

MOCAP Chapter Celebrates 15 years!

By Maurine Hill, President

We have a tendency to take the Chapter and how we benefit from it, for granted, but do you have any idea of how we got to where we are today?

Fifteen years ago, when Lil Pfaff, then working for Capital Plaza Hotel, moved from Denver to Jefferson City, she planted the seed, "Why not SGMP?" Lil had been a member of the Rocky Mountain Chapter, and served on their Board. In early 1992, she formed a team to explore creating a Chapter based in Jefferson City and they started the ball rolling. In July 1992, a meeting was held to bring suppliers and planners together, and after the program, several attendees volunteered to become part of a steering committee that led to the formation of the chapter.

In December 1992, the Missouri State Capital Chapter submitted 45 applications for membership and the application to establish a new chapter. (MOCAP was the first chapter to form under the new guidelines that stipulated a minimum of 45 members to charter a chapter.) Charter members included: Jan Bickel, Minda Dow, Denise Howard, Larry Kloud, Mark Maly, Elaine Patterson, Lil Pfaff, Cindy Taber-Reed, Gloria Schmitz, and Roxanne Bax-Schnieders. Original members who are still currently with the Chapter are: Bev Cunningham, Gloria Schmitz, and Becky Weber, CMP.

On June 22, 1993, Lynette Schick, representing the National Board, presented the charter and installed the first slate of officers. The newly formed chapter faced and overcame many operational and financial challenges in the first few years, but through the dedicated efforts of the Board and the membership, the chapter continued to go forward. Since then, the Chapter has continued to grow and develop into one of the leading Chapter's nationally, with 170 members.

Elected Chapter Presidents:

Elaine Patterson (1993-1995)	Max Foresman (2000-2001)
Larry Kloud (1995 – 1996)	Terry Boldt (2001 – 2004)
Debbie Bruns (1996-1999)	Denise Evans (2004 – 2005)
Debbie Alderson (1999-2000)	Maurine Hill (2005 – Present)

Over the years, various fundraising events to support Chapter operations, education and scholarships have become the mainstay of Chapter operations. The Holiday Extravaganza/Silent Auction has become a much-anticipated annual event, where food, fellowship and fun accompany a silent auction, which just this past year raised over \$7,600 in funds for education and member scholarships to attend national conferences. Planner and supplier scholarship recipients have attended national conferences every year since 1994.

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August 14, 2008

Green Meeting

Lake Ozark

September 11, 2008

Success is not a Mystery

Summit Lake Winery, Holts Summit

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Report

By Roger Schlatter, Membership Chairperson

Membership for the Missouri State Capital Chapter is at 174 members. The Chapter presently has 93 Government Meeting Planners, 3 Contract Planners, 76 Suppliers, and 2 Retired Members. Although the Chapter has a good planner/supplier ratio, we have brought in more suppliers from the tradeshow and more planners are now needed. Presently, two supplier applications are being held waiting for Planner matches.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Following are new memberships received in the Membership Chair's Office:

- * Natalee Keathley - Comfort Suites - St. Charles
- * LiAngel Keys - The Ritz Carlton - St. Louis
- * Frances Klahr - Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources - Jefferson City
- * Sharon Mather - Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources - Jefferson City
- * Salona Parker - Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources - Jefferson City

CHANGES IN OUR MEMBERSHIP:

- * Replacing Melody Sharp as our representative at the Jefferson City DoubleTree will be Amy Kolb.
- * Replacing Joann Chamberlain at the Radisson in Branson will be Jacquie Manuel.
- * Debby Mason is no longer the government representative at the Holiday Inn Select in St. Louis, and is being replaced by Analisa Linck.
- * Shirley Boessen has taken over the SGMP membership at The Resort at Port Arrowhead. Lance Utley is still at Port Arrowhead.
- * Rita Abney replaced Carrie Sheridan at the St. Louis Marriott West.
- * Erika Brandl replaced Liz Roberts at the Department of Economic Development, Missouri Community Service Commission.
- * John Gavan replaced Teresa Stanek, CMP at the Millennium Hotel St. Louis.
- * Teresa Stanek, CMP, replaced John Gavan at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront (formerly Adams Mark).
- * Lance Utley is our new representative at the Country Club Hotel & Spa at Lake Ozark.
- * Parris Johnson replaced Charlene Marcum as our representative at Hotel Frederick in Boonville.
- * Tina Campbell replaced Peggy Sue Harrell at the Holiday Inn/KCI Expo Center.
- * Patricia Barnes' agency has a new name - former name used to be Missouri Training and Employment Council - new name is Missouri Workforce Investment Board.
- * Replacing Brenda Lack at the Best Western Airport Plaza (St. Louis Airport) is Stephanie Wicks-Franklin.
- * Replacing Stuart Cunningham at the Best Western Columbia will be Danelle Uebinger.
- * Replacing Erika Collins at the Truman Hotel in Jefferson City will be Lorie Jaegers, Director of Catering.
- * Pam Husk replaced Cheri Rounkles at the Adams Pointe Conference Center in Blue Springs.
- * Debra Yokum replaced Betsy Russell at the DoubleTree Springfield (formerly Hawthorn Park Hotel).

JULY-AUGUST MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Rita Abney, Traci Albertson, Kim Arnold, Tammy Bagley, , Cynthia Bowser, Beverly Buschmann, Renee Cosner, Tanya Henry, Amy Kolb, Katie Lister, Devora Longan, Amy Luecke, Linda Mebruer, Joann Russell, Dennise Schaben, Jamie Schieber, Connie Seedig, Bernis Tucker, Loyd Wilson, and Pam Zimmerman.

REMEMBER - ALL PLANNER APPLICATIONS, NEW AND RENEWALS, MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH THE PLANNER PROFILE. NEW MEMBERSHIPS OR RENEWALS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THE PROFILE.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS—WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Soon after informing the membership of changes in Membership Renewals in our last newsletter, the National Membership Office changed our renewal format pretty much back to what it was in the past. The member will receive three Invoice Vouchers through regular mail from the National SGMP Membership Office, indicating that their membership is up for renewal. About the time a member is receiving their first notice from the National SGMP Membership Office, they also receive an email from the Chapter Membership Committee reminding them to get that renewal processed as soon as possible.

Several Membership Renewals will be sent to members up for renewal via Email. If you don't receive your first notice in the mail by the middle of the month of your anniversary, please contact your Membership Chair at rschlatter@charter.net and let him know. A special renewal invoice will be emailed out to you so we can get your membership renewed as soon as possible.

MISSOURI CAPITAL CHAPTER WINS RETENTION AWARDS AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE!

The Missouri Capital Chapter was presented with two Membership Performance Retention Awards at the National Education Conference held in Dallas, Texas June 11-14. One was "For Achieving 82.32% Membership Retention for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008" and the other "For Achieving 1.0% Membership Growth for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008."

Treasurer's Report



By Debbie Alderson, Treasurer

On April 22, 2008, there was a balance of \$10,477.32. Since that time, we show income of \$7,228.67 and disbursements of \$11,214.02 leaving a balance of \$6,491.97, on June 30, 2008. This is my last Treasurer's Report and I thank the membership for electing me two times to be your Treasurer!

In the middle 1990's, the first educational conference and trade show was held in cooperation with the Missouri Society of Association Executives and the Missouri Travel Council. It was such a success for all three organizations, that the event is currently held annually, with close to 130 meeting planners attending and sold out demand for exhibit space from suppliers around the state and beyond.

The Chapter has given awards for the Planner of the Year and Supplier of the Year since 1994. The latest recipients for 2007-2008, are Betty Kinney, Planner and Patricia Barnett, Supplier.

In 1996, the President's Award was added. This year I was proud and honored to give two awards, one to Debbie Alderson, Planner - Treasurer and the other to Shannon Gill, Supplier – 2nd Vice President. Both have been of great assistance and support for both myself and the Chapter membership during this past three years of my term, never hesitating to do what needed to be done and well deserving of recognition.

The chapter newsletter, *The Capital Advantage* premiered in 1996. In 2003, the newsletter was renamed to the *MOCAP Gazette*. Since that time, editors included Rita French, Brianna McLeod, Cameo (Harrington) Gerdes and Maryann Williamson, who is the current editor. Originally published quarterly, the newsletter has transitioned through several formats and is currently a bi-monthly publication. In 2004, the Missouri State Capital Chapter stepped into the electronic age by establishing a Chapter domain name and website (www.sgmpmocap.org). From 2004 to February 2008, Connie Lockwood was the webmaster for the website. Currently, I have been serving as webmaster, until we can find someone who would be willing to take over.

Since 1998, the Chapter has hosted four golf tournaments and sponsored several charity basket raffles, food drives, coat drives, school supply drives, garage sales, Christmas for a designated nursing home, bowling tournaments, bake sales, etc., for charities such as Good Samaritan Center, Rainbow House, Dreams to Reality, Dream Factory, Salvation Army, Camp Quality and American Cancer Society-Relay For Life, to name a few. MOCAP also supported an annual Relay For Life team for four years with the teams winning awards for:

2003 Silver Team Award (+\$3,000)

2004 Platinum Team Award (+\$10,000)

2005 Gold Team Award (\$7,000)

2006 Silver Team Award (+\$4,000)

Board retreats have been held annually since 1994. The Board retreats are the time in which bylaws, policies and procedures are reviewed, budgets and meeting dates are set, Board liaison to committees are designated and other significant operations issues are discussed.

In 1997, the chapter initiated *Bosses' Day*, which is held annually in March. At the last Bosses Day luncheon, there were over 100 attendees and each year recently, the Chapter has been able to give everyone a gift. In the past it has been calculators, pens, travel mugs and this year it was a mini-emergency travel kit.

Also in 1997, an automated telephone line was installed, but was discontinued in 2006, with the ever growing use of the Internet and email.

The Missouri State Capital Chapter has received national recognition at the National Conferences over the years to include:

Membership Award – 2003, 2006

Certificate of Success – 2003

Highest Membership Retention Rate – 2006

Membership Retention Certificate – 2008

Membership Retention Ratio Certificate – 2008

Chapter Presidents Roundtable participants where, from a Chapter's perspective, issues are discussed, ideas are exchanged:

Debbie Alderson

Denise Evans

Max Foresman

Maurine Hill

Terry Boldt

Supplier Leadership Roundtable participants where, from Supplier's perspectives, issues are discussed and ideas exchanged:

Carrie Spicer

Lagina Fitzpatrick

Shannon Gill

Missouri's first Certified Government Meeting Planner – Cathy Jackson (2006)

Sam Gilmer Award – Supplier – Lagina Fitzpatrick (2005)

National Board Supplier Director – Lagina Fitzpatrick (2005-2007)

National Board 2nd Vice President - Lagina Fitzpatrick – (2007-2008)

Region 4 – Regional Representative – Chapter Presidents – Maurine Hill (2007 to present)

Annual awards programs were developed to recognize the efforts and achievements of the Chapter membership. Suppliers support has always been vital to the success of the Chapter. The Diamond Award was created to recognize the Supplier who has contributed the overall highest amount of financial support to the Chapter, during the previous SGMP year. Gold, silver and bronze certificates of appreciation are given to both suppliers and planners, based upon their level of financial support contributed to the Chapter.

Diamond Award recipients have been:

1999 - The Lodge of Four Seasons

2004 - Radisson Hotel - Branson

2000 - The Lodge of Four Seasons

2005 - Doubletree Chesterfield & Stoney Creek Inn, Columbia

2001 - St. Charles CVB

2006 - Tan-Tar-A Resort

2002 - Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort

2007 - Inn at Grand Glaize

2003 - Tan-Tar-A Resort

2008 – Inn at Grand Glaize

In 2006, a new award called the Silver Spoon was created to recognize the best culinary effort at a meeting event for the SGMP year.

Silver Spoon recipients have been:

2006 - Capitol Plaza Hotel

2007 - The Lodge of Four Seasons

2008 – Inn at Grand Glaize

In 1993, the MOCAP Chapter was the idea of one person, who sold the idea to several others. Hard work and support has kept the Chapter thriving these past 15 years, but the Chapter's treasure...its heart and soul, is its membership...each and every one of you.

We thank you for your support and look forward to the coming years!

CHAPTER MEETINGS

May Meeting - "And The Winner Is.... "

By Michele Burrows, Charity Committee Chairperson

Our annual SGMP MOCAP charity event was held on Thursday, April 15, 2008, at the Inn at Grand Glaize in Osage Beach. Michele and Alice Reinkemeyer, and Lance, from Heaven Scent Paws, spoke to us about the diabetes alert service dogs. For additional information please visit their website at www.heavenscentpaws.com!

I can't say thank you enough to all the SGMP MOCAP members who sold and/or bought raffle tickets. Through everyone's efforts, we raised \$2,000 for charity. **Brenda Buschjost** was this years top seller if raffle sales. She was recognized and received a Kansas City donated Basket.

Top ticket sellers were: **Brenda Buschjost-\$629, Debbie Alderson-\$330, Melissa Adams-\$319, Katie Denich-\$266, Vicky Buschjost-\$220, Dennise Schabin-\$157, Marianne Thies-\$115, Lorisa Smith-\$95, Tonya Jaegers-\$94, Cynthia Bowser-\$80, Ramona Huckstep-\$75, Jeani Ballinger-\$70, Sherri Helm-\$67, Lagina Fitzpatrick-\$65, and Karen Holterman-\$59.**

We also did a special drawing for every \$25 worth of tickets sold, where the members name was put into basket and drawn for various donated items. The following people's names were drawn: **Brenda Buschjost (4), Dennise Schaben, Marianne Thies, Betty Kinney, Mary Rockelman, Michelle Gabelsburger, and Melissa Adams.**

A big thank you to all the hotels, restaurants, attractions, CVB's, CVC's, and individuals for their efforts in putting together our charity raffle baskets, they were AWESOME!

Another huge thank you to all the Charity Committee who helped in the printing of tickets, stuffed envelopes, folded flyers, counted money, sorted tickets, made phone calls, and all the other duties involved. Finally, thank you to the Inn at Grand Glaize for hosting the event and the Clubhouse Inn & Suites – Westport for sponsoring the door prizes!



CHAPTER MEETINGS (MAY MEETING CONTINUED)

And now for the Basket Winners.....

Columbia CVB Basket – Winner Thomas Adams – Ticket Sold By: Melissa Adams

Jefferson City CVB-Basket #1 – Winner Heather Rowden - Ticket Sold By: Melissa Adams

Jefferson City CVB-Basket #2 –Winner Eric Schroeder – Ticket Sold By: Brenda Buschjost

Jefferson City CVB-Basket #3–Winner Harry Kennedy – Ticket Sold By: Debbie Alderson

Jefferson City CVB-Basket #4 – Winner Tiffany Tuna– Ticket Sold By: Brenda Buschjost

Jefferson City CVB-Basket #5 – Winner Phillis Singer– Ticket Sold By: Brenda Buschjost

Jefferson City CVB-Basket #6 – Winner Robyn Siebeneck– Ticket Sold By: Brenda Buschjost

St. Charles CVB – Winner Greg Wolf – Ticket Sold By: Kim Wolf

St. Louis Basket #1 – Winner Anita Henry – Ticket Sold By: Katie Denich

St. Louis Basket #2 – Winner Dana Porter – Ticket Sold By: Katie Denich

St. Louis Basket #3 – Winner Mary Lee Stegeman – Ticket Sold By: Mary Lee Stegeman

Springfield CVB – Basket #1 – Winner Matt Freeman – Ticket Sold By: Tonya Jaegers

Springfield CVB – Basket #2 – Winner Dorothy Gieck – Ticket Sold By: Janis Gieck

Springfield CVB – Basket #3 – Winner Scott Clardy – Ticket Sold By: Brenda Buschjost

Branson CVB – Winner Dennis Stinson – Ticket Sold By: Lori Bax

Joplin CVB – Winner Alicia Riner – Ticket Sold By: Alicia Riner

Lake Ozark – Basket #1 – Winner Lorisa Smith – Ticket Sold By: Lorisa Smith

Lake Ozark – Basket #2 – Winner Sheila Kaiser – Ticket Sold By: Vicky Buschjost

Lake Ozark – Basket #3 – Winner Joanna Doyel – Ticket Sold By: Joanna Doyel

Lake Ozark – Basket #4 – Winner Al Gebert – Ticket Sold By: Cathy Gebert

Lake Ozark – Basket #5 – Winner Marc Denich – Ticket Sold By: Katie Denich

CONGRATULATIONS to All the Winners!



CHAPTER MEETINGS (CONTINUED)

June Meeting - 15th Anniversary Celebration

By Debbie Alderson, Treasurer

On June 27, the MOCAP Chapter celebrated its 15th Anniversary! It was a glorious event to say the least. Held at the g2 Gallery on High Street in Jefferson City, the venue was perfect!

The event started with registration at 6:00 p.m., with the band, *Southwind*, playing background music and a slide show of pictures from the last 15 years. There was an opening reception with lots of "remember when" and "remember that!" At 7:00 p.m., everyone was seated and a welcome was made by the President, Maurine Hill. Debbie Alderson, Treasurer, presented a short overview of the chapter's history, charter members, original members, past presidents, functions over the last 15 years, various national recognitions at the National Conferences over the years, President Roundtable participants, Supplier Leadership Roundtable participants and award winners from the past.

A delicious plated dinner of brisket and chicken was served, followed by a champagne toast presented by Maurine Hill to the past and the future of the MOCAP Chapter – "Celebrating 15 Years of Excellence with a Crystal Clear Vision Ahead."

Maurine Hill recognized charter members (unfortunately none were able to attend). Past Presidents were recognized, of which Debbie Bruns was present. She was asked to say a few words and was presented with an engraved crystal vase. Original members (and still members) were recognized (none were able to attend), they are Gloria Schmitz, Beverly Cunningham and Cindy Reed.

Maurine Hill called the new officers for 2008-2010 forward and they were installed by the Honorable Patricia Breckenridge, Judge on the Supreme Court of Missouri. Judge Breckenridge then installed the new officers:

- Maurine Hill, President
- Cathy Jackson, 1st Vice President
- Shannon Gill, 2nd Vice President
- Debbie Alderson, Secretary
- Carrie Spicer, Treasurer
- Betty Kinney, Planner Director
- Patty Barnett, Supplier Director
- Michele Burrows, Planner/Supplier Director

Maurine Hill then presented Judge Breckenridge with an engraved crystal vase, in appreciation of her willingness to swear in the new Board.

The awards ceremony was then held. Debbie Alderson, Treasurer, presented certificates of appreciation to the Committee Chairs and Board Liaisons.

"Sponsorship Awards" were then presented. We all know our organization could not function without the generosity of our members, suppliers and planners alike. Bronze Award Certificates (those that donated anywhere from \$1 to \$999) were presented to those that were present.



CHAPTER MEETINGS (JUNE MEETING CONTINUED)

Silver Award winners (those that donated anywhere from \$1000 to \$1999) were presented with certificates framed in silver. Those receiving this award were:

Capitol Plaza Hotel

Country Club Hotel & Spa

Courtyard by Marriott, Columbia

Hotel DeVille & Fairfield Inn, Jefferson City

The Lodge of Four Seasons

Springfield CVB

Tri-County Lodging



Gold Award winners (those that donated anywhere from \$2000 to \$2999) were presented with framed gold certificates. Those receiving this award were:

The Resort at Port Arrowhead

Tan-Tar-A Resort Golf Club, Marina & Water Park

The Diamond Award (those that donated more than \$3000) was presented to:

Inn at Grand Glaize



Maurine Hill presented "Perfect Attendance" paper weights (properly engraved) to:

- Debbie Alderson**
- Beverly Buschmann**
- Denise Evans**
- Roger Schlatter**



Debbie Alderson presented the "Silver Spoon Award" to:

Inn at Grand Glaize

"Membership Awards" (presented to the planner and supplier who brought in the most new members) were presented to:

Planner – Joann Russel

Supplier – Denise Evans

These individuals were given marble coasters properly engraved.

Shannon Gill, 2nd Vice President and Membership Committee Board Liaison, presented certificates and ribbons to those with 1, 5, 10 and 15 year membership in the MOCAP Chapter.

Maurine Hill, President, then presented the "President's Award" for their dedicated service to the Chapter during her term, to:

Planner – Debbie Alderson

Supplier – Shannon Gill

Framed certificates of appreciation were presented to the outgoing officers (2006-2008):



- Maurine Hill, President**
- Cathy Jackson, 1st Vice President**
- Shannon Gill, 2nd Vice President**
- Kristen Thompson, Secretary**

- Betty Kinney, Planner Director**
- Carrie Spicer, Supplier Direct**
- Kay Craig, Planner/Supplier Director**
- Debbie Alderson, Treasurer**

CHAPTER MEETINGS (JUNE MEETING CONTINUED)

The finale was the presentation of the Planner and Supplier of the Year Awards. These individuals are nominated and voted on by the membership. All of the nominees were introduced and asked to stand and be recognized. They were:

Planner of the Year nominees:

Kay Craig, Dept. of Natural Resource
Sherri Helm, University of Missouri Columbia
Betty Kinney, MOSERS
Roger Schlatter, Retired Planner

Supplier of the year nominees:

Patty Barnett, St. Louis CVC
Michele Burrows, Hotel DeVille & Fairfield Inn
Erika Collins, Truman Hotel
Shannon Gill, St. Louis Airport Marriott
Carrie Spicer, Courtyard by Marriott, Columbia

Cathy Jackson, 1st Vice President and 15th Anniversary Chair, then held drawings for door prizes, that had been donated by suppliers for overnights and many other things. The evening concluded with a dance to the music of *Southwind*.

Thank you to Cathy Jackson and all the committee members for all their efforts. Here's to another 15 years of MOCAP success!

The winners were:



Betty Kinney, Planner of the Year



Patty Barnett, Supplier of the Year



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Forest Park 3 miles
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St. Louis Science Center 3 miles
Metrolink 3 blocks
Lambert International Airport 15 miles

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Total Guest Units: 780

Total Suites: 29

Total Square Feet of Meeting Space: 65,000



2008 SGMP NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

“Bringing BIG Ideas to Education”

By Maurine Hill, President

On June 11-14, 2008, the Society of Government Meeting Planners held its National Educational Conference in Dallas, Texas. It was a fun-filled, educational packed two and a half days, which from all reports received, not only met, but exceeded expectations!

The event started off with a reception at Eddie Dean's Ranch, which is a Texas-themed banquet center in the downtown area of Dallas. MOCAP members wore their denim Chapter shirts and joined in the activities, which included a delicious Texas barbeque meal, drinks, music, dancing, armadillo races, and calf roping (no live animals involved). If some of these activities were not unique enough, there were also caricature artists, who drew "butt" pictures (caricature drawings of a person from the back), which was a big hit of the event!

Thursday started out with Olympic medal winning Dominique Dawes, who spoke about how "Success is Journey, not a Destination" and how her personal philosophy called "D-3" (determination, dedication and desire) can give one the strength to face any challenges and overcome obstacles. The remainder of the day entailed many excellent educational programs, which scholarship recipients will be sharing information on, in coming editions of the Gazette.

Thursday evening was filled with supplier sponsored activities, which was a wonderful networking opportunity and kept most everyone entertained throughout the evening.

Even with late hours the night before, everyone rolled out early for Friday's activities. Even if one was tired, they picked up energy quickly at the breakfast with Dr. Dale Henry, as keynote speaker. Using personal experiences in a story-telling style, Dr. Henry spoke of customer service and personal value in a thought-provoking way. If you ever get an opportunity to hear Dr. Henry speak, by all means, take full advantage of it.

More education filled the remainder of the morning. With the shortening of the conference, this year's awards program was the Gilmer Luncheon. National scholarship recipients and CGMP recipients were announced, the Carole Anne Nelson 2008 Newsletter of the Year award winners were: 1st Place-North Texas Chapter, 2nd Place-Texas Lone Star Capital Chapter and 3rd Place-Sacramento Chapter; 2008 Program of the Year winners were: 1st Place-Heart of America Chapter for "Planning Successful Meetings for All Generations", 2nd Place-Crossroads of America Chapter for "Audio Visual is Not a Monster", and 3rd Place-Greater Oregon Chapter GOSGMP for "Site Selection: Solving the Puzzle"; the 2008 Sam Gilmer Partnership Award is DIVA Publishing; the 2008 Gilmer Planner of the Year is Phil Morgan, CMP and the 2008 Gilmer Supplier of the Year is Carolyn Barrett, CHSP, CHSC. Congratulations to the all the award winners.

After the awards program, meeting planners headed directly into the Trade Show floor where they were able to deliver RFPs, network with the suppliers and make new contacts for future business.

The final event of the conference was the Farewell Fiesta, which was an outdoor event at the Hilton Anatole, where there was Tex-Mex food, live mariachi music, a drawing (in which Vicky Buschjost won \$100 credit towards registration for next year's conference) and a final opportunity to visit with and bid new and old friends farewell for another year, before everyone headed back home.

On Saturday, the Gilmer Learning Institute held the Gilmer Golf Classic as a fundraiser for national scholarships. Although, many headed home on Saturday, several stayed around to enjoy the sights of Dallas. Hopefully, everyone came away with a wealth of BIG ideas of education that they can share with others here in the Chapter.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

We hope you enjoy reading this new section of the MOCAP Gazette. Let us know of any news items that we can share with the chapter members.



Connie Seedig has been promoted to Director of Group Sales at the Renaissance St. Louis Hotel Airport.



CHAPTER CALENDAR

Chapter Calendar 2008 Programs & Locations

January 10

Truman Hotel, Jefferson City

No More Excuses

Sam Silverstein

February 14

New Bloomfield

There is No Such Thing as Multi-Peopling

Dale McCoy, Meadow Lake CC

March 13

Country Club, Jefferson City

Brain Smart Mgt & Bosses' Day

Jill Molli

April 24

Quality Inn, Columbia

But We've Always Done It That Way, Coping With Change and

Supplier Appreciation Day

Rita Starnes

May 15

Inn at Grand Glaize, Lake Ozark

Charity Basket Event

Heaven Sent Paws

June 27

G-2 Gallery, Jefferson City

Annual Awards Banquet & Installation of Officers

July 15

Capitol Plaza, Jefferson City

Joint Meeting Planners Tradeshow & Educational Conference

August 14

Country Club Hotel, Lake Ozark

Green Meeting

Jane Davis

September 11

Summit Lake Winery, Holts Summit

Success is not a Mystery

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October 9

Stoney Creek Inn, Columbia

Dining Etiquette

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November 6

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