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# Joint Meeting Planners Tradeshow a HUGE Success!!

*By Tammy Bagley, Chairperson - JMP Committee,  
and Carrie Spicer, Supplier Director*

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Meeting Planner Tradeshow and 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Speaker Showcase were a HUGE success! Over 100 meeting planners and 70 exhibitors gathered "Under the Big Top" to enjoy the educational, as well as networking, opportunities available at the Capitol Plaza on July 12, in Jefferson City. Motivation, Humor/Leadership, Personal/Professional and Business Growth highlighted the speaker topics for the morning's Showcase. Three simultaneous sessions allowed planners and suppliers to pick and choose areas that peaked their interest, in this fun and informative format.

At 1 p.m., the doors to the Ballroom opened to a carnival atmosphere as planners networked, played games, gathered information and business cards from area suppliers. We appreciate the government planners who attended the event – 52 MOCAP members overall!

A BIG thank you goes out to the entire list of supplier members who sponsored the following events:

- Lanyards/Nametags – Springfield CVB
- Tote Bags – Greater St. Charles CVB and Holiday Inn Hotels of St. Louis
- Continental Breakfast – Branson Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce and CVB
- Luncheon Reception - Kansas City CVB
- Luncheon – Days Inn of Columbia and Joplin CVB
- Prize Reception – Tan Tar A Resort, Golf Club, Marina and Indoor Waterpark.

In addition, thank you to all the SGMP volunteers who worked the registration area: Debbie Alderson, Michele Burrows, Sue Bushor, Rita French, Brenda Buschjost and Carrie Spicer. Also, many thanks to Debbie Alderson and Brenda Buschjost for helping stuff the conference bags the night before the Tradeshow.

The Joint Meeting Planner Tradeshow is hosted by the Missouri Travel Council, Missouri Society of Association Executives and the Society of Government Meeting Professionals. SGMP's proceeds from the Tradeshow were \$4,138.08 and are utilized for educational scholarships for the National Conference each year.

Plans are underway for next year's event. Volunteer opportunities for this committee are available. Please contact Carrie Spicer or Tammy Bagley for additional details.

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2005 Joint Meeting Planners Tradeshow!!

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### Upcoming Meetings

**September 8, 2005**

**Program:** Barb Guest, President of  
SGMP Rocky Mountain Chapter

**Location:** Fraternal Order of Eagles,  
Jefferson City

**October 13, 2005**

**Program:** Government/Supplier Panel  
Presented by Iagina Fitzpatrick

**Location:** Ramada Inn Conference Center,  
Columbia, MO



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Holiday Extravaganza & Silent Auction

*By Brenda Buschjost, Holiday Extravaganza Chairperson and Joann Russel, Silent Auction Chairperson*

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this year's holiday event on December 9, 2005, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Jefferson City. This is sure to be another memorable and festive evening.

Planning is getting underway by the Holiday Extravaganza and the Silent Auction Committees. A joint committee meeting is planned for August 31, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the MOSTARS/Higher Education Building in Jefferson City. The committees will discuss the details of the event, including invitations, food/beverage, registration cost, sponsorship and requests for donations for the Silent Auction. Funds raised during this very important event will provide scholarships for eligible chapter members to attend the 2006 National Annual Education Conference in Denver, Colorado.

Further updates will be mentioned at the upcoming monthly chapter meetings or by email.

If you would like to join either of the committees, we welcome your ideas and support. It's a wonderful benefit to you to get involved, especially if you are new to the SGMP MOCAP Chapter. For information about these committees and their mission, you can contact Brenda Buschjost at [Brenda.Buschjost@dhss.mo.gov](mailto:Brenda.Buschjost@dhss.mo.gov), or Joann Russel at [Joann.Russel@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:Joann.Russel@dnr.mo.gov).

## Communications Report

*By Connie Lockwood, Communications Co-Chairperson—Website*

Hello fellow SGMP members. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the message board offered on our website ([www.sgmpmocap.org](http://www.sgmpmocap.org)).

Message boards (sometimes called discussion or bulletin boards) are places on the Internet where people can go to ask questions, find answers, exchange information, share their own thoughts and proficiencies. These boards are generally geared toward a specific topic. Our board is free and easy to use.

The message board is accessed by clicking on the Members link at the top of the page. A box appears and asks you to enter a password. After you enter the password you are granted access to the Members Only Area page. If you have forgotten the password, contact a Board member or the Communications Co-Chairperson. Click on the Message Board link to proceed to the message board.

The message board is a great place to:

- Communicate with fellow SGMP members about upcoming events.
- Make notifications of business name changes or employment changes.
- Pose questions to fellow members for work advice.
- Create meeting times and dates.
- Have committee members meet to discuss committee meetings and details.
- Share knowledge about meeting planning.
- Generate dialogue between suppliers and planners.

Topics that are put on the boards are called "threads". To read the threads you simply click on the message board and scroll down the list of subjects. Each individual message on a message board is called a "post". There could be many posts in each thread answering questions or commenting on the topic.

Come on board and let SGMP's message board help you network with fellow members.

## Educational Partnership with Lincoln University August Program

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*By Maurine Hill, President*

We had a good turnout for the meeting. I must express my sincerest apologies to those who had difficulty finding the meeting, due to the building address not having been given in the announcement.

The meeting started out with introductions and committee reports. Lagina Fitzpatrick gave a report on the National Board meeting she recently attended. Eleven properties bid for the annual Board Retreat. The Board thanks each of the properties for their expressed interest. After careful consideration, the Board awarded the bid to the Joplin CVB and the Ramada Inn in Joplin. Roger Schlatter, Membership Chair, spoke of our need to recruit and retain members...especially planner members. Carrie Spicer gave us an update on the Joint Meeting Planner Tradeshow, which was an apparent success. Jill Allen spoke of the upcoming Charity Softball Tournament. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Brenda Buschjost gave an update on the Holiday Extravaganza/Silent Auction, which is to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Jefferson City.

Kathy Pabst, Director of the Division of Continuing Education and Evening/Weekend Instruction at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, gave a presentation on Educational Partnerships with Lincoln University. She talked about and distributed guidelines for awarding college credit for training provided at meetings. This information could not only be beneficial to those planners who assist with training programs, but also could be of benefit to suppliers who hold in-service training programs for their business's employees. If this service would be of interest to you or you would like further information, please contact Kathy at 573-681-5206 or by email at pabstk@lincolnu.edu.

A big thank you goes to Kay Samuelson and the Lodge of the Four Seasons for the beautiful centerpieces, discount coupons to Spa Shiki and door prizes. Another big thanks goes to Marla Greiner and the Holiday Inn Select in Columbia, for the absolutely yummy dessert! Hope to see you at the meeting in September!

## Membership Committee Focuses on MU and New Agencies

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*By Roger Schlatter, Membership Chair*

### MEMBERSHIP BLITZ AT MU IN SEPTEMBER

Several members of the Membership Committee are planning on blitzing the University of Missouri in Columbia, sometime after our September meeting. With our October luncheon being held in Columbia, we think it might be a great time to get some of the University planners to our meeting and hopefully, to join our Chapter. The Membership Committee wishes to thank Cori Day, Sherri Helm, and Lagina Fitzpatrick for providing some prospective planner contacts at the University. If any other suppliers can provide us with some additional prospective planners at the University, please email their names and addresses to rschlatter@charter.net, or put them on a Membership Referral form at our September meeting.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE LOOKING AT DIFFERENT AGENCIES

At our July 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership Committee meeting, the committee decided to look at agencies where MOCAP has no current representation. Those agencies/offices are: Governor, Lt. Governor, Auditor, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Agriculture, Insurance, Mental Health, Public Safety, Revenue, and four Federal agencies in Jefferson City - Social Security, U.S. Marshals Office, U.S. Attorney's Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife. If anyone knows any meeting planners who work in the above offices, contact me at rschlatter@charter.net.

This doesn't mean that we that we have enough planners from the agencies where we already have representation. We're just trying to recruit planners from these different agencies. If we only get 1 planner from each of the new agencies, that would be 14 new planners.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE TO MEET ON SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

The Membership Committee will meet at noon at the Hotel DeVille on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wanting to join the Membership Committee can contact me at rschlatter@charter.net. Existing Membership Committee members will be receiving a notice from Michele Burrows, to confirm the location.

# CHAPTER EVENTS

**Thank you to everyone that attended or exhibited at the  
Joint Meeting Planners Tradeshow July 12, 2005!!**



## Supplier Profile— Karen Fraser

**Title:** Convention Sales Manager

**Current Employment:** Greater Saint Charles Convention and Visitors Bureau

**How long have you been in the industry?** About 9 years

**How long have you been in SGMP?** 9 months with St. Louis Chapter and now 4 months with the MOCAP Chapter.

**How has your membership helped you?** Definitely more exposure to the Government market, and networking with the meeting planners and identifying what their needs are.

**Worst meeting/event mishap:** Picked up meeting planners for a St. Charles FAM from various hotels. When I reached our destination for lunch, we discovered I had forgotten a planner at one of the hotels. Luckily, this planner was a very easy going person. A cab was able to pick him up and drive him to the restaurant to meet us. It turned out to be a great FAM for all.

**Most notable meeting/event moment:** Attending the SGMP 2005 Annual Conference in Sacramento, this past May. Great learning experience for me. I was able to attend several educational workshops and network with Government Planners from all over the U.S.

**Hometown:** Cresco Iowa. A small town (4,500 people) located on the Iowa/Minnesota border.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?** I love my job! Continue working with the St. Charles CVB and growing in the Meeting Planning Industry.

**Interesting fact you would like people to know about you:** I love people and am outgoing. You must believe in what you do, what you represent and what you sell, and that I do. St. Charles is a unique, growing destination with so much to offer any size meeting group. I will go that extra step to reach beyond your meeting expectations to have a successful and memorable meeting/event. Come, experience it!



## Planner Profile - Sherri K. Helm

**Title:** Administrative Associate

**Current Employment:** University of Missouri-Columbia, Business Development Programs, University Extension

**How long have you been in the industry?** I have worked in the higher education industry for a total of 23 years; however, have only worked in Extension for five years.

**Years in SGMP:** First Year

**How has your membership helped you?** The network of planners and suppliers is terrific—both professionally and personally! I am amazed at the contacts I now have access to in all areas of government and in the supplier industry. It definitely makes planning a meeting much easier.

**Worst meeting/event mishap:** A few years back while working at a local insurance company, I planned a board of directors' retreat in St. Louis. The "theme" was *Phantom of the Opera* and we put together a dinner with huge candelabras, heavy drapes, opera music and even had the wait staff in Phantom masks! After dinner, all the participants gathered at the front door for transportation to the performance. We waited, and waited, and waited, until finally, I realized the buses were not coming! So the hotel sales manager quickly pulled several hotel staff members together, brought personal vehicles down and transported our group to the theater in time for the opening scene! The service we received from the hotel staff was amazing, and certainly above and beyond the call of duty. They made sure our group was taken care of, despite the miscommunication with the bus company. Fortunately, the bus company was there after the show to bring us back—but needless to say, our ride was free! The bus company did not make any money that night!

**Most notable meeting/event moment:** I am a United Way volunteer and one year I organized a "carnival" with all of the proceeds going to United Way. It was scheduled to be held outdoors, with tents, food, games, balloons, cake walks, and many other activities. Many area businesses donated prizes and giveaways. We had great media coverage and everything was set. About one-half hour before it was to start, a huge rain storm came through and soaked everything! Fortunately, the tents remained standing and the storm was short lived! The sun came out and so did the crowd! We ended up making a significant amount of money for the United Way campaign. And we had a terrific time doing it!

**Hometown:** Born in Denver, CO, have lived in Columbia 28 years.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?** RETIRED!

**One thing you would like people to know about you:** I love people and getting to know people. So if I haven't met you yet, please introduce yourself to me at the next meeting!



## Living on the Powerband

Presented by Andy Core at SGMP National Convention 2005  
By *Connie Bodi, CMP, CHSP*

This was very interesting to me and I learned a lot from Andy's presentation. Andy started out by reminding us we make many choices each day about what we eat, when we sleep, if and when we exercise, how we are going to exercise, what we think and choices we make at work.

We wake up every day with three (3) hours worth of adrenaline and one of the worst things we could do is drink caffeinated drinks, especially within the three hours we have natural adrenaline. Andy suggested that we should be scheduling our day to allow for more breaks to refuel our bodies for making heavy choices, and not depend on caffeine to ramp our bodies up, just to crash again a few hours later.

He explained how stress plays such a major roll in our overall health. Stress releases cortisol into our bodies and cortisol equates to being cranky.

Andy talked about exercise and how a 30 minute walk or workout increases your metabolism for 24-48 hours.

Andy brought up some good points about getting ready for sleep. He said that you should start setting the mood for sleep by bringing down the lights and noise. Research shows that your body needs to release heat and your body should be at its coolest while resting. It's best to have the room temperature at 67 degrees and no lights on, not even light from a television.

Andy also shared with us that hydrating your body is extremely important. He told us that a good habit to get into is to drink at least 30 oz. of water before 3 p.m. and another 30 oz. of water between 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., each day. This will keep your body well hydrated, but if the room climate is humid, you will need more. It's important to stop drinking fluids by 8 p.m., so you are not interrupted from your sleep in the middle of the night, to use the bathroom. He said that just 1% of dehydration equals 20% less productivity. WOW, I had no idea it was that extreme. I do remember being seriously dehydrated a couple of years ago at a 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival. I lost all energy and had to go to bed for awhile. After drinking a lot of water, I got my energy level back. So, what Andy told us about being dehydrated really is true and hit home with me.

**NOTE:** I also participated in the CHSP workshop and exam on Tuesday and Wednesday, earlier that week. The review was well organized and fortunately, I passed the exam. I have earned the designation of CHSP behind my name!

Thank you MOCAP Chapter, for providing me with a partial scholarship, and the opportunity to attend and participate in a very exciting and awesome event. I was proud to represent our Chapter. Hopefully, I'll get to do it all again with everyone in Denver, next year.

### QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS BACK!!!

For those new MOCAP Chapter members, every new member you get to join the Chapter gives you an opportunity to win \$25 at each quarterly meeting. September will be the first drawing. If you sponsor more than one new membership, your name goes into the drawing for the number of memberships you sponsored that particular quarter. Additionally, you will be given credit by National, for every membership you sponsor. If you can use an extra \$25 every 3 months, get busy! The first drawing is on September 8<sup>th</sup> and the next drawing after that will be December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Come to “A Mile High” for Education

*By Barbara Guest, Rocky Mountain Chapter - Denver, Colorado*

Come to Denver, Colorado, where you can reach out and touch the Rocky Mountains and see across the plains to the east for miles. Denver continues to experience one of the largest boom periods in the city's history, with new hotels, major new attractions, new shopping, and award-winning dining experiences. The new Hyatt Regency Denver, our host hotel, will open directly across from the new Colorado Convention Center.

Attending the 2006 conference means awesome educational workshops, networking, a great tradeshow, and meeting other SGMP members. Planners - if this is your first national conference, the tradeshow is the best place to meet suppliers from across the U.S. and discuss possibilities of future meeting sites. You never know who you will meet that can help you with a meeting, whether now or in the future.

Attending the national conference also means you and your chapter have the opportunity to help out a deserving charity. For 2006, the Rocky Mountain chapter was asked to look for a charity that helps with children. The Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center, <http://www.ctrcinc.org>, in northern Colorado was suggested. Our Chapter President conducted a site visit at the Longmont center and was impressed with their work with children. Equine assisted therapeutic services are far more than a mere pony ride. Rather, they are a complex and exciting means of therapy that produce tangible physical, psychological, cognitive, social, and educational benefits. The kindness and care shown to the children by the volunteers was outstanding. Parents spoke highly of the organization and the smile on one mother's face while talking about her child's experience said more than words ever could. We look forward to helping this charity continue their work with children.

When you come to Colorado before the conference or remain afterward, there are a variety of sights to see. In Denver itself, we have the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall with a variety of restaurants and shops. Downtown you will find the Performing Arts Complex with different venues from the Denver Symphony to stage shows. Or visit the Denver Zoo, the Museum of Nature and Science, the newly renovated art museum, the Molly Brown House, the downtown aquarium adjacent to the nation's only downtown amusement park, Six Flags Elitch Gardens, and more. Denver's LoDo (lower downtown) is a 26 square block historic district offering more than 90 restaurants, sports bars and pubs. LoDo surrounds Coors Field, the city's 50,000 seat baseball stadium. You can check the Denver CVB's website for more information: <http://www.denver.org>

South of Denver is Colorado Springs, where Katherine L. Bates penned the words to “America the Beautiful” after viewing Pikes Peak. Colorado Springs is also the sight of the Air Force Academy and Garden of the Gods, a beautiful red rock park.

Should you decide to head into the foothills, you can ride a real steam train in Georgetown. Further up, is Berthoud Pass, or head over to Winter Park, Steamboat Springs, or Breckenridge, great ski areas that have many summer activities.



If mountains are not your thing, head over to the western slope and visit Grand Junction, considered to be Colorado's wine country and home of the Dinosaur National Monument. Or head north to Ft. Collins with its historic downtown, and easy access to Rocky Mountain National Park. Or be a real pioneer and head further north to Wyoming and visit the “Old West” through historic buildings and museums in Cheyenne or the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, set along the North Platte River.

This gives you just a small idea of the wonders we have in the Rocky Mountains. So gear yourself up for a great time in Colorado and the Front Range!

## Membership Concerns

By Roger Schlatter, Membership Chairperson

### WHO'S PAYING FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

When I look at the MOCAP monthly membership report, I know that a lot more planner members are paying for their own memberships, than what is indicated on the report. If you pay for your own membership, attach a note with your renewal that you are paying for your own membership. The membership office does not know that you are not being reimbursed by your agency if you send in a personal check with your renewal. Let the membership office know.

### PLANNER PROFILES MUST ACCOMPANY PLANNER RENEWALS

The Planner Profile must accompany every renewal application. In defense of some of our planners, the Planner Profile is getting separated from the renewal invoice, when the invoice is winding through financial offices. If this has happened to you in the past, send in the Planner Profile to the National membership office separately, with a note that payment is forthcoming from your agency. **NO PLANNER APPLICATION, NEW OR RENEWAL, WILL BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THE PLANNER PROFILE.**

### PLANNER MEMBERS - WHO DID WE LOSE

As a Membership Chair, I'm constantly researching why we have lost our planner members. Unfortunately, we have lost 13 Planners over the past 3 months. Seven of those planners were from out of the Jefferson City area and attendance at the monthly meetings was difficult. Some didn't attend any meetings after they joined. Three planners totally lost their positions with the state, 2 planners have different assignments within their offices that no longer requires meeting planning, and 1 Planner left after one year, because she didn't want to pay for her own membership. No matter why we lost these memberships, we need them to be replaced.

### IT TAKES A CHAPTER TO KEEP A CHAPTER

If you think about the 13 MOCAP planners lost over the past three months, 13 suppliers have lost their matching planner, when they joined SGMP. Suppliers have to recognize the fact that Planners don't remain in SGMP forever (except for some of us). We constantly have to continue to add planners to our Chapter, in order to maintain our membership ratio. At each monthly meeting, we will have forms on your tables, for members

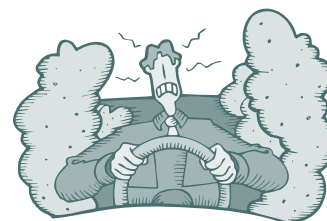
to refer prospective planners to the Chapter. Members supplying the referrals will be recognized in the MOCAP Gazette. Although we have an active Membership Committee, it takes our membership, both planners and suppliers, to bring in new members. Thanks to the following members for providing membership referrals:

- Karen Adams, Holiday Inn Southwest/Viking, St. Louis
- Cori Day, Stoney Creek Inn, Columbia
- Lagina Fitzpatrick, The Resort of Port Arrowhead, Lake Ozark
- Sherri Helm, University of Missouri, Columbia
- Cathy Jackson, Professional Registration
- Betty Kinney, MO State Employees' Retirement System
- Eric McGeorge, MO Department of Natural Resources

I can assure you that the individuals you referred will be contacted. Some of them have already been contacted and are planning on attending the September or October monthly meeting. If the individuals you refer to the Membership Committee join, the member referring the individual name gets credit for sponsoring the new member.

### THE APPLICATION STOPS HERE

With applications for SGMP being found on the National and MOCAP websites, veteran SGMP members must remember that new applications have to go to the Chapter Membership Chair, before they go to the National membership office. This is vital to ensure planner and supplier matches. So remember, if you or the prospective member is downloading the application, it has to be sent first to me: Roger Schlatter, 847 Poker Drive, Osage Beach, MO 65065. Only Membership Renewals go directly to the National membership office.



Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto a freeway.

## Chapter Calendar 2005 Programs & Locations

- Date:** March 10, 2005  
**Location:** Meadow Lake Country Club  
**Program:** Boss's Day
- Date:** April 14, 2005  
**Location:** Apple Creek  
**Program:** Annual Charity Event
- Date:** May 12, 2005  
**Location:** Country Club Hotel and Spa - Lake Ozark  
**Program:** Tradeshow Etiquette
- Date:** June 9, 2005  
**Location:** Summit Lake Winery  
**Program:** Awards Reception
- Date:** July 12, 2005  
**Location:** Capitol Plaza Hotel - Jefferson City  
**Program:** Annual Joint Meeting Planner Tradeshow
- Date:** August 11, 2005  
**Location:** Governors State Office Building, Room 450  
**Program:** Family Feud - presented by Maurine Hill
- Date:** September 8, 2005  
**Location:** Fraternal Order of Eagles  
**Program:** Barb Guest, President of the Rocky Mountain Chapter
- Date:** October 13, 2005  
**Location:** Ramada Inn Conference Center - Columbia  
**Program:** Government/Supplier Panel - presented by Lagina Fitzpatrick
- Date:** November 10, 2005  
**Location:** TBD  
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- Date:** December 2005  
**Location:** Knights of Columbus, Jefferson City  
**Program:** Holiday Extravaganza and Silent Auction

## From the President

By Maurine Hill, MOCAP President

A whirlwind of events have occurred this year, for our Chapter. When I ran for the 1st Vice President position, I never imagined becoming Chapter President, but under unfortunate circumstances, it has come to pass. I appreciate the best wishes and support I have received from the membership.

On behalf of the Chapter, I wish to thank Denise for her contributions as President. Although circumstance did not allow for her to fulfill her tenure, Denise's leadership and foresight helped the Chapter move in a positive direction. We are glad to see her back in the Chapter on the Supplier side. With the recent Board changes, I want to welcome Cori Day and Cathy Jackson to the Board. Holding a Board position can have its own rewards, but also requires the Board members to make commitments and take on additional responsibilities for the betterment of the Chapter. My heartfelt thanks go to the Board members, for their dedication to the Chapter.

As a Chapter, we have a lot of challenges ahead of us and I am asking for your assistance and support. Chapter success can only be achieved through participation by the membership...**YOU** are the Chapter's greatest asset! Last month, we asked everyone to sign up for committees. If you have not done so already, please join a committee. We are particularly in need of members for the Programs Committee. This is one of the most challenging committees, but also one of the most relevant to our success. Quality education is important to everyone, but as you are very well aware, that doesn't just happen on its own. We rely on you to provide ideas for topics of interest and/or presenters. If you know of any presenters who are willing to commit to a lunchtime presentation (30 to 40 minutes in length) or have a specific topic you would like to learn about, please contact Shannon Gill. Be active...get involved! The Chapter has started to feel some of the impact from the reduction of Missouri's government budget, by losing several planner members. Give the Membership Committee any leads you may have on potential government planner members...or better yet, bring them along with you to the next meeting.

From the summary of evaluations, the Joint Trade Show was a successful event. Thanks to all the meeting planners and suppliers that participated.

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## Congratulations!!

Britney & Shad Sones welcomed  
Olivia Kathleen to their family on  
August 3rd, 2005 .  
Olivia weighed in at 7 lbs. 3 oz. &  
was 19 1/2 " long.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Coming Soon: Top billing for our industry stars.**

From the Adde to the Tony, every industry has its award that spotlights its great achievers. Since 1983, the evening, convention and exhibition industry has presented its best and brightest with a very special honor: the Hall of Leaders. The next assembly of leaders will soon be voting to the wing, the Convention Industry Council (CIC) invites you to be among the first to applaud their lifetime performance. Come share in the excitement as the curtain rises for the 2006 Hall of Leaders Gala.

Reserve your tickets now for the Hall of Leaders Gala in Boston on Sunday, August 20, 2006.



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Several functions are in the works, before the end of the year:

- We are fortunate to have Barb Guest, President of the Rocky Mountain Chapter, come be our presenter for the monthly educational meeting on September 8. This is our opportunity to learn from another Chapter...as she hopes to do the same from us. Please come make her welcome.
- On September 24, the Charity Committee is putting together a softball tournament that promises to be a lot of fun. Whether or not you are the athletic type, join a team. Either way, come on out and show your support...but beware, if you're not careful, you might just end up having a good time! Remember, the proceeds are going to the Chapter's charity of the year...the American Cancer Society.
- Shannon and I will be attending the CPR and SLR Roundtables, September 22 - 25, in Denver, Colorado. If you have any issues for the Roundtables, please let us know.
- The Holiday Extravaganza and Silent Auction Committees are gearing up for December. With the holiday event being in Jefferson City, I'm hoping we will have an even better turn out than we have had in the past. Since the Silent Auction is one of our major fundraising activities to raise money for scholarships, we welcome any and all donations (purchased and/or handmade)...from both suppliers **and** planners.

We are traveling a new road together. Where it leads, I do not know, but I look forward, with optimism, to sharing the adventure with you. Please feel free to contact me, if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

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## AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY/RELAY FOR LIFE CHARITY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

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Division: Please Check one

Men's \_\_\_\_\_ Co-ed \_\_\_\_\_

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**TEAM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COACHES NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: To mail information bracket, etc.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIPCODE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail entry form along with payment of \$125.00 to:  
SGMP Charity Softball Tournament  
P.O. Box 105255  
Jefferson City, MO 65110-5255

(please make checks payable to SGMP)

Questions: Contact Holly Otto: 573.751.5980 or  
Jill Allen: 314.802.3441

All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. No rain out date.