

Who wants to get their Wii on???

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WHAT: PNW SGMP Wii competition during the Supplier Appreciation luncheon. You are invited to join your fellow members for an afternoon of friendly competition and networking. We will find out who will be the best of the best at this fun, interactive annual event.

Do you hula hoop? Bowl? Play tennis? These are just a few of the many Wii activities to choose from. Come and compete as an individual or as part of a team.

WHEN: Wednesday, August 26, 2009, 11:30 – 1:30 pm

WHERE: Doubletree Southcenter (see page 4 for directions)

HOW MUCH:

- **Planners:** \$15
- **Supplier chapter members:** Free of charge (with RSVP by 8/14)
- **Suppliers:** \$5 (without RSVP)
- **Non-member suppliers:** \$25
- **Guests** (supplier or planner): \$25

RSVP: Lynda Lee at llee@fmcs.gov no later than Friday, August 14, 2009

Any questions? Please email Lynda Lee.

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September 16, 2009
 Time: **11:30 am – 1 pm**
 Speaker: **Sunny Kobe Cook**
 Location: Hyatt Olive 8 Hotel, Seattle

October 13, 2009
 Time: **4:30 – 6 pm**
 Program: **Membership Recruitment Event**
 Location: Red Lion, Olympia

October 14, 2009
 Time: **11:30 am – 1 pm**
 Program: **Bring Your Boss to Lunch!**
 Location: Red Lion, Olympia

November 17, 2009
 Time: **11:30 am – 1 pm**
 Program: **Leadership Development: Are You a Leader or Follower?**
 Speaker: **Melody Kebe, President, SGMP**
 Location: Red Lion SeaTac

December 8, 2009
 Time: **11:30 am – 1 pm**
 Program: **Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction**
 Location: Renaissance Seattle Hotel

Installation and Awards Banquet 2009 – Celebrating past successes and anticipating even more!

By Jan Thor, CMP

On Tuesday, June 9, 2009, the PNW Chapter held its annual installation and awards banquet; a time to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, and look forward to even more in the coming year. The function was held at the beautiful Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Tacoma. The hotel staff did a fabulous job making

us feel welcome. A delicious luncheon of roasted beet salad, grilled salmon, and vanilla crème brule, was served in a beautiful room adorned with flowers and candlelight.

Before the installation and awards festivities began, a recap of SGMP's 2009 National Education Conference

“Finishing First in Education,” was presented by several of our Chapter's attendees. Jan Thor, CMP, facilitated the discussion that included an overview



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PRESIDENT'S PEN



I have been thinking a lot about what my very first President's Pen message should be to the members of Pacific Northwest Chapter of Society of Government Meeting Professionals.

I want the members to hear that I am so very humble and honored to think that the members of this wonderful organization have

the confidence in me! I consider myself a down-to-earth person and speak from the heart, so if you do not like mushy do not read any further. Be humble!

I want to say, "I hear you" and will be working with our Webmaster to revamp our PNW SGMP Web pages. You will soon see some exciting information along with pictures to reflect our monthly Chapter meetings and upcoming events. Be watching!

Board Member Changes:

We thank Sharice Massey for her dedication and assistance as our Treasurer as she is leaving the Board to begin a new employment adventure. Thank you and good luck Sharice!

I appointed Kevin Long as our new Treasurer for the remainder of the 2009-2010 year term. Thank you Kevin!

We also thank LeeAnne Brawner for her contribution to the PNW chapter as Membership Chair.

We have a two vacancies on the Board. One for the Membership Chair and one for a Director. A planner or supplier member can fill these positions. If you are interested, please contact me.

Onward I go, next was our Board Planning Session. What a fantastic group of professionals we have on the PNW Board of Directors! I cannot thank them enough for their commitment to our organization. We were able to come together and get to know each other; and, complete the 2009-2010 Program & Budget all within 4 hours. (What an accomplishment, I know of some state officials that should follow our lead.) Be honest and diligent!

We are working on distributing a newsletter soon reflecting on the recent months and upcoming events. If you have information and/or an article, you would like to see in the newsletter, send it to me. Be reflective!

Please send me your comments, suggestions and thoughts. I do not want to hear if from someone else, I want to hear it from you! Be thoughtful!

Your President,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronda Guller-John". The signature is written in a cursive style.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PNW SGMP

Community Outreach Project

On June 30, 2009 at the FMCS Office in Seattle, June Jossey, Nicole Mesick, Lynda Lee and Megan Thompson (Lynda's niece) gathered to make hygiene bags for the homeless. These bags consist of soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, razors, and wet wipes. Pizza & soda were served for lunch. After one hour we managed to make almost 800 hygiene packs for the homeless. Thanks to all the donations we have enough for almost 5,000.

New Outreach Community Chair

Your New Outreach Community Chair is Scott Caddy! I am very happy & excited to be the New Chair as well as the 2nd Vice President. As you see last years efforts were awesome and they did an outstanding job gathering & packaging the supplies to send out. I commend their efforts, outstanding job! Thus brings me to this year, I am looking for ideas from all of you for what charity or organization you think we should support and how!?!

Please let me know what ideas you may have and let's see what good our SGMP Pacific Northwest Chapter can do this year! Thank you all for your help and I hope to see a lot of you looking forward to assisting with not just this committee but in all of our efforts! I am looking forward to a great year! Thanks and let's have some FUN!!



WE WANT YOU!!
To sponsor upcoming meetings!

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For information and dates
Contact: Kevin Long, PNW SGMP Treasurer
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Directions:

From North on I-5 – Exit on 154B – toward Southcenter Blvd. & Mall/Burien/SeaTac Airport. Take the exit toward Southcenter Blvd. & Mall. Turn left onto Southcenter Blvd. Turn right onto 61st Ave S. Turn right onto Southcenter Pkwy. Drive 0.6 miles, hotel is on the left.

From South I-5 - Take 153 exit (which is Southcenter Blvd. exit). Go to first exit ramp, make a right onto Southcenter Parkway. We are located on left side approximately 1/4 mile.

From East of the mountains – Take I-90 to I-405 south (approx. 15 minutes on 405 south). Take the Southcenter Blvd. exit. Follow signs to Southcenter Mall. Stay on Southcenter Parkway for approximately 1/2 mile. The Doubletree Southcenter is located on the left side across from McDonald's.

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of the conference, which was held in Louisville, Kentucky, May 13-15, 2009; a discussion of the benefits of attending the conference; a rundown on the fabulous trade show exhibit; excerpts of specific educational session attended; and a forecast of future conference dates and locations. Conference attendees Ronda Fullerton, Scott Caddy, Kevin Long, and Tim Cartwright, shared their thoughts and reflections on the conference. A photo board of pictures from the conference was on display for attendees to see. We hope that all members will consider attending SGMPs next National Education Conference, May 19-22 2010, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Next, President Sue Davis recapped a very successful year that is coming to a close for the PNW Chapter, and thanked everyone for their hard work in making it happen. Each member of the 2008-2009 board received Sue's heartfelt words of thanks for their jobs well done.

The Chapter's four prestigious awards were then presented.

- For outstanding performance in fostering the growth and education of the PNW Chapter, Jeff Ouradnik, of the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Bellevue, was named 2009 Supplier of the Year; and
- DeAnn Hartman, CMP, of the Association of Washington Cities, was named Planner of the Year.
- The President's Award of Excellent was presented to Lynda Lee, of the Federal Mediation Institute, for her many contributions to the Chapter.
- The "Red and Peggy Meyer Award for Leadership Excellent" was presented to Ronda Fullerton, of the Washington State DOT, for her continued dedication, support and commitment to the PNW Chapter.

Congratulations to all these deserving recipients!

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Long-time Chapter member, and former board member, June Jossy, of the Homewood Suites Hotel in Seattle, had the honor of installing the 2009-2010 board by administering the oath of office. The 2009-2010 board includes:

- President: Ronda Fullerton, Washington State DOT
- First VP, Julie Clifford, Washington Association of School Administrators
- Second Vice President, Tim Cartwright, Seattle Airport Marriott Hotel
- Secretary, Jan Thor, CMP, Federal Aviation Administration
- Treasurer, Sharice Massey, Hilton Bellevue Hotel
- Director (Planner), Tina Smith, Washington Cities Insurance Authority
- Director (Supplier) Wendy Floyd, Arctic Club Hotel
- Director (Supplier) Kevin Long, Renaissance Seattle Hotel
- Immediate Past President, Sue Davis, Association of Washington School Principals

Congratulations and good luck to the new board.



2009-2010 SGMP Board

Jan Thor, CMP; Tim Cartwright; Ronda Fullerton; Sharice Massey; Tina Smith; Kevin Long; Sue Davis; Julie Clifford

New President Ronda Fullerton, in her first official act as President, presented outgoing President Sue Davis with a beautiful Past President's plaque which was inscribed:

Sue Davis
President, 2007-2009

"A leader is one who, through their character and competence, influences others in a positive way. A leader creates change and helps organizations and people navigate through change to produce results. A leader is personally involved and deeply committed to a purpose."

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Chapter. Your enthusiastic efforts produced positive changes and effective results.

She then thanked the membership for putting their trust in her to lead the Chapter for the coming year, and shared some of her plans and goals.

Stay tuned everyone. It's bound to be another wonderful year for the PNW Chapter of SGMP!

AWARDS

Supplier of the Year:

Jeff Ouradnik

As treasurer on the SGMP Board, Jeff keeps precise treasury records and is a wonderful custodian for our chapter's financial assets. But Jeff has also been an active Board member, while holding the position of Treasurer. He has been instrumental in the planning process for many of the Chapter programs during the past year. He has worked hard on obtaining meeting locations and has offered program ideas and suggestions as well as arranging for speakers.

Jeff made a significant contribution this year by taking initiative to develop a Request for Proposal that the chapter now uses for all upcoming SGMP events when seeking venue and supplier contribution. This new process is also used by the board for planning purposes and to recognize suppliers.

Jeff's zest for the organization is evident in his dealings with fellow chapter members. Our chapter is fortunate to have Jeff and his enthusiastic support of SGMP.

Planner of the Year:

DeAnn Hartman, CMP

DeAnn does innumerable things for this chapter. From picking up the mail at the post office box to producing the Chapter newsletter, there is no part of the chapter that DeAnn is not involved in.

This past year DeAnn personally organized and presented 2 programs. The first was the October program on the Top Ten Reasons to belong to SGMP. This was our chapter's Take Your Boss to Lunch meeting and DeAnn sent out personal invitations to many of our chapter member supervisors. We had a great turnout at the meeting and everyone learned more about our chapter and SGMP in general from DeAnn's presentation.

DeAnn also organized and presented the November program on Ethics. She researched different ethical questions for the meeting and presented them using her association's audience response system. There was great discussion and interaction and a lot of valuable information was shared during that meeting.

DeAnn also assisted with the February Winter Education workshop by securing sponsors and coordinating the registration.

Finally, DeAnn chaired the Nominations committee and secured a slate of officers for the 2009-2010 board.

DeAnn's enthusiasm for SGMP is infectious and the chapter has benefitted from her hard work and dedication.

Red & Peggy Meyer Award of Leadership

Excellence:

Ronda Fullerton

Ronda's journey into the leadership of this chapter started with a note. At the 2008 Winter Education workshop, Ronda left a note with her evaluation that simply stated she wanted to become more involved in the chapter. We have seen that same willingness to step up and work for the chapter over and over again this past year.

She received a scholarship to the National SGMP Conference in 2008. The fact that as a fairly new member she took the initiative to apply for a National scholarship speaks to her eagerness to lead.

She came back from the National Conference fired up and ready to work. She agreed to serve as a Planner Director on the 08-09 board but when the 1st Vice President position came open a few weeks later, she agreed to move into that position. As 1st Vice President Ronda has demonstrated outstanding performance in education by contributing keynote speakers and topics that inspire members to attend.

Over the past year she has worked as a program lead, worked on the Holiday silent auction, and is always there to assist in any way requested by the President and the board.

Ronda's enthusiasm and hard-working attitude will carry over nicely as she moves into the role as President of the PNW Chapter.

President's Award: Lynda Lee

Lynda Lee has been a valuable member of the Pacific Northwest Chapter for many years. Her contributions during the past year have been as an actively involved board member and as chair of the Community Outreach Committee.

Not only has Lynda spent countless hours collecting and managing donated items and personally contributing door prizes for those who bring them, she has also been instrumental in planning and working on Chapter programs.

Her contributions to the Chapter, both monetarily and in the giving of herself, are to be commended, and we gratefully appreciate and acknowledge Lynda Lee's contribution to the Pacific Northwest Chapter.

What is the Red and Peggy Meyer Award of Leadership Excellence?

The "Red and Peggy Meyer Award of Leadership Excellence" honors an individual who has shown outstanding leadership to the Pacific Northwest Chapter of SGMP and who has shown long-standing and continued dedication, commitment and support. It is named for two outstanding leaders, Red and Peggy Meyer, who were our chapter's first and second presidents.

Red Meyer

As the founding President of the Pacific Northwest Chapter ('nee Seattle Chapter') of SGMP, Norman V. (Red) Meyer served at the helm of the chapter from the time it was chartered in April 1985 until April 1987. Red established the organizational goals and objectives that our chapter began with and that we continue to strive for today – Strong Membership, Quality Education, and Beneficial Networking Opportunity.

His hard work made the Seattle Chapter a leader among chapters and a one that other chapters worked to emulate and looked to for advice. Red was committed, dedicated, organized and hardworking and he was an exceptional leader.

He is retired from the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration.

Peggy Meyer

Peggy Meyer served as our Chapter's second President, serving in that capacity for the 1987-1988 term. Peggy was a creative-idea person, and just as dedicated and hardworking as her husband Red.

During her term in office and because of the broader geographic base membership was taking, the Chapter's name changed from Seattle Chapter, to Pacific Northwest Chapter. Under Peggy's leadership the concept of annual Chapter Conferences took hold, with a very successful one held in early 1988. This tradition continues today.

Peggy served as National Chairperson of SGMP's 1991 National Education Conference in Seattle, and led our organization to one of SGMP's best National Conferences to date. Peggy was an inspiring leader, a great delegator, and a wonderful mentor.

She is retired from the Social Security Administration.

The leadership excellence exhibited by these two individuals in our chapter's early days is evident by all of us who know them, served under them, and worked with them throughout the years. It is that kind of leadership excellence that all leaders who have followed them have strived to achieve. It was wonderful that they agreed to allow us to create a leadership award in their name, to be presented to a deserving chapter member each year.

IN MEMORY



Joyce F. Chapman

**August 26, 1937 –
March 25, 2009**

By Jan Thor, CMP

On March 25, 2009, we lost a wonderful friend and long time member of the PNW Chapter of SGMP.

Joyce Chapman passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. It was a sad day for all of us who knew and loved her. She was a friend and mentor to so many in SGMP, not only within the PNW Chapter, but nationwide.

Joyce was a charter member of the PNW (nee' Seattle) Chapter and served as the Chapter's first Secretary and Membership Chair. She was the first person I met when I attended my first meeting in 1985. There she was, right inside the conference room door, with that big, beautiful smile on her face, saying "Hi, Welcoming to SGMP!" We became friends early-on, and it was a friendship I cherished for 24 years.



During her membership in SGMP she served the PNW Chapter in many capacities. She served as Secretary, Director, 1st Vice President, and was President for the 1999-2001 term. She worked on and chaired many committees for the Chapter – Silent auction, Chapter conference, Nominations and elections, Honors and awards, Bylaws, Newsletter, and Holiday party. She served as SGMP's National Secretary and National Membership Chair for the 1989-1990 term. She was recipient of the PNW Chapter's Planner of the Year award in 1994 and the prestigious Red and Peggy Meyer Award of Leadership Excellence that same year. SGMP was truly a passion for Joyce. Her passion served SGMP well.

Joyce worked for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as a Secretary and Program Manager. She retired in 2002, after 40+ years of government service, and remained an active retired member of SGMP until health issues made it too hard for her to travel to meetings. She was always available to offer sound advice and counsel to her

fellow members and Chapter leaders.

Joyce was known in SGMP for her big smile, welcoming personality, and kind soul. She was a true lady. She was a cheerleader for our Chapter and for the national organization. Members from across the country delighted in seeing her wear her infamous "vest of pins" at National Conferences. A proud SGMP moment for Joyce was when the PNW Chapter won "1st runner-up" in the National Chapter of the Year Competition at the National Education Conference in 1994. When she heard our name called she burst into tears, and continued to cry (tears of joy) for 30-minutes. That was our Joyce!

Outside work and SGMP, Joyce enjoyed spending time with her family. She enjoyed traveling with her husband Jim, who preceded her in death in 2002, and her sons Alan, Craig, and Scott (who also preceded her in death), daughter-in-law Amanda, and grandson Sam. She enjoyed assisting her husband with student activities at Seattle Pacific University, where he was a Professor. They made many trips to Europe with his Theatre students. She loved Hawaii and enjoyed yearly trips to Maui. She also enjoyed traveling to Disneyland and Disneyworld with her grandson. Gardening was her hobby and she had a beautiful rose garden to show for it.

Joyce always stepped up to the plate when a need arose. She was committed to, and enthusiastic and passionate about SGMP. She was a leader who worked hard, inspired others, and found the best in everyone. She was kind of heart, generous of hand and enjoyed helping and mentoring others. She will truly be missed.

In her honor, the PNW Chapter made a \$100 donation to the James and Joyce Chapman Theatre Scholarship Endowment Fund at Seattle Pacific University.

And, oh yes! I was recently made the proud recipient of her infamous "vest of pins," a gift from her family. Thank you Chapman family, I will treasure it always.

Joyce, you will always be remembered as a shining SGMP star!



NETWORK NEWS

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