

NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.....

Message from the President:

Welcome to another great year in **YOUR** Tampa Bay Area Chapter of NIGP! As usual, **YOUR** Chapter has many events planned and there are so many ways that **YOU** can participate!

Our 4th Annual Reverse Trade Show will be held at the University Center in Tampa on April 18th. Linda El Shamy is again chairing this very successful event, she already has her committee's well under way, but as always, could use **YOUR** help. Give her a call or drop her an email, she is waiting to hear from **YOU**.

Right around the corner from the Reverse Trade Show is the Buyer/Seller Golf Tournament on May 16th. This is really a fun event, but it can't be the success it has been in the past without **YOUR** help. Contact Jay Jackus or MaryKay Crabtree to sign up and help out.

Very soon we will be asking for nominations for Buyer of the Year and Manager of the Year. We are having these awards earlier than usual to coincide with submitting our winners to National NIGP. Winners are selected and announced at the National Forum, this year being held in Charlotte NC during the last week of July. Be thinking about your nominations, more soon to follow on our website.

We are looking for a different venue or format for our Product Expo/Trade Show traditionally held at the end of October. If anyone has any ideas feel free to contact me. We are open for any suggestions.

By now **YOU** should have the theme of my message. This is **YOUR** chapter, we are only as good as the people that belong. Consider volunteering at just one of our events, even selling just a few vendor sales at the Reverse Trade Show adds up those Scholarship Points. We are now considered a large member chapter, having over 150 members. We already have a GREAT Chapter, but we can be even BETTER!. Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions, comments, criticisms, any feedback at all. Please email me at balcombel@pcsb.org.

Linda Balcombe, CPPO, CPPB
Chapter President

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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS 4th ANNUAL NIGP REVERSE TRADE SHOW

It's that time again when we ask our membership for their help and support for our 4th annual Reverse Trade Show. The Trade Show will be held at the

University Area Community Center located at 14013 N 22nd Street, Tampa, Florida 33613.

University Area Community Center



Mark your Calendars for **Friday, April 18, 2008**

8:30 AM to 1:00 PM Trade Show

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM Lunch

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM Vendor Workshop

Lunch is concurrent with Trade Show.

For those of you that did not attend last year we had such a great time at this new venue located in a beautiful park setting conveniently located in the North side of Tampa which offered us plenty of FREE parking an array of other amenities. Don't wait sign up today!!

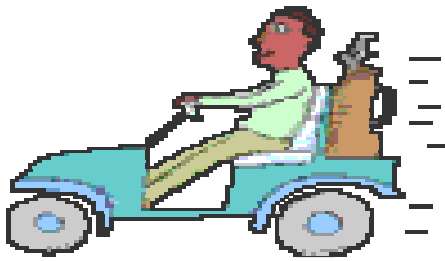
The Reverse Trade Show Committee members for this year are as follows:

- Trade Show Chair.....Linda El-Shamy
- Trade Show Co-Chair.....Sharon Rendueles

Committee Chairs:

- Communications.....MaryKay Crabtree
- Vendor Registration.....Laurie Roberts
- Entity Registration.....Kendal Capaz
- Prize Coordinator.....Tammy Winton-Spearman
- Set-Up.....Mina Kaeding
- Volunteers.....Jock McGlathery
- Photography.....Min Nimoy

Please email Linda El-Shamy at: elshamyl@hillsboroughcounty.org if you wish to help out with this event. NOW is the time to start getting your points for recertification and for future scholarships!

14th ANNUAL BUYERS/SELLERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

It is once again time to dust off the clubs, buy some experienced balls and spend some quality time at your local driving range in preparation for our 14th Annual Buyer/Seller Golf Tournament. We will once again tee it up at the beautiful Eagles Golf Club in Odessa for an 8:00 shot-gun start (we all start at the same time).

Due to the first increase in many years by the golf course, the price has been raised to \$75.00 this year. In order to compensate for the price increase, we will include entry into all contests in place of the super package previously sold the day of the outing as well as two mulligan's (do-over's) with your entry fee.

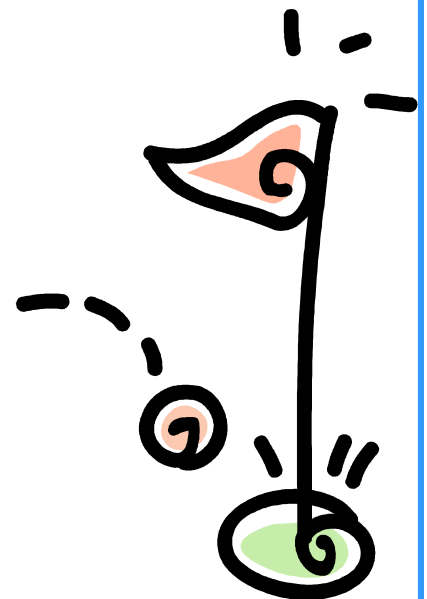
So you do not play golf, in that case, invite your vendors, co-workers or the folks you serve on a daily basis. I've yet to work at an agency that did not have an abundance of golfers; all you have to do is ask. For those vendors who claim not to play, there are a number of sponsorship opportunities available; the basic being a hole sponsor. \$100 will secure a hole sponsor sign at a designated hole with the company's name imprinted.

As always door prizes will be accepted. Sponsorship of contests such as putting, long drive and closest to the pin are available as well as sponsorship of the beverage cart. As with all chapter events, door prizes are always accepted! The more donations received the more profit the chapter will realize.

With any luck we will not have a repeat of the smoky conditions experienced last year.

If you or a prospective participant have any questions please contact:

Jay Jackus @ 727 943-4871
Or
email jjackus@ci.tarpon-springs.fl.us



BARGAINS....they still do exist

Webster defines a **Bargain** as:

“Something offered or acquired at a price advantageous to the buyer.”

I'm sure, like comfortable shoes, we forget what a “bargain” we receive with our Membership in the local Chapter. Okay, some skeptics are probably scratching their heads (or maybe other body parts) and questioning what bargain? Let me just list a few benefits that come with this “Bargain.”

- For most the membership dues are paid by your entity.
- Networking with approx. 190 other Purchasing Professions in the local area. If not networking, grousing about your job is an option too.
- The Chapter pays for approx. ½ of your luncheon at the meetings. If you attend the 6 luncheons the subsidy is double the yearly membership dues plus you receive scholarship points.
- Chapter sponsored seminars. The price of the seminar has been reduced by 50% for local members.
- Recertification Points. Membership in the local chapter may count towards recertification points along with attendance at the Luncheons.
- Recertification Application fee – The Chapter will reimburse 50% of the application fee, if paid by the Member.

50% of any NIGP Seminars sponsored by other Chapters, NIGP and FAPPO.

Note: this can only be utilized every other year and does not include per diem/travel and is only reimbursable if paid by the Member.

Scholarship Points – By volunteering, attending luncheons, writing news articles, points can be earned for seminars, attendance at National Forum or FAPPO.

P.S. If you've not received your 2008 Bargain Membership Certificate, please let me know.

MK Crabtree

YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE.....

January 25, 2008

Tampa Bay Area Chapter of NIGP
601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 18th Floor
Tampa, FL 33602

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead

Dear Tampa Bay Area Chapter of NIGP,

On behalf of all of the employees, board of directors, volunteers and most especially the families we serve, we would like to thank the members of the Tampa Bay Area Chapter of NIGP for their \$715.00 donation for our Annual Children’s Christmas Party. Enclosed is a picture from this year’s event.

Thanks to your generosity and the generosity of others in our community, over 200 children received new clothes, shoes and toys from Santa Claus at our Christmas Party on Dec 15, 2007.

Thank you again for your wonderful gift of hope to children during this holiday season. Giving a gift to help children is the best gift you can give and we are extremely grateful that you chose Help A Child.

At your convenience, if you have not had a tour, we would like to invite you to take a tour of our facility to learn more about the programs we offer to children and families in our community.

For the Children,

Bobbie Gilgosch Kathy Mize
Christmas Party Coordinator Director of Development



2008 MEMBER UPDATE.....

New Members

Bill Santhouse	City of Pinellas Park
Lawanda Bodden	City of St. Petersburg
Stephanie Faber	Hillsborough Community College
Terry Fryman	Hillsborough Community College
Annie Laura Munns	Hillsborough Community College
Gregory Lynn	Hillsborough County – Public Works
John Evans	Hillsborough County – Water Resource Services
Clare McGrane	Pinellas County – Public Works
JoAnn Boccia	Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Alicia Carmen	School District of Hillsborough County
Kenneth Gerhart	School District of Hillsborough County
Paul Dimmer	Citizens Property Insurance Corp.
Anthony Hudson	Southwest Fl. Water Management District
Michele Jones	Southwest Fl. Water Management District
David Otto	Southwest Fl. Water Management District

New CPPB's

Anthony McGee	City of Tampa
Eric Meserve	Hillsborough County - BOCC

Moves/Promotions

Tim Shoby	From Pinellas County to Hillsborough Aviation Authority
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FOR THE NEWSLETTER.....



IT'S YOUR NEWS LETTER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION.....

Thanks to

*The Board Members, MK Crabtree , Linda El-Shamy, Jay Jackus,
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**Tampa Bay Area Chapter
National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, Inc.
2008 Meeting Schedule**

JANUARY 18TH	CHAPTER LUNCHEON
FEBRUARY 8TH	ONE DAY SEMINAR: PROTESTS & DISPUTES
FEBRUARY 15TH	BOARD MEETING
MARCH 14TH	CHAPTER LUNCHEON
APRIL 18TH	REVERSE TRADE SHOW
MAY 16TH	GOLF TOURNAMENT & BOARD MEETING
JUNE 6TH	ONE DAY SEMINAR: ADDING VALUE
JUNE 13TH	BOARD MEETING
JULY 11TH	CHAPTER LUNCHEON
AUGUST	NATIONAL FORUM: CHARLOTTE, N.C.
SEPTEMBER 12TH	CHAPTER LUNCHEON (ELECTION OF OFFICERS)
OCTOBER 10TH	BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 10TH	BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 5th	HOLIDAY PROGRAM & OFFICER INSTALLATION

UNTIL NEXT THE NEXT PUBLICATION.....

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always
at your back, and the sun shine warm upon your face.

