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AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS and GRANTS

Come one, come all. Get your grant requests in for assistance in attending the upcoming fall conference and/or December meeting. The application is on our website and I will be sending out an email to every member once the information about these sessions is more firmed up.

Remember that if you are awarded a grant, it is your responsibility to submit the completed expense form along with the documentation and receipts within thirty (30) days of receiving the check or attending the session for which the award was provided.

Be on the look-out in early fall for information regarding applying for one of our scholarships or one of our awards. There are three (3) awards--Manager of the Year, Buyer of the Year and Outstanding Service. So start working now on pulling together the documentation needed to substantiate your points. Review the award application process for 2011 for assistance.

Yours in service,

Gayle Porster, CPPB
Awards, Scholarships and Grants Committee Chair



To Patrick Elaine Ross for taking on the Chair for Conference, Program and Education for the GA Chapter of NIGP. Please welcome her!!

What does the 4th of July Mean

By Everett Gray, CPPB

I thought about this and my memories flooded back to times when I was overseas serving my county and away from family and friends. I saw many people sacrifice everything for what we enjoy every day.

This simple statement of "INDEPENDENCE" is best told by William Tyler Page a Clerk of the US House of Representatives in 1917. I hope that each of you truly understands what independence has cost this nation.

The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America, as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

May each of you never see or experience what travesties that have taken place in far off lands in the name of freedom and independence. May each of you hold dear your traditions of family, friends and the strength it feeds your soul, and the sanctity of what is good and right in each of us. May those who've gone before us leave us with the wisdom to understand and celebrate our independence. In whatever way you celebrated the 4th, take with you that your sons, daughters, relatives or friends serving this nation, are putting themselves in harm's way for a better tomorrow. Remember and celebrate them as they are the living legacy of our independence.



Remember to visit the website www.ganigp.org often to get up-dated information, to interact with your peers and your Board. We VALUE all members!! Thank you for participating and working to make the GA Chapter of NIGP one of the absolute best Chapters!!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: GAYLE PORSTER

Is it Really that Time?

By: Anna Kershaw, CPPB

Enjoy the following interview with a loyal member, Gayle Porster. Gayle is going to be retiring at the end of the year and she and her GANIGP colleagues have a lot to say on this subject. **Questions we asked Gayle:**

1. *What made you want to work in a Public Procurement Role?* I was in HR training in 2003 and the department (DOAS) decided to down-size and out-source all HR training, so I was given a couple of options and chose to move to Purchasing to deliver training there. I actually knew very little about purchasing, except for the purchases I had made while in HR more as an end-user and Pcard holder. So I had to learn the field very, very quickly.
2. *Describe a time when you felt you had to take an initiative?* I frequently am taking initiatives at work to get topics onto the training curriculum—speaking for my customer. Even getting things taken out of materials that I feel are too complex or would be counter-productive to try to teach. I see my job as assisting folks in getting their work done the best way possible in a way that serves their entity and the taxpayer.
3. *Who was your best instructor or role model?* My team-mates at work—Mary, Maria and Dorna, are great because each has her own style. I really loved working with my old HR boss and that team. He was very supportive and encouraging. My very first boss while working for Corrections was Jackie Golden. She is now deceased but she exuded care, compassion and dedication.



4. *Do you remember a time when you were faced with “sensitive” clients, either an internal customer or an outside vendor? Do you wish to share how you handled the situation?* I remember having to work with a business executive who I fairly quickly determined was illiterate. He had been able to hide this from almost everyone. I arranged to work one-on-one with him and then gently convinced him to get into the Literacy Action program. Similarly I fairly recently found myself working with someone who I determined to be learning disabled with reading problems. I again arranged to work with him one-on-one and read the test questions to him.
5. *Is there another area in our profession that you would like to move on to next?* Actually, I would like to move back into the counseling/social work area where I began. I hope to be able to work with victims of Domestic Violence again.
6. *Is there anything you have planned on the immediate “horizon” that you are excited about?* I am excited about EVERYTHING on the horizon. Since I will be retiring in a few months, I have another whole “career” in front of me. There is a chance I might still be working part-time for the State. I have not heard for sure yet on that. If I don’t, I want to find a part-time job and then spend my time volunteering and taking classes. I will be moving to Blairsville once the house my fiancé’ and I are building is finished and I sell my house in Duluth. Then I have the rest of my life open---and I plan to live a long, long time.

Here are some reflections from Gayle's GANIGP colleagues *(note that we couldn't print all the good wishes here due to space constraints):*

"I have enjoyed getting to know Gayle - a professional, hard-working, funny! person who has given much energy, talent, and caring to the Chapter. Gayle is a staunch supporter of ethical standards and is ready to provide thoughtful advice. I am so happy to call her a friend."

Donna Kukarola

"I met Gayle about five years ago and have had the very distinct pleasure of working with her on committees, as Secretary of our Chapter, and as a Committee Chair. Gayle is one of the most fair, ethical, honest, and devoted women I have ever met and I am honored to be able to call her a friend."

Tammy John

"... I have worked closely together with Gayle and she is extremely passionate about wanting to help anyone. Gayle also wants to see the Chapter grow as she is a member of many committees and devotes a lot of time helping in any way possible. This past year she was a member of the Attendee Recruitment team for the Expo, she assisted with the new Conference, Program & Education Chairs and is also a member of the Governance Committee for the re-writing of the By-Laws and Operations Guide and on several occasions she has taken minutes for the Secretary. Gayle has been a true inspiration and supported me whenever I was in need. I will miss her when she retires."

Doreen Eidmann

EXPO!! Mark your calendars for March 2013 – It's closer than you think!!

It was an honor to serve as GANIGP's 2012 GGPCPE Chairperson for the 25th anniversary, and the great opportunity has arisen once again to serve in 2013. Putting on this show is a major undertaking and is a full time volunteer position with about eight (8) months of dedication to the position.

This past year taught me what the word "Teamwork" means, and after been given the opportunity to work with the 2012 committee chairs and volunteers, I came to learn this was the best team yet.

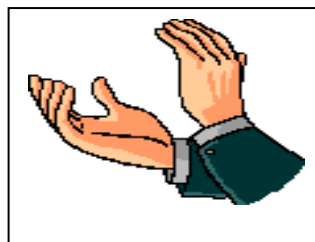
Kudos goes to each of the chairs for their personal time set aside just to insure the success of the 25th anniversary of the GGPCPE. The 2012 chairs were Rhonda Bollen, Debra Brewer, Ara White, Avon Thompson, Doreen Eidmann, Donna Kukarola, Nancy Lam, Tammy John, Rich Hampton, Susan Clarke, and Everett Gray who worked as web consultant for GGPCPE and assisted in making the new registration system for both exhibitors and governmental attendees work impeccably.

The 25th anniversary of GGPCPE was the most successful ever at being able to return proceeds to GANIGP of astronomical amount which goes towards, awards, scholarships, and grant opportunities for the members.

The proceeds from the GGPCPE this year was a whopping \$92,887.85!!! What a pleasure it is for me to be able to give back to the chapter in such a major financial way; I am here to serve GANIGP and our members in any way feasible.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve once again in 2013 as the GGPCPE Chair.
Have a safe and happy summer!

Donna K. Kindon, CPPO, CPPB, GCPA



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Tentative schedule for the fall Conference & Elections is:

September 30, 2012, Registration and GA Chapter Board Meeting

October 1, 2012, Registration, NIGP Class

October 2, 2012, Registration, NIGP Class, Candidate Forum

October 3, 2012, Registration, NIGP Class, Free Classes, GA Chapter Meeting & Elections.



Check the website, www.ganigp.org, to get details as they become available.

Want to contribute to the *BuyWords*? Just send your submission to my attention by September 10, 2012. Am calling for articles from those that attended the NIGP 2012 Forum, also any accomplishments/kudos you would like to share about yourself or your colleagues.
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