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KY Bluegrass Chapter SGMP

News of the Month:

- Economy improving but job growth still weak.
- Facebook settles US privacy violation charges

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Holiday Reflection

At this time of year it is good to think back over the past twelve months and take stock in all that we have and give thanks. I am thankful for my family and friends. I am thankful for my job which I enjoy every day. I am thankful for all the wonderful people I have met through SGMP. Each month at our chapter meetings I look around at all the bright, talented people in the room and think wow I am lucky to be part of such an amazing group of people. I

am thankful I had the opportunity to go to the NEC in Norfolk. I learned so much and met people from all over the country that have one thing in common...meeting planning. I am thankful that in difficult times I have learned ways to be more efficient and effective in planning meetings.

It is easy for us to lose sight of what is important in our lives, but if we take a moment to step back and think about the simple things that make us happy and the people we have on

our side, we will surely be able to tackle any problems that come our way!

Happy Holidays!

Mary Gaetz
Chapter President



History of SGMP Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter

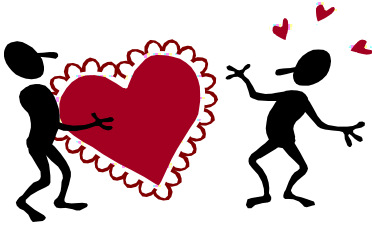
Our chapter was formed in 2009 as a result of the hard work of Joyce Howlett, Louisville CVB, Susan Racque, Marriott Hotel Louisville, and Robin Caldwell Welch, KY State Parks.

An informational meeting was held in February 2009 at Berry Mansion in Frankfort, KY. At that gathering, meeting planners and suppliers began to work towards the formation of an official chapter.

The Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter was officially chartered in July 2009 and officials from the National SGMP office were on hand to install our first president. SGMP national president Melody Kebe, CMP, CGMP, presided over a formal ceremony that concluded with the ceremonial passing of the gavel to new chapter president Shannon Holbrook.

The chapter currently has 51 members. We have received two awards; NEC Chapter Challenge Award 2011 for a level 3 chapter and the highest net membership growth in 2009-2010 for a level 3 Chapter. Congratulations SGMP National on 30 years of excellence!

TIPS AND TIDBITS



February SGMP Education Luncheon Meeting

Save the Date, Tuesday
February 14, 2012
How to Make Your CSM
Work For You-
Speaker: Wendy Palazzo
Essential Details

Registration begins at
11:30 am and the education
will start at 12:00 pm

ATTIRE

Business Casual

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Registered Member

Suppliers: \$30

Non registered Suppliers:
\$35



Congrats! CGMP

Adnee Hamilton for receiving
your CGMP Certification! We
are proud of you!



SGMP Annual Holiday Reception

Our SGMP Holiday reception was a huge success thanks to The Brown Hotel for their beautiful meeting space, informative tours and delicious food. We had over 30 members in attendance and raised over \$500 dollars for our Chapter Scholarship fund to the National Education Conference in New Orleans, May 2012.



Thank-you to the following suppliers who donated items for our Holiday Reception Raffle: BJSJH, Brown Hotel, Holiday Inn University Plaza, Essential Details, Ramada Plaza, CHFS, The Hyatt Regency Louisville, KACO, Ky Assoc. of Counties and C & H Audio Visual Services.

Thank-you for supporting our charity this year! Lots of great toys were collected for Toys For Tots!



Diversity in Government Meeting Tips!

Remember Diversity comes into play in all the following areas:

- Date Selection
- RFP
- Site Selection
- Budgets
- Marketing
- BEOs
- Programming
- On-site Logistics
- Program Evaluations