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Have you checked out our website recently?

www.ganigp.org

We are still working on it but we are very hopeful that you will find it much easier to navigate!

Full articles can be found on the website – use this to whet your appetite!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENT CPPB & CPPO RECIPIENTS!

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Interested in joining these ranks?
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“Here to Please and Serve”

by Sue Franklin

My procurement career expands experience with office supplies and office furnishings in working with a wholesaler, a retailer, and a manufacturer representative firm before entering into the public sector with Clayton County in 1999. I retired from public service on June 24, 2011. Working in procurement is always interesting as the newest widgets, the latest technology and innovated products and services are introduced to the open market.

The most unusual item purchased was more about the purpose than the item. I purchased a freezer for short term storage for heads of animals that may have contacted rabies. The most interesting item was a bomb robot.

I began my membership with GA Chapter of NIGP shortly after I was employed with Clayton County. Over the years I have served as EXPO Attendee Recruitment Chair, Treasurer, President, Past President’s Counsel, and Historian. I have loved being involved with the Chapter Board and all the members. You can form great alliances which you can obtain advice of practices, policies and what works with their agencies and form lifelong friends.

I was asked for words of wisdom to pass on to my fellow procurement professionals: #1) I have always had the motto, “to please and serve” in my work and daily life. #2) Always remember that tasks you perform is your “signature.” #3) When you are overwhelmed in a situation, remember these words of wisdom, “And this too shall pass.”

My husband of 39 years, Jim Franklin, our widowed daughter, Sharri and our four grandchildren are my beautiful blessings. I “please and serve” in a different way now making memories with my wonderful family and dear friends. Every day is filled with challenges but also filled with God’s miraculous wonders, peace, mercy, strength and so much LOVE! Love and Hugs to All!



Please share this with other public procurement professionals that are not GA Chapter members – let them know the advantages of being a member

GA GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING CONFERENCE AND PRODUCTS EXPO
(GGPCPE)

The GGPCPE Committee would like to announce the 25th annual Purchasing Conference and Products Exposition will be held on March 20-21, 2012 at the Georgia International Convention Center.

The GGPCPE Committee is asking that each member to try and bring one new vendor to make this the most successful show ever. What an exciting venture, bringing additional revenue to the Chapter so that the members can benefit by taking advantage of awards, scholarships, grants, and free classes through drawings held at each Chapter meeting. This can only be offered to Chapter members due to the continued success of the EXPO each year.

Please don't forget to mark your calendars and register for the purchasing conference and products show, watch the Chapter's new website for registration postings: www.ganigp.org

Very Respectfully,
Donna Kindon, CPPO, CPPB, GCPA
2012 GGPCPE Chair



THE EXPO IS COMING!!!!

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Be on the watch for your renewal notices for the 2012 Membership Application as they will be coming out by the first of October. They will be coming mail and via email. I hope you have had a wonderful summer and looking forward to delightful fall weather.

Doreen Eidmann
Membership Chair 2011- 2012

ATTENDEE RECRUITMENT CHAIR (EXPO)

I would like to announce the winner for the 2012 GGPCPE 25th Anniversary Theme Contest **RICHARD BROWNLEE** (City of Roswell)!!, and the theme is:

NIGP 2012 GGPCPE

25TH ANNIVERSARY

USING OUR "GIFT" TO FIND SOLUTIONS!

A big thank you to all that participated! Doreen Eidmann

Update on Awards, Scholarships and Grants

Gayle Porster, CPPB, GANIGP Awards, Scholarships and Grants Committee Chair

Coming! Coming! Coming! Be on the lookout in early October for the invitation for you to submit an application for the Manager of the Year and the Buyer of the Year Award. Both of these awards present the winner with a full-paid trip to next year's NIGP Forum--which will be in [Seattle](#). You will need to send a binder of information highlighting your experience, skills, expertise, etc.--complete with documentation to substantiate your submission. It takes a bit of time, but is so worth it! Also you will see information on how to submit an application for someone to receive the Annual Service Award and how you can apply for a scholarship. And don't forget, there is still time to apply for a 2011 Grant for up to \$300 that can be used to support your professional development efforts.



KUDOS!!!

The GA Chapter of NIGP was presented the Large Chapter's Certificate of Achievement for the High Percentage of National Members Award from the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing on August 26, 2011 at the 2011 NIGP National Forum which was recently held in National Harbor, MD; whereby 78.3% of our chapter members also hold an NIGP national membership.

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Talisa Clark - just received her MBA in Management with a concentration in International Supply Chain and Logistics. Talisa attended Clayton State University and will walk on December 20, 2011. She is preparing and studying for her CPPO to take in May 2012.

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DeKalb County School District's Purchasing Department has just been awarded US Communities Merritt Award for demonstrated innovative procurement practices and use of cooperative purchasing efficiencies. The award is the first of its' kind and DCSD is one of 20 recipients this year. The award is jointly bestowed by NIGP, ASBO and US Communities. The award will be officially presented at the September 12, 2011 DCSD Board meeting.

OCTOBER 26, 2011 GA NIGP CHAPTER MEETING

OCTOBER 23-26 NIGP EDUCATIONAL CLASSES & FREE GANIGP WORKSHOPS

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for a grant today?

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