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## Presidential Thoughts

By Terry Boldt, CMP

If you didn't attend the charity reception at the Summit Lake Winery you missed out on a really good evening event. We donated \$2,500 to the Dream Factory and handed out several door prizes. Then, of course, we had the drawings for each of the regional packages. Luckily, some of the winners were in attendance at the reception. I want to thank the charity committee who did all of the work, thanks to everyone who sold and bought raffle tickets, all of the suppliers who donated door prizes and the convention and visitor bureaus that worked with suppliers and put together all of drawing packages. It was truly a successful event.

I wasn't able to attend the national conference in Orlando but several of our members did. I spoke with a few of those who did attend and it sounds like the conference was highly successful. I am sure we will be hearing more about this year's conference when our scholarship recipients tell all.

The chapter has two big events that are coming up. The first is the chapter's 10th Anniversary celebration. We will be gathering at Tan-Tar-A on June 27 to commemorate this milestone for the chapter. You should have already received a registration form to attend. Make sure to fill it out and send it in. It should be a good time; I know the committee is working hard to come up with a really special event. The entertainment will be great, I have heard them perform before and they are incredibly talented.

Secondly, the Joint Meeting Planners Trade Show is going to be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel on July 15. The chapter will be paying the registration fee for any of our planners who want to attend. Just mark the SGMP box on the registration form and send it in. The chapter will be paying for all of the planners at one time.

This year the trade show will offer a Speakers Showcase that will feature 12 different speakers. Each speaker will have a few minutes to deliver a brief portion of his or her presentation. Hopefully each speaker will be able to show you enough of their presentation to peak your interest. You might even be able to find a speaker for your next event.

Hope to see you at Tan-Tar-A on June 27th.

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## SGMP National Conference – Orlando, Florida

By Denise Evans

For those who have never attended the National Conference, please consider doing so. The scholarship program is open to all members of the State Capital Chapter. Plan to attend the August 14<sup>th</sup> educational opportunity at Capitol Plaza Hotel to hear from attendees as they provide a synopsis of what can be gained from participation in all events at the National Convention.

This was my first year to attend the National Conference; I was representing Terry Boldt, President, who was unable to attend due to a conflicting conference. The networking opportunities were great and I made many new friends. There may even be the opportunity to form an inter-state conference down the road with adjoining states.

Since it would take pages to tell about all the wonderful things at the conference, I believe two of the greatest were: Missouri State Capitol Chapter receiving the Membership Award – for retaining and continuing to recruit new members on the greatest percentage basis of all SGMP chapters. What a great accomplishment – Lagina Fitzpatrick, our membership chair accepted the award.



A few of the attendees from the Capital City Chapter at the National Conference in Orlando, FL.

Second, while attending the Chapter President's Roundtable – the Missouri State Capital Chapter was awarded a Certificate of Success for the following programs:

- 1) Holiday Extravaganza Brings Members Together
- 2) Raffle for Charity and Scholarships
- 3) Together We're Better

These achievements are also listed in the "Celebration of Chapter Success" book, which will be on display along with the awards at the upcoming awards banquet at Tan-Tar-A.

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## The Winner is...

By Michele Burrows, Co-chair Charity Event

We announced several winners at our Annual SGMP Charity Event on Thursday, May 15, 2003 at the Lake Summit Winery. Terry Bolt, Chapter President, presented a \$2,500 check to the Dream Factory. This is an organization that fulfills wishes of seriously ill children.

Lagina Fitzpatrick was this year's top seller in raffle sales. She was recognized and received \$100 at our May 15 monthly luncheon which she quickly donated to Relay for Life. Way to go Lagina! Top sellers were:

- Lagina Fitzpatrick (\$275)
- Rita French (\$255)
- Mary Rockelman (\$149)
- Michele Burrows (\$135)
- Vicky Buschjost (\$134)
- Christine Ketterer (\$123)
- Connie Hovis & Kristie Freed team (\$120)
- Tammy Bagley & Beth Mead team (\$101)
- Debbie Alderson (\$75) and Kay Samuelson (\$75)
- Denise Evans (\$71)



l to r: A Dream Factory representative is presented with a check for \$2,500 by Terry Boldt, Chapter President.

A big thank you to all the CVB's and CVC's for their efforts in putting together our Charity Raffle Baskets, they were awesome.

- Branson – Mandy Schwarz
- Columbia – Beth Mead
- Jefferson City – Stephanie Lehmen
- Kansas City – Rod Sanchez
- St. Joseph – Mary Supple
- St. Charles – Martha Little
- St. Louis – Helen Comer
- Springfield – Diane Gillespie
- Joplin – Candace Boyer
- Lake of the Ozarks – Lagina Fitzpatrick

A special thank you to our sponsors for the food and beverage for the evening.

- Lake of the Ozark CVB
- Holiday Inn Sunspree
- Tan-Tar-A Resort
- Lodge of the Four Seasons
- Inn at the Grand Glaize.



l to r: Mary Rockelman, Don Dickey, Denise Schaben and Terry Boldt - four of the ten regional basket winners.

**We want to thank all those who donated door prizes for this event.**

## Membership Report

By Lagina Fitzpatrick, CMP  
Membership Chair

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**O**ur membership is still growing, we are now up to 124 members!!

Welcome to our new members:

- Lana Rothermel, Holiday Inn Joplin
- Gina Mauller, MU Conference Office, Columbia
- Mary Pat Luebbering, Dept. of Health & Senior Services
- Reba Eads, Dept. of Corrections

We have the following changes in our membership:

- Linda Amptmann replaces Lucia Shawna at Doubletree, Chesterfield
- Becky Imhoff replaces Susan Rhoades at SEMA
- Kelli Lay replaces Patricia Kueter at Holiday Inn Express, Jefferson City
- Vicki Brawley is back at Holiday Inn Sports Complex in KC replacing Brett Stottermyre
- Tammy Bagley replaces Beth Mead at Columbia CVB

The following have applications to turn in:

- Erica Spruille, Kansas City Airport Marriott
- Allison Rentfro, UMC-School of Medicine
- David Daniels, Embassy Suites Hotel, Kansas City
- Rennee Greenshields, Missouri Enterprise
- Barb Barnard, MODOT
- Debbie Nolan, Dept of Health & Senior Services
- Vicki Hale, MO State Board of Healing Arts
- Carolyn Auckley, MO Dept of Conservation
- Robin Bartley, MODOT
- David Bulson, Monroe Plaza, Jefferson City

Please welcome all the above new members. If you know any of the above that have applications out please talk up SGMP.

We are still looking for mentors for our new members. This will not take up a lot of your time. If you are interested please let Carrie Spicer or myself know.

Thank you to all of you for spreading the word about SGMP and bringing guest to the meetings. We received an award at the National Conference in Orlando for our increase in membership with minimum number of drops over the past year. We could not do it without you.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments on membership, 573-365-2334 or [laginaf@hotmail.com](mailto:laginaf@hotmail.com)

### Membership Renewals:

The following members have June or July renewals:

- Marla Ashley 6/03
- Buffy Berendzen 6/03
- Courtney Cassil 6/03
- Robin Jones 6/03
- Patty McElroy 6/03
- Diane Miller 6/03
- Conrad Moody 6/03
- Kathryn Szwargulski 7/03
- Nancy France 7/03
- Krista Gurley 6/03
- Barb Henry 6/03
- Tate Womack 7/0.

Please let me know if you have not received your renewal information from the National Office or if you have any questions.

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 Remember, the new  
 planner rate is \$25  
 to renew and  
 suppliers rate is \$300,  
 what a deal!  
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## Planner Profile Meet Your President

Name: Terry Boldt, CMP  
 Current Employment: Department of Economic Development  
 Title: Public Information Manager  
 Years in SGMP: Four  
 Hometown: California  
 Last Movie Seen: One Hour Photo  
 Favorite Book: "And So It Goes" by Linda Ellerbee  
 Favorite Celebrity: David Letterman  
 Favorite TV Show: That 70's Show  
 Favorite Vacation Spot: Orlando, Florida  
 Hobbies: Golf and Woodworking  
 Favorite Quote: When you come to a fork in the road, take it.  
 Favorite Singer: Harry Chapin  
 Favorite Movie: High Noon  
 Favorite Food: Barbeque



## Supplier Profile Meet Your 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.

Name: Lagina Fitzpatrick, CMP  
 Current Employment: Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, Lake Ozark  
 Title: Sales Manager  
 Years in Industry: 17  
 Degree Received: BS-Restaurant Management, SMSU  
 Hometown: St. Clair, Missouri  
 Last Movie Seen: Two Weeks Notice  
 Favorite Book: "Anything" by Sidney Sheldon  
 Favorite TV Show: CSI/Las Vegas  
 Favorite Celebrity: Tim McGraw  
 Favorite Vacation Spot: Destin, Florida  
 Hobbies: Walking & Reading  
 Favorite Quote: "It is better to have loved and lost than to never have loved at all."  
 Mentor: Harry Faigle/Mark Bowman/Barb Teer

## How Can I Help?

By Denise Evans

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It was great being the recipient of awards at the National Conference. If each member would recruit a new member, (\$25 annual membership fee for planners) and serve on at least one committee during the year – the Missouri State Capital Chapter could become the best in a lot more categories next year. If you have an interest in a particular area or are willing to offer assistance, please print off and complete the committee sign up sheet on page nine. We are looking for all the help we can get. By getting more involved, you will be amazed at all the new friends you will make.

Believe me when I say – most of the national folks know who the Missouri State Capital Chapter is! We may be small, but we are mighty (good singers) from the SHOW-ME State!

## Treasurer Report

By Brenda Buschjost

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As of June 5, 2003 the Missouri State Capital Chapter of SGMP is carrying a balance of \$9,147.63. Everyone's effort to pay on time is appreciated and has made my job much easier. Thank you!

## Missouri State Capital Chapter-SGMP Celebrates 10 years!

**Michele Burrow & Lagina Fitzpatrick, CMP  
Co-Chairs 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

**A**re you ready for the next Big Bang? The 10th anniversary celebration is just around the corner and we hope your registration is in!!

Friday, June 27 at Tan Tar A Resort, Lake Ozark, we will celebrate ten years of success. The evening will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:15 p.m., followed by our yearly awards and special guest recognition. The Big Bang from St. Louis will entertain us from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

We are selling entertainment passes for \$10 each to anyone who isn't attending the banquet and wants to come at 9 p.m. to see The Big Bang perform. Please let us know if you need any tickets for your friends or family.

We still have sponsorship slots open as well. If you are interested in sponsoring part of this event, please call Lagina at 573-365-2334.

This is an event you will not want to miss. If you have not received your invitation or if you have any questions, please call Michele Burrows at 573-636-0301 or Lagina Fitzpatrick at 573-365-2234.

### “Why Recycle?”

By Denise Evans

The May event was well attended and thought provoking for many in attendance. The speaker was one of our own chapter members, Angela Gehlert, Recycling Coordinator for the Office of Administration, Division of Purchasing and Materials Management. Angela spoke on the small things that individuals and businesses can do to recycle, and the impact those small things can make on the environment. A saying that has been around for many years is, “If We All Do A Little, We Can All Do A Lot.” Angela did a great job; there are a couple of the hotels that are actually planning to incorporate some recycling efforts into upcoming renovation projects. Thank you!



l to r: Agela Gehlert, Recycling Coordinator for OA, showing some of the products created through recycling to Terry Bolt, SGMP Chapter President.

The event was hosted by Best Western Capital Inn – poolside and the weather was very cooperative. The meal was extremely yummy, catered by Capital City Steakhouse. Table favors and door prizes (those wonderful bags full of beach goodies) were sponsored by Best Western Capital Inn and Double Tree Hotel, Kansas City. Perfect door prizes just in time for the

### Why Recycle? (Continued)

National Conference in Orlando. A special thanks to both of the suppliers for providing such a unique and memorable event.

### Upcoming Events

June 27	Awards – SGMP Capital Chapter’s 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tan-Tar-A Resort
July 15	Joint Trade Show Capitol Plaza Hotel
August 21	Scholarship Recipients Tell All About Nationals Capitol Plaza Hotel
September 11	Lewis and Clark Theme Governor’s Office Building-Jefferson City
October 9	Motivational Speaker Holiday Inn Select - Columbia
November 13	Let Your True Colors Shine Through Ramada Inn - Jefferson City
December 5	Holiday Extravaganza & Silent Auction Location - TBA



## Saint Charles CVB Team Provides FAM Tour

By Rita French

I would like to express my thanks for a fantastic time in Saint Charles from June 6-9, 2003. The hospitality shown to the meeting planners by everyone involved was overwhelming. From the time we arrived at the Hampton Inn Saint Charles to our parting Champagne Brunch at the Ameristar Casino, no details were overlooked. I will have to say, this is the first time I've ever arrived at a hotel to find my bed turned down, mints on the pillows, soft music playing on the radio, soft lights on, a bottle of wine with a wine glass and too many amenities to mention. We were pampered and spoiled all weekend but have come to expect no less from the team in Saint Charles.

We even managed to get a tour of the ground breaking for the new Saint Charles Convention Center. I don't know if you remember the press release I printed about a year ago announcing the convention center to be built by John Q. Hammons in Saint Charles but 12 years of hard work is finally paying off. After this past weekend, I can say without a doubt, if you need it, it can be found in Saint Charles and their team stands ready to assist you in any way possible.

A special thanks to the following:

Saint Charles Convention and Visitors Bureau  
 Hampton Inn & Suites Saint Charles (a welcome to leave you speechless)  
 Whitmore Country Club (a fabulous lunch complete with cheesecake)  
 Bluffs Golf Course  
 Stegton Regency Conference and Banquet Center  
 The Columns Banquet and Conference Center  
 Saint Charles Family Arena  
 Comfort Suites Saint Charles  
 Heart of Saint Charles Banquet & Conference Center  
 Saint Charles Hotel  
 Lewis & Clark Boathouse and Museum (like nothing you've ever seen, you must visit)  
 Saint Charles Princess Yacht (what a fantastic dinner cruise with entertainment – unforgettable)  
 Holiday Inn Wentzville (a breakfast buffet you just wouldn't believe)  
 Comfort Inn & Suites O'Fallon  
 Winery of the Little Hills (lunch on the patio; what could be better?)  
 Banquet Center of the Little Hills (with ten darling cabins to rent)  
 Demolition Ball Saint Charles (now we're talking team work)  
 Holiday Inn Select, St. Peters (surprise - fresh fruit and pastries just for us, yum)  
 Travelodge, Saint Charles  
 Ameristar Casino (now were talking a variety of food, complete with a chocolate fountain for fresh dipped strawberries; you have to see it to believe it!)

I hope I haven't left anyone off the list, there were so many meeting venues to see we were overwhelmed and left knowing that the team in Saint Charles can fulfill your every need, just give them a call and I can bet you they will find a way to make your event fit in Saint Charles.



l to r: Martha and Donna of the Saint Charles CVB in front of the new Saint Charles Convention Center building site.



Saint Charles FAM attendees enjoying lunch on the patio at the Winery of the Little Hills in Saint Charles.

## Relay for Life - Friday, June 6 - Saturday, June 7, 2003

By Michele Burrows

The Relay for Life started with the Survivor's Walk at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Jefferson City Fairgrounds. Our SGMP team cheered on the over 300 participating survivors as they rounded the track past our campsite. Of course, extra cheers went out to John Heckemeyer and Barbara Eichholz's husband Gerald as they went by.

As 84 teams took to the track around 7:00 p.m., the main part of the Relay began. At this unique, overnight celebration, teams walked around the track relay-style for the duration of the event...under the stars, until 7 a.m. the next morning. Many sold food and beverage, while others sold items to raise additional money for their team goal.



Maurine Hill and Uncle Sam.

Our SGMP team was decorated with a red/white/blue theme. In addition to raffle tickets, we also sold flags and sunglasses. Barbara brought in our team mascot – Uncle Sam who proudly displayed our Silver Team Award Sign. We wore patriotic bandanas and waved flags that lit up as each team member walked the track. Maurine Hill and Denise Evans wore red and blue hair wigs, which really showed their team spirit.

Our team raised **\$3,719**, which qualified us for a Silver Team Award. For a first-time team, this was an awesome achievement. Overall, the Relay raised over **\$232,000** dollars in team contributions. They extended the closing of books until August 31<sup>st</sup>, in case extra money comes in after the Relay Event.

At 10:00 p.m. the Luminary Ceremony began of which over 1,800 luminaries were lit and placed around the track. The candles are lit to pay tribute to those lost to cancer...and to honor those still fighting. This ceremony of light symbolized the hope and perseverance with which we all continue to fight this battle. Several local singers sang songs of hope as the names were displayed on the big screen at the grand stage. This was a very touching moment as our team watched the names of friends, family, and co-workers being displayed. The ceremony closed as Amazing Grace was played on the Bagpipes.

During the early morning hours there were many activities scheduled. In fact, our very own Debbie Alderson took the grand stage with the Hill Country Dancers. My understanding was Phyllis Heckemeyer, Denise Evans, Maurine Hill, and Lagina Fitzpatrick made their way to the stage to do country line dancing with Debbie.

*Our SGMP team was made up of the following SGMP Members:*

John Heckemeyer  
Maurine Hill  
Barbara Eichholz  
Denise Evans  
Lagina Fitzpatrick  
Michele Burrows



Relay Survivors.



Survivor's Walk.

For the final lap around the track prior to the closing ceremony, we very proudly held the SGMP banner along with our Silver Team Award

Again, thank you to all the SGMP members who helped support our team. We are looking forward to next year!

# SGMP COMMITTEE SIGN-UP SHEET

The Chapter Board has established the committees listed below. At least one board member will serve on each committee as either the committee chairperson, coordinator, co-coordinator or as the board liaison.

✓ **Please make a check mark by the committees that you would like to serve on.**

\_\_\_\_\_ By-Laws and Policy & Procedures Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Communications Committee *(Newsletter, publicity, photography, scrapbook)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Election and Nominations Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Honors and Awards Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Program Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Committee

## Special Events Committees *(Check one or more below)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Charity Event

\_\_\_\_\_ Joint Trade Show

\_\_\_\_\_ Holiday Extravaganza

\_\_\_\_\_ Silent Auction

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