

# Government Meeting

# Gazette



January/February 2004

Editor: Rita French

Volume 8, No. 1

## Presidential Thoughts

By Terry Boldt, CMP

Lagina Fitzpatrick and I attended the roundtable meetings of the Chapter Presidents and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Presidents that were held in Indianapolis in January. Aside from the icy conditions on our return trip, the meetings went really well. Of course the hot topic was the upcoming May conference in Nashville. The National Board has come up with an exciting selection of educational sessions that will be offered at the conference. Also, for the first time, the silent auction will be on the Internet. That means you will not have to attend the conference to bid on items. Any member of SGMP will be able to go on line and bid on items. Once the auction is on-line I will let everyone know. Conference registration materials should be coming in the mail soon; on-line registration is currently up and running at [www.sgmp.org](http://www.sgmp.org).

Don't forget our Bosses Day Luncheon will be held on March 11 at Bones Banquet Center. This year we will be featuring a special guest speaker; Charles Sadler, SGMP's National Treasurer will be addressing the chapter. Charles is a member of the Old Dominion Chapter in Virginia and has also served as SGMP's National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President.

You will soon be receiving nomination information for the up coming chapter elections. Everyone who is currently on the board is serving the last year of their two-year term. I would encourage everyone to please consider running for a position on the board. It is a great way to get involved in chapter activities and it is very rewarding.

I hope to see everyone at Bones Banquet Center on March 11<sup>th</sup> for the Bosses Day Luncheon.

# NASHVILLE IN MAY!

### In This Issue

Board of Directors .....	2
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents Roundtable Update.....	2
Missouri Masterpieces! .....	3
Shaping Your Own Destiny..	3
Suppliers Opportunity .....	3
Election Time Again! .....	4
Bosses Day Luncheon .....	4
Attendance Award.....	4
SGMP Merchandise .....	5
Relay for Life.....	5
Charity Fundraising Raffle ...	6
Membership Report .....	7
Treasurer Report.....	7
Supplier/Planner Profiles.....	8
Upcoming Events .....	8
Officer Nomination Form ....	9

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents Roundtable

By Lagina Fitzpatrick, CMP

The usual SGMP excitement was in the air as the 2nd Vice Presidents gathered for their second meeting of the 2003-2004 Vice Presidents Roundtable (VPR). Indianapolis proved to be a great setting for a productive meeting held January 16 & 17.

Here is a recap of the discussions:

- Goals:
  - To have a supplier toolbox on the SGMP national website. This was approved and the content is being put together.
  - To have member renewals and membership transfers done on line.
  - To have new member applications processed on line within the next two year.
  - For 10% of SGMP supplier members to have their CHSP certification.
- The VPR will have a session for the second year at the National Conference. The program will be a panel discussion of “Where are the SGMP Bookings.”
- All of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents shared ideas on what each chapter is doing or has done to increase their membership and how to retain members.
- The VPR started the supplier side article in Advantage Magazine in last winter’s issue. Discussion was made on topics for upcoming articles and steps made to make sure this continues with the future VPR’s.
- Individuals shared the process their chapter goes through to send their members to the National Conference on scholarship from their local chapters.
- The VPR will have a larger section in the officer’s handbook. Discussion was on the content. This will be submitted within 30 days to the National office.
- A date and time was discussed for the May VPR; encouragement for those returning to run for chair, vice chair, or recorder for next year.

Twenty of twenty-five chapters were represented at this meeting. As you can see, the VPR has a voice and all chapters are encouraged to send a representative to make sure yours is heard.

*See you in Nashville in May!*

## 2002 – 2004 Board of Directors

### President

Terry Boldt, CMP  
Dept. of Economic Development  
Jefferson City, MO  
573-751-9064

### First Vice President

Denise Evans  
Dept. of Natural Resources  
Jefferson City, MO  
573-522-1594

### Second Vice President

Lagina Fitzpatrick  
Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort  
Lake Ozark, MO  
573-365-2334

### Secretary

Carrie Spicer  
Best Western Capital Inn  
Jefferson City, MO  
573-635-4175

### Treasurer

Brenda Buschjost  
Dept. of Health & Sr. Services  
Jefferson City, MO  
573-526-0451

### Planner Director

Vicky Buschjost  
Dept. of Higher Education  
Jefferson City, MO  
573-751-2361

### Supplier Director

Michele Burrows  
Ramada Inn  
Jefferson City, MO  
573-635-7820

### Planner/Supplier Director

Rita French  
Dept. of Higher Education  
Jefferson City, MO  
573-751-2361

### Immediate Past President

Debbie Alderson  
Supreme Court of Missouri  
Jefferson City, MO  
573-751-7308

## Missouri Masterpieces!

By Carrie Spicer

---

The January meeting started off with a delicious family-style chicken dinner from Veit's Restaurant. Debbie Alderson, Mary Lee Stegeman, and Maggie Burch from Supreme Court of Missouri did a great job on the ice breaker.

Thank you to our presenter, Barbara Wilson, for your fun and interactive program on the award winning Missouri State Park System. She is one of our newest SGMP members, but brings with her great knowledge with her 27 years of experience with the Department of Natural Resources. She is currently the Program Trainer for the Division of State Parks.

Barbara taught us some unique features of several state parks, such as the Johnson's Shut-Ins where you can go to climb the rocks or enjoy trout fishing at Montauk State Park.

A thank you goes out to Holiday Inn Wentzville for sponsoring our table favors. We also appreciate the door prize donated by Four Points Sheraton.



Barbara Wilson

## Shaping Your Own Destiny

By Carrie Spicer

---

SGMP went tropical for our February meeting! Members and guests enjoyed the newly opened Key West Cafe in Holts Summit. The Maui Maui was very tasty. All the tables were decked out with bright and sunny decorations compliments of Holiday Inn Sports Complex in Kansas City. Our thanks to Lori Harp, for sponsoring the table favors and door prizes. Lori is the new government sales manager for the Holiday Inn Sports Complex in Kansas City.

Michele Burrows had members get creative with her ice breaker. Now, eight lucky members are going to the movies compliments of Ramada Inn-Jefferson City. Great job, Michele.

The speaker at the meeting was Linda Key. Linda is the current director of GREATER MISSOURI and the former director of the Jefferson City CVB. She gave a phenomenal presentation on "Shaping Your Destiny". No matter how bleak things may seem to be, if you have a good attitude and are willing to make some changes, anything is possible. It was a pleasure hearing her speak.



Linda Key

## Suppliers, Another Sponsorship Opportunity!

By Carrie Spicer

---

The Missouri State Capital Chapter of SGMP appreciates all the sponsorships our supplier members give to our organization. Without the generous donations from our suppliers, SGMP would not survive.

Every monthly educational opportunity has a supplier or two who sponsor the door prizes and table favors for that meeting. All the sponsorship opportunities have been filled for this year.

**Another sponsorship opportunity is now available:** Embroidery appliqués for the national conference.

Those members who have attended past National SGMP Conferences are familiar with the exchange of appliqués between chapters. From the Florida chapter's pink flamingos to the Atlanta chapter's peach, having appliqués to exchange is a great networking tool to build relationships between chapters.

If any property is interested in sponsoring or co-sponsoring the cost of the appliqués, please contact Carrie Spicer at 573-635-4175 or by email at [gerstnerbw@aol.com](mailto:gerstnerbw@aol.com). Thank you!

## Election Time Again!

By Debbie Alderson

---

Don't be afraid to get involved in your local chapter! It has been two years since we elected our present officers and it is now time to elect new ones! At the back of this newsletter on page 9 there is a nomination form. Please feel free to send in nominations for the various offices on the board. Please remember that current office holders are not eligible for the position they are currently holding (current officers are listed on page 2 of this newsletter), although they can be nominated for a different position.

It would be very helpful if you would talk to the person(s) you are nominating to be sure they want to hold a position on the board. Everyone that is nominated is contacted by the committee to be sure they are interested, but it would save a lot of time if they knew they were going to be nominated.

Ballots will be mailed to each member during April. Winners of the elections will be announced at the May meeting with installation of new officers at the June meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [Debbie.Alderson@courts.mo.gov](mailto:Debbie.Alderson@courts.mo.gov) or at 573-751-7308.

## Bosses Day Luncheon at Bone's Banquet Center

By Carrie Spicer

---

The annual Bosses Appreciation Day luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2004 at Bone's Banquet Center in downtown Jefferson City. The sponsor for the door prizes and table favors at this meeting is Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort-Lake Ozark. Please mark this date on your calendar and ask your boss to attend this meeting with you. All bosses will be joining us at no charge for this meeting.

A wonderful program is being planned. We are very proud to have Charles S. Sadler present at this meeting. Charles Sadler, CHSP has been the Director of Sales & Marketing, Sheraton Richmond West Hotel since February 2003. Prior to joining the Sheraton Richmond West Hotel he worked for Hyatt Hotels ten years and Holiday Inn Hotels for an additional ten years. He is the current National SGMP Treasurer who has held numerous offices throughout SGMP including, Past 2<sup>nd</sup> National Vice President, Past Supplier Director National Board, and served as Director and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of The Old Dominion Chapter. In addition to his active work with the National SGMP Board, he holds dual membership in the Old Dominion Chapter and the NATCAP SGMP chapters.

Charles will be giving a presentation entitled, "Why SGMP" and will cover the benefits planners, suppliers and their bosses can expect from membership in our organization.

*Please bring your boss and plan on attending this special educational opportunity!*

## Attendance Award Reminder

By Vicky Buschjost

---

This is just a reminder to sign in at the registration table at our monthly meetings. Attendance at the monthly meetings is being tabulated and members who attend every meeting from August 2003 through May 2004, will be entered into a drawing for a fabulous prize. The drawing will be held at the awards ceremony in June. The chapter board members are exempt from this drawing – it's just for you, non-board members!

## SGMP Merchandise

By Carrie Spicer

---

The Missouri State Capital Chapter of SGMP will have shirts and lapel pins available for sale at each monthly meeting! The new lapel pins are here! The pins are brass in the shape of Missouri. They are very nice with our chapter colors. These are available for only \$3 each.

If you plan to attend the national meeting in Nashville, you might want to get a chapter shirt to let other chapters know where you are from at-a-glance. The board has selected an electric blue color (if we can locate them at a reasonable cost) golf shirt that will be available in a variety of sizes at the April meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Spicer at 573-635-4175 or by email [gerstnerbw@aol.com](mailto:gerstnerbw@aol.com). Thank you!

## Relay for Life – June 4-5, 2004

By Michele Burrows

---

The Cole County Relay for Life Event will be held June 4-5, 2004 at the Jaycees Cole County Fairgrounds on Friday starting at 6 pm – Saturday ending at 7am. There will be music, food, contests, awards, and prizes. At the same time you will be honoring the courageous spirit of those battling cancer.

During Relay for Life, one person from each team is on the track at all times-symbolizing refusal to stop fighting until cancer has been stopped! Meanwhile, their team participants and other supporters congregate for games, refreshments, activities, and fellowship to keep the energy level high. When the sun goes down, hundreds of luminaries light the way under the stars. The candles are lit to pay tribute to those lost to cancer...and honor those still fighting. This ceremony of light symbolizes the hope and perseverance with which we all continue to fight. There is a victory lap for cancer survivors! The American Cancer Society invites ALL cancer survivors to unite at the Relay for life for a victory lap.

For more information about this event go to their website at: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)



Our current SGMP Team Members for 2004 are: Debbie Alderson, Michele Burrows, Denise Evans, Lagina Fitzpatrick, Theresa Flippen, Rita French, Maurine Hill, Lorie Jaegers, Connie Lockwood, Sandy Maassen, Holly Otto and Carrie Spicer. **We are still looking for TEAM MEMBERS! Let us know if you are interested!**

Our team also has our own website that allows people to make a donation to our team online. Go to <http://colerelay.kintera.org> and click on our team: **SGMP-Missouri Capital City Chapter**. Go to General Team Donation and enter your sponsorship amount. This website allows you to use your credit card for your pledge.

This year our team theme is: **70's "Stayin' Alive"**. We will decorate our campsite in a 70's theme and have 70's music. We will be selling Subway Sandwiches, drinks, and cookies.

## Charity Fundraising Raffle for the SGMP Capital Chapter's Relay for Life Team

By Vicky Buschjost and Michele Burrows, Co-Chairs

---

Last November at the chapter board retreat, the board chose its own chapter's Relay for Life team as recipients of this year's charity fundraising proceeds. As you know, the Relay for Life is an annual community fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. The more money raised by the team, the better the recognition, so we are hoping this will be another way to get the word out about SGMP and the Capital Chapter!

This year we again invited all member CVB's and CVC's to participate in this charity fundraising event by putting together a package/basket from their area, including but not limited to, overnight stays, meal vouchers, and tickets to area attractions, plus other area memorabilia. We received confirmation of packages/baskets for the following areas:

- ❖ Branson
- ❖ Columbia
- ❖ Jefferson City
- ❖ Joplin
- ❖ Kansas City
- ❖ Lake of the Ozarks
- ❖ Springfield
- ❖ St. Charles
- ❖ St. Louis
- ❖ St. Joseph



At the chapter's February 19th meeting, chapter members were given raffle tickets to sell (members not attending were mailed their tickets). The costs of tickets are \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5. Each member has the opportunity to sell tickets, and the chapter member who sells the most tickets will receive \$100 in cash!

At the chapter's April 8<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting (at Apple Creek Orchard in Centertown), we will present the top selling chapter member with \$100 cash, give door prizes, conduct the raffle drawing and present our chapter's Relay for Life team with a check. Plan to attend. If you don't win a raffle package, you might win one of the many door prizes! How can you win a door prize? For each \$25 worth of tickets you sell, your name will be put in a drawing for a door prize; sell \$50 and your name goes in twice to increase your odds of winning. Don't worry if you can't make it to the April meeting, you don't have to be present to win. Winners not present will be notified and can make arrangements to pick up their prize(s).

If you wish to donate a door prize for the April 8<sup>th</sup> event (in addition to what you contribute toward the raffle package), please contact Michele Burrows at 573-635-7171, ext.119 or Vicky Buschjost at 573-751-9441 as soon as possible.

## Membership Report

By Lagina Fitzpatrick, CMP  
Membership Chair

---

**O**ur membership is currently at 134! Everyone keep up the good work and continue to spread the word about SGMP. Thank you to those who have brought a guest to the meetings.

### Welcome to our new members:

- Connie Lockwood, MO Department of Higher Education
- John Moore, MO Meetings & Events, St. Louis
- Kay Craig, Department of Natural Resources
- Ramona Mormann, Quality Inn, Jefferson City

### We have the following changes in our membership:

- Shelley Sigholtz replaces Mark Randolph, Fairfield Inn, Jefferson City
- Karen Adams replaces Cindy Lifka, Holiday Inn Southwest, St. Louis
- Ned Hamadto replaces Michele Burrows, Days Inn, Columbia
- Michele Burrows replaces Denise Schaben, Ramada Inn, Jefferson City
- Chris Booher replaces Sandy Moles, St. Joseph Riverfront

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

I want to thank the membership committee for a great meeting in January and all of the great ideas to increase and retain our membership in the upcoming year.

We are currently doing a membership blitz. We have 5 teams of two calling on about 48 meeting planners. At the present time it looks to be a very successful drive. We will update you on the new members next month.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments or if you would like to join the membership committee, you can call me at 573-365-2334 or e-mail me at [laginaf@hotmail.com](mailto:laginaf@hotmail.com).

### The following members have March membership renewals:

Julie Barchenski, Shirley Boessen, Eileen Braun, Beth Buechter, Kimberly Davidson, Kami Delameter, Stacie Graham, Peggy Henderson, Mary Henley, Tracy Hind, Connie Hovis, Randy Kelley, Sonia McNeely, Carrie Spicer, Beth Thurman, Rebecca Wilson, and Suzanne Wiss.

### The following members have April membership renewals:

Mary Bequette, Nicole Dye, Jo Ann Epps, Lisa Harris, Rita French, Shannon Gill, Ned Hamdto, Gina Jacobs, Sally McKee, Margie Oldeg, Kristie Smith, and Mary Wise.

The March renewals should have already been sent to you by the National office, if not please let me know. The April renewals will be receiving information by the first of March.

We have a long of list of members, as you can see, to renew in the next few months. The chapter has many great educational opportunities as well as networking events this year, so please do not miss out-get your renewals in! And remember planners it is only \$25 to renew. Please make sure to send in your planner profile sheet with your payment. Thank you and let me know if you have any questions.

## Treasurer Report


By Brenda Buschjost


---

**A**s of February 18, 2004 the SGMP - Missouri State Capital Chapter is carrying a balance of \$13,575.62.

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

Thank you!

	<h2>Supplier Profile</h2> <h3>Meet Diane Gillespie</h3>
Name:	Diane Gillespie
Current Employment:	Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau
Title:	Sales Manager
Years in Industry:	24
Degree Received:	BS in Marketing & Management from Southwest Missouri State University
Hometown:	Springfield, Missouri
Last Movie Seen:	Cheaper By The Dozen
Favorite Book:	John Grisham Books
Favorite TV Show:	Friends
Favorite Celebrity:	Oprah
Favorite Vacation Spot:	Destin, Florida
Hobbies:	Walking, swimming, craft and home update projects
Favorite Quote:	"You Never Get the Second Change to Make the First Impression"
Mentor:	My parents who provided me with values and morals to be successful in my personal life and career

	<h2>Planner Profile</h2> <h3>Meet Your SGMP Planner Director</h3>
Name:	Vicky Buschjost
Current Employment:	Missouri Department of Higher Education
Title:	Administrative Assistant
Years in SGMP:	6
Hometown:	Linn, Missouri
Last Movie Seen:	Blue Collar Comedy Tour
Favorite Book:	Anything by Catherine Coulter
Favorite TV Show:	Everybody Loves Raymond
Favorite Celebrity:	Bill Cosby
Favorite Vacation Spot:	Oceanside anywhere
Hobbies:	Emily, Sarah and Dalton (my 3 kids)
Favorite Quote:	"I brought you into this world...and I can take you out!"
Favorite Singer:	George Strait
Favorite Movie:	Shrek
Favorite Food:	I love it all!!!!



## Upcoming Events

March 11, 2004	Bosses Appreciation Luncheon-Bone's Banquet Center
April 8, 2004	Charity Event – Apple Creek Orchard - Centertown
May 13, 2004	What's a Diploma Mill? Ramada Inn Jefferson City
May 26-30, 2004	National SGMP Conference – Nashville, Tennessee
June 10, 2004	Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers – Inn at the Grand Glaize
July 13, 2004	Joint Trade Show Ramada Inn-Jefferson City
August 12, 2004	State Bid Process - Capitol Plaza Hotel
September 9, 2004	Department of Conservation – Best Western Inn-Jefferson City
October 7, 2004	Stress Management – Stoney Creek Inn - Columbia
November 18, 2004	Survivor Skit – Quality Inn - Jefferson City
December	Holiday Extravaganza & Silent Auction Location & Date - TBA

**OFFICER NOMINATION SHEET  
FOR YEAR 2004-2006  
MISSOURI STATE CAPITAL  
CHAPTER, SGMP**



If you plan to nominate someone, please check with that person before you submit them for nomination. Current office holders are not eligible for their present position but may be nominated for another position.

President (planner) \_\_\_\_\_

First Vice-President (planner) \_\_\_\_\_

Second Vice-President (supplier) \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary (planner/supplier\*\*) \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer (planner/supplier\*\*) \_\_\_\_\_

Director (planner) \_\_\_\_\_

Director (supplier) \_\_\_\_\_

Director (planner or supplier) \_\_\_\_\_

(\*\*Please note that if a planner is elected to fill the position of Secretary, the office of Treasurer must be held by a supplier and vice versa.)

Supplier of the Year \_\_\_\_\_

Planner of the Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fax, mail or e-mail no later than March 25, 2004 to:**

**Debbie Alderson  
Missouri State Capital Chapter, SGMP  
Supreme Court of Missouri  
P.O. Box 150  
Jefferson City, MO 65102  
Fax: 573-751-7514  
Debbie.Alderson@courts.mo.gov**