for one year and \$70 for two years. Fees include membership in the Florida Society of Certified Public Managers (FSCPM), the North Florida Chapter (NFCPM) and the American Academy of Certified Public Managers (AACPM).

There is a membership application attached or you can go to www.fscpm.org and print a form from the web. Membership is from January to December. If you have questions about when your membership expires, please contact FSCPM Membership Chair Fred Levinson at eflev@bellsouth.net.

There are many benefits to being a member of the FSCPM and NFCPM. These include:

Monthly chapter meetings which provide timely information on leadership and management topics

Networking opportunities with other professional managers through a variety of chapter and state activities and events

Opportunity for career development through state and chapter sponsored luncheons, seminars and workshops at reduced fees

Opportunity to give back to the Tallahassee community through community service projects

Opportunity to interact regularly with the Florida Center for Public Management trainers and get information on recent changes to the Certified Public Management curriculum

Awareness of new developments in theory and practice of public management

You can mail your completed membership form to Fred Levinson at the address on the application or give it to the North Florida Chapter Treasurer at the meeting which is held the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14 from 11:30-1:00 at the Leon County/Amtrak training room on Railroad Avenue.

2011 Elections

As you may or may not know , nominations for the upcoming office vacancies are due in October. With voting to be done in November and new officers to be sworn in December.

The following offices will need to be filled this year. Secretary, Treasurer.

Rather than trying to assemble a committee, however, We think the board is generally going to handle recruitment until we can make the organizational change to combine award and position nominations, and maybe some other duties, to designated members-at-large (number and election/appointment TBD). We talked briefly about this organizational change at the last board meeting and will continue the conversation at the September meeting. Hope to see you all there.

Our Committee Chairs

The following is a list of Committees and the names of the current Committee Chairpersons.

Current Committee Chairs Include:

Chapter Effectiveness Committee – Dottie Gough

Community Service Committee – Sherry Valdez

Fund Raising Committee – Cheryl Graham

Awards Committee – Shelanda Shaw

Newsletter Committee - Gary Alberstadt

Program Committee - Pamela King

Chapter Photographer Phil Barnett

Vacant Committee Chair / Service Positions

Legislative Affairs Committee
Membership Committee

Level VIII Graduation Committee

Nominations Committee

As you can see there are still a number of open positions.

Please let Sabrina or one of your officers know if you would like to help with or chair one of these committees.

Your Officers and fellow members are here to help and support you.

Upcoming Events.....

Our chapter has an opportunity to volunteer with WFSU's fall pledge drive on Monday, October 25. If you have not volunteered at a pledge drive before, you are encouraged to give it a try! The work is straightforward, the camaraderie is energizing, and there's free food! The Chapter also receives public recognition throughout the drive as the hosts recognize our service. Our chapter has been asked to commit five volunteers on Monday, 10/25/10 from 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. The location is the WFSU studios on Pottsdamer Drive. To learn more or sign up, please contact Paula Kiger ASAP at (850) 556-3517 or opuswsk@aol.com!

Checkout Our Facebook Page.....

For those of you who have not dared to (like me.....) check out our NFCPM Facebook page, well it didn't hurt a bit. Simply click, or cut and paste (depending on how this works) this link:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=134302226597331&v=wall&ref=ts>

While I myself do not subscribe to the Facebook Culture, I was able to access it through my wife's account in her office. It didn't hurt. I would recommend contacting Paula Kiger at: kigerp@healthykids.org for help.

I will say this if you click on something just to check it out..... Good luck undoing whatever you did and maybe volunteered for. My wife was showing me what different things did and "poof..." you can not undo it. Maybe that is why I keep away from it.

**NORTH FLORIDA CHAPTER MID-YEAR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS
AND CHAPTER EFFECTIVENESS UPDATE
by Dottie Gough, CPM**

The North Florida Chapter can be proud of its accomplishments through the first part of 2010. Some of these accomplishments include:

Participating in four community service projects including: (1) Special Olympics 5 K run event in January; (2) WFSU Spring Radio Pledge Drive in March; (3) Florida History Fair in May; and (4) Tulip Trot 5K Run-Walk for Parkinson's Disease in May. We look forward to being involved in more community service projects in 2010. Contact co-chairs Sherry Valdez and Paula Kiger for more info in upcoming events.

Participating in Level VIII Graduation in Tallahassee in July. This event was coordinated by committee chair Kim Veldink. The chapter was very actively involved in this event by: (1) staffing membership and marketing table throughout the three day event; (2) sponsoring the afternoon break on July 7; (3) coordinating lunch on July 8; and (4) participating in the graduation ceremony and assisting in serving punch and cake on July 9.

Holding a teambuilding session to celebrate Public Service Recognition Month in May. This event was coordinated by committee chair Shelanda Shaw.

Holding two fundraising activities - coordinated by committee chair Cheryl Graham.

Contributing three articles to the State Society Newsletters - articles submitted by Chapter President Sabrina Hartley.



Words of Wisdom.....

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

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