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Presidential Thoughts

By Terry Boldt, CMP

We had an excellent turnout for the Joint Meeting Planner's Trade Show that was on July 15 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. The morning began with a Speakers' Show Case that featured twelve professional speakers. Each gave a short presentation to allow the attendees a chance to see what type of program they can provide. They spoke on a variety of topics, including everything from motivational to humorous.

As always the exhibitors went all out with their booth decorations. This year the theme was television sit-coms and the television shows ranged from early ones like Happy Days, Gilligan's Island and Get Smart to more current shows such as Home Improvement and Designing Women. We are still tabulating all of the results from the show, but anticipate that it was a huge success. (Pictorial of Trade Show on pages 7 & 8)

At the August chapter meeting, our educational program was provided by this year's scholarship recipients: Debbie Alderson, Brenda Buschjost, Vicky Buschjost, Lagina Fitzpatrick, Rita French, Maurine Hill and Kay Samuelson. Each shared information from sessions they attended at the national conference in Orlando.

Lagina Fitzpatrick and I will be traveling to Nashville in September to attend the 2nd Vice President's and President's Round Tables. Nashville will be the site of the 2004 National SGMP Conference. We should get all the latest information on what they are planning for the upcoming conference. We will report back on our findings at one of the next monthly meetings.

Don't forget the Holiday Extravaganza will be coming up in December. I know the committee is working on the event and detailed information will be provided as it becomes available. If you have never attended one, you're missing out big time.

The board will be having another board retreat in November. If there is something you would like for the board to address at the retreat, please contact one of the board members. We will be happy to address any issue.

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2003 Capital Chapter Silent Auction

By **Vicky Buschjost**

Plans are underway for the 2003 Holiday Extravaganza and Silent Auction. This is an early reminder to all the suppliers and planners to be thinking about what item(s) could be donated to this year's silent auction. In the past few years, we have had magnificent items donated from both suppliers and planners and we want everyone to keep them coming---no donation is too small or too large! And remember, proceeds from the silent auction go to the chapter's scholarship fund.

If you have any questions about the silent auction, email me at Vicky.buschjost@mocbhe.gov or call me at (573) 751-9441.

Mark your Calendars-Holiday Extravaganza

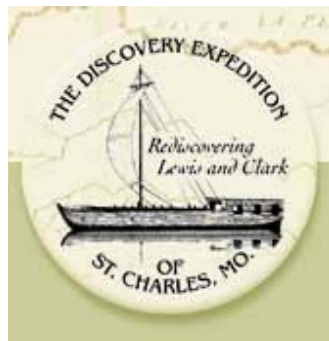
By **Lagina Fitzpatrick, CMP & Denise Evans**

Believe it or not it is time to start thinking and planning for the Holidays. Please mark your calendars for our Holiday Extravaganza, **Friday, December 12** in Branson. The Radisson will be the host hotel. Planners rooms will be complimentary and suppliers rooms at \$59. The night will include the popular silent auction, dinner and we will take buses to see the Jim Stafford's show. Invitations will be mailed out the end of October. Plan to be there, this is an event you will not want to miss!!

Back In Time

By **Denise Evans, Program Chair**

The **September 11th** meeting at the Governor's Office Building is one you do not want to miss! We are going to go back in time to the period of Lewis & Clark. The Jefferson City Lewis & Clark Task Force is putting together a unique and informative presentation with re-enactors and a few other surprises that I am sure you will enjoy. Hope to see you there!



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Membership Report

By **Lagina Fitzpatrick, CMP**
Membership Chair

What an exciting time for MO State Capital Chapter! Even in these tough economic times, our membership is growing, we are up to 132 members! Everyone keep up the good work and continue to spread the word.

Welcome to our new members:

- Robin Bartley, MODOT
- Beverly Buschmann, DNR
- Cythnia Mitchell, City of Columbia
- Joann Russel, DNR
- Cori Day, Stoney Creek Inn, Columbia
- Julie McCollum, University of Kansas/School of Medicine
- Renee Greenshields, MO Enterprise Business Assistance Center
- Christina Roth, Holiday Inn Kansas City Northeast
- Melissa Seeligman, DNR

We have the following changes in our membership:

- Mia Harris replaces Teri Weise at Holiday Inn Select Executive Center
- Mary Wise replaces Michele Burrows at Holiday Inn North, Springfield
- Mary Bequette replaces Madelyn Oliver at Radisson Suites, Downtown St. Louis
- Steven Scofield replaces Stephanie Lehmen, Jefferson City CVB
- Tracy Hind replaces Kelli Lay at Holiday Inn Express, Jefferson City
- Kelly Lay replaces Ramona Mormann at Days Inn, Columbia
- Cindi Jinks replaces Charlie Adams at Clarion Hotel, Springfield
- Joy Millard replaces Gina Mauller at MU Conference Office
- Tracy Baker replaces Barb Henry at Quality Inn, Columbia

Please welcome all of our new members. We are still looking for mentors for the new members, please let Carrie Spicer or myself know if you are interested.

Remember you can bring a guest to the meeting free of charge, just let me know so we can include them in the count.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments @ 573-365-2334 or laginaf@hotmail.com. We are looking for committee members for this year also-so get involved!!!

Membership Renewals:

The following members have September or October membership renewals:

- Lorie Jaeger 9/03
- Linda Amptmann 9/03
- Kristie Blakey 9/03
- Judith Moore 9/03
- Holly Otto 9/03
- Mia Harris 9/03
- Cathy Zumwalt 9/03
- Vicki Brawley 10/03
- Don Dickey 10/03
- Betty Kinney 10/03
- Cindy Lifka 10/03
- Martha Little, CMP 10/03
- Dana Lueckenotte 10/03
- Darlene Robinett 10/03
- Mary Lee Stegeman 10/03
- Mary Supple 10/03.

You should receive your renewal paperwork from the National Office soon if you have not already. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you do not receive your paperwork. Remember for planners it is only \$25 to renew-what a deal!!

Treasurer Report

By **Brenda Buschjost**

As of August 26, 2003 the ASGMP - Missouri State Capital Chapter is carrying a balance of \$3,990.99. This balance reflects the chapter receiving a check for \$2500 from the Tradeshow on Exhibit Booths displayed. The chapter is expecting to receive another check for the balance once all the revenue has been collected.

Everyone's effort to RSVP for the monthly meetings and pay on time is appreciated.

Thank you!



Planner Profile Meet Your SGMP Immediate Past President

Name:	Debbie Alderson
Current Employment:	Supreme Court of Missouri
Title:	Secretary to the Clerk
Years in SGMP:	Eight
Hometown:	California, Missouri
Last Movie Seen:	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
Favorite Book:	Harry Potter Order of the Phoenix
Favorite Celebrity:	Bob Hope
Favorite TV Show:	CSI
Favorite Vacation Spot:	Doesn't matter as long as I go on vacation!
Hobbies:	Dancing, crafts, reading, golf, "grandchildren"
Favorite Quote:	"If God brings you to it, he will see you through it."
Favorite Singer:	Alan Jackson, George Strait, Shania Twain
Favorite Movie:	Jumpin' Jack Flash (Whoopie is sooo funny)
Favorite Food:	I LOVE ice cream but a good steak never goes unappreciated.



Supplier Profile Meet Your SGMP Secretary

Name:	Carrie S. Spicer
Current Employment:	Best Western Capital Inn – Jefferson City
Title:	Director of Sales
Years in Industry:	7
Degree Received:	Associate Degree in Business Management & Information Processing
Hometown:	Owensville, Missouri
Last Movie Seen:	Finding Nemo
Favorite Book:	"Angela's Ashes" by Frank McCourt
Favorite TV Show:	Will and Grace
Favorite Celebrity:	Mel Gibson, Robert DeNiro
Favorite Vacation Spot:	Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Beaver Creek, Colorado
Hobbies:	Playing with my children, traveling, shopping
Favorite Quote:	"Attitude is Everything."
Mentor:	My parents – David & Nancy Fuller

Capital Chapter Announces Attendance Award

By **Vicky Buschjost**

The Capital Chapter Board wanted to find a way to honor members who regularly attend the monthly meetings and scheduled events since attendance is so vital to the life of our Chapter. At the past board meeting, the attendance award concept was approved. The only criterion was that the award could not go to a Board member, since they are required to attend the meetings.

Beginning with the August 21st meeting and continuing through the May 2004 monthly meeting, the Hospitality Committee will track attendance at all monthly meetings and scheduled chapter functions. The member(s) who have attended all meetings and functions will have their name placed in a drawing for great prizes. The drawing will be held at the awards ceremony in June.

So, be sure to sign in at all future Capital Chapter meetings and events and get your name in the drawing for a great prize!

Upcoming Events

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 12	Holiday Extravaganza & Silent Auction at the Radisson Hotel, Branson

Customer Appreciation Outing

By Rita French

The Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, Lake of the Ozarks, hosted a “Customer Appreciation Outing” for past, present and future clients on Monday, August 11th. I believe all those in attendance will agree, we were pampered and treated like royalty all day and all night. From the time we arrived until our departure, we were wined, dined and entertained beyond our expectations.

Lunch was provided aboard the Tropic Island as we cruised along the Lake looking at the fabulous homes on the banks and bluffs. Our thanks to the Holiday Inn SunSpree for ordering up such a beautiful day, the weather could not have been better. Upon our return to the resort, we were treated to music and poolside activities. What a great time to relax, socialize and meet some new friends.

Dinner was provided in the Portside Restaurant and Lounge and what a dinner it was. If you have not had an opportunity to dine at the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, I suggest you give them a try, you will not be disappointed.



Customers enjoying a luncheon cruise aboard the Tropic Island.

“Scholarship Recipients Tell All”

By Carrie Spicer

The August meeting was well attended and informative. From the ice breaker performed by Brenda Buschjost, to the great tips on getting organized and uncluttered by Maurine Hill. Our scholarship recipients discussed programs that they attended in May at the 2003 SGMP National Educational Conference in Orlando, Florida. The following chapter members received scholarships: Debbie Alderson; Brenda Buschjost; Vicky Buschjost; Lagina Fitzpatrick, CMP; Rita French; Maurine Hill; and Kay Samuelson.

The event was hosted by Capitol Plaza Hotel. The London broil served at the luncheon was delicious. A special “Thank You” goes out to Cori Day from the newly opened Stoney Creek Inn, which is Columbia’s newest property, for providing the wonderful door prizes.

Every year our chapter awards scholarships to deserving individuals to attend the annual conference. The 2004 conference is going to be held next May in Nashville, Tennessee. Remember, the more involved you are with the chapter, the more points you will obtain for the scholarship application. ***I urge all of you to become more involved with this great organization!***



Presentors - Brenda Buschjost, Kay Samuelson, Maurine Hill, Debbie Alderson, Vicky Buschjost; Lagina Fitzpatrick, CMP, and Rita French.

Capital Chapter Charity Event – Money Well Spent



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Dear Terry:

I received a great report from Frances on the outcome of your fund raising success and subsequent meeting. Again, please accept my apology for not being able to attend. We at the Dream Factory are so very thankful for the support your organization shows to us, I wanted to write personally and convey my most sincere thanks.

The Dream Factory exists because of the wonderful ongoing support of individuals and groups like yours. The Central Missouri Chapter is a totally volunteer organization, and we are very proud that at least 95% of the funds donated to us is used to grant Dreams for Missouri kids.

The contribution that your group made to us will allow us to significantly pay the cost of a Dream for a Missouri child. Before 911 when American Airlines could "comp" most of our airline costs, I could be fairly safe in saying the amount you gave us would totally pay the costs of a Dream. Now, that is no longer the case and kids to often want to go to exciting places.

Frances said she promised to follow up with you and give more detailed information including pictures of a Dream that came true because of your help. We do have Dreams in progress now, and as soon as we have one where the family will allow the sharing of this type of information, I will see that it is sent.

Until then, please do accept our heartfelt thanks for the generous donation we received. Without people like you and your organization, we could not make Dreams Come True for Critically and Chronically Ill Children.

Sincerely,

Micheal D. Whitworth, President

Trade Show Pics



Speakers Bureau showcase.



Lake of the Ozarks CVB



Happy Days in St. Charles.



Home Improvements at Tan-Tar-A Resort



It's Will & Grace from the Hilton Frontenac!



Holiday Inn SunSpree, or is it the crew from Gilligan's Island?



Best Western Capital Inn