

## **DEAR GPN MEMBERSHIP,**

This fiscal year 2008-2009, our theme was "**Learning Together, Training Each Other.**" One of the main goals of GPN is to foster a system of peer-to-peer learning among individuals working in the grant-writing industry. I am pleased to say that we have been accomplishing our goals with the professional development trainings, monthly guest speakers, conference and monthly newsletter we are offering for our members.

This year has gone by so fast and now we need to reflect of all of the things we have accomplished together. I would like to specially thank my board of directors for their tireless service and the committee chairs and members that have donated so many countless hours to achieve the results we have together.

## **Accomplishments for the 2008-2009 fiscal year have included the following:**

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Breakfast** with keynote speaker Margaret Knight of United Arts  
**December 2008- Margot Knight President & CEO United Arts of Central Florida**

Margot Knight skillfully presented tips on how we all can collaborate more with each other and learn from each other's experiences.

The Awards Breakfast was planned by the Awards Breakfast Committee, Bobi Bellows-Chair, Teresa Douglas Shipley, Judy Bennett and Melanie Campbell for all the hard work and effort they have put into this year's breakfast.

Bobi Bellows spearheaded this event and it was a huge success in the valuable insight we gained from our keynote speaker and the opportunities we had to network with each other after celebrating each other's successes which is the main purpose of this event.

A big thanks also go out to the Rollins College Philanthropy and Non-Profit Leadership Center and all of the lunch mentors for all their support and assistance in making our breakfast a success.

## **Lunch Mentors for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Breakfast**

1. Jan Richmer is a C.P.A., P.A.
2. Kate Kinsley is the President of Central Florida Women's Resource Center.
3. Mark Brewer, President/CEO, Community Foundation of Central Florida, Inc.
4. Rick Dillard, Consultant, Resource Consulting Group, and Instructor, Rollins College Philanthropy and Non-Profit Leadership Center,
5. Patty DeYoung, Executive Administrator,
6. Ann Manley, Executive Director, Dr. P. Phillips Foundation,
7. David Odahowski, President/CEO, Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, Inc.,
8. Bonnie Hubbard, Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation,
9. Joan Nelson, Heart of Florida United Way
10. Margaret Linnane, Executive Director, Rollins College Philanthropy and Non-Profit Center

11. Bonnie McGuire, Disney Foundation
12. Ellen Tatich, Westgate Resorts Foundation
13. Debbie Watson, Vice President, Winter Park Health Foundation
14. Dr. Mary Ann Feldheim, Public Administration Chair and Associate Professor, University of Central Florida

**Partnership conference** ‘The 8th Annual Central Florida Community Partners Nonprofit Conference’ hosted by UCF Non Profit Advisory Board and GPN turned out to be very successful. **The theme was – Thriving Through Creativity!** This year’s content was chosen with the goal of encouraging and supporting non-profit professionals including grant writers.

The conference was sold out at 167 people! This demonstrates the need GPN fills in offering affordable capacity building conferences to non-profit professions including grant writers in the Central Florida area. We had a great team working on the conference and we are delighted that attendees took advantage of attending our conference to learn how to ‘Thrive’ in these tough economic times. **Melanie Campbell, Conference Chair, did an outstanding job! A special thanks to all of our sponsors for their continued support over the years, without their support accomplishing our mission would be so much harder. Also, thanks go out to the speakers that presented the Grant tracts for the conference on behalf of GPN.**

A few of the Sponsors included:

Monetary and Scholarships

- Darden Restaurants Foundation
- Community Foundation of Central Florida
- Rollins College Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership Center

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- Chronicles of Philanthropy
- The Non-Profit Times

**Grant Speakers**

- Barbara A. Howell, M.A., C.R.A. and Coordinator Research Office, Public Administration Instructor at UCF College of Health & Public Affairs
  - Barbara delivered a presentation on “Grant Writing: Beginning & Intermediate” which was hands-on covering essential models and documentation necessary for being competitive in your grant proposals whether you were a beginner or intermediate grant writer.
- Aretha Olivarez, President of Multiplying Talents delivered a presentation on “Grant Management”
  - Aretha mapped out best grant management techniques that include the importance of self-management for successful grant writing.

## **Professional Development Training Schedule throughout the Fiscal Year**

The Professional Development Committee of Grant Professionals Network of Central Florida, Inc. planned and implemented two half day training sessions and five brown bag trainings during the 2008-09 fiscal year. Thirteen total hours of training were offered with 88 total participants.

**Jeannie Floyd, Professional Development Chair** was instrumental in organizing speakers, press releases, and for her participation as a speaker herself in making this year' training such a huge success!

### **GPN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT THEME: GRANT PROFESSIONALISM**

#### **Brown Bag Sessions:**

**September 9, 2008-** CONVERSATIONS WITH INDEPENDENT GRANT CONSULTANTS

Speakers: Becky Farmerie, Jan Tunnell

**November 13, 2008-** FEDERAL GRANT STRATEGIES

Jeannie Floyd, Orange County Public Schools

**March 10, 2009-** COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Julie Tindall, City of Orlando

**April 8, 2009-** Brown Bag Session Topic: LOGIC MODELS

Sara Sullivan, Consultant

**May 14, 2009-** ETHICS IN GRANTSMANSHIP

Jeannie Floyd, OCPS

#### **Half Day Trainings:**

**October 14, 2008-** GRANT PROPOSAL WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS

Teresa Shipley, Jeannie Floyd, OCPS

**January 8, 2009-** SUBMITTING FEDERAL GRANTS VIA GRANTS.GOV

(Intermediate to Advanced) Lilian Draisin, Orlando Police Dept.

#### **OTHER GPN SUPPORTED ENDEAVORS:**

The African American Chamber of Commerce In Conjunction with Unleashing Performance, Inc. and the Grant Professionals Network of Central Florida (GPN) Presented Recovery & Reinvestment Act FEDERAL GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP- Friday, April 10, 2009

The event helped to educate community members about where to go for stimulus funding and included the basics of navigating through Grant.gov, how to prepare Federal Grant Proposals through grant writing and how to use planning and budgeting to increase success. Speakers included Lillian Draisin, Management Analyst Orlando Police Department, Barbara Howell, Public Administration Instruction UCF College of Health & Public Affairs and Todd W. Ruopp, Co-Founder, Unleashing Performance, Inc.

There were also other similar trainings in the community that GPN had a presence in through the involvement of its' members organizing or speaking as presenters. We thank them for their willingness to share their knowledge and expertise with the community.

## **GPN MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

A special thanks to all of our speakers at our General Monthly Meetings for their commitment to helping GPN achieve its' mission of providing a collegial forum to facilitate training, resource development, leadership and networking opportunities for grant professionals.

## **Speakers at the GPN Monthly Meeting for the entire fiscal year included:**

### **July 2008- Natalie Tanner, Grant manager for Congressman Ric Keller**

Natalie's presentation covered various aspects of federal grants, such as resources for locating these funding opportunities, eligibility guidelines, tips on writing proposals, and helpful hints concerning commonly difficult application sections.

### **August 2008- Dr. Ann Manley, Dr. P. Phillips Foundation**

Dr. Manley's presentation featured information concerning the Dr. P. Phillips Foundation and covered site visits and their importance in the grant process.

### **September 2008- Marcia Ford, is the President of the Grant Professionals Certification Institute, an affiliate of the American Association of Grant Professionals.**

Marcia Ford's presentation featured information concerning the credentialing process for grant professionals.

### **October 2008- Bernadine Douglas, Assistant Vice-President of Institutional Advancement at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Michael Slaymaker, Human Resource & Development Director for the La Amistad Foundation.**

Ms. Douglas serves on the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy Board of Directors and Mr. Slaymaker serves on the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Central Florida Chapter as Secretary/Treasurer. Their presentation featured information concerning diversity in fundraising and its effect on grants.

### **November 2008- Joan Nelson, Vice President of Community Investment, Heart of Florida United Way.**

Joan Nelson's presentation gave us a preview of upcoming funding opportunities.

### **January 2009- Tina Shepherd, Youth Fund Manager, and Kari Conley, Director of Community Relations, Orlando Magic Youth Foundation (OMYF).**

The presentation provided details about the OMYF and the Orlando Magic's community involvement (organization, players, etc.).

### **March 2009- Mark Brewer, President/CEO, Community Foundation of Central Florida**

The presentation provided details about *DonorEdge*®

### **April 2009- Bonnie Hubbard, Grants Administrator, Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation**

The presentation topic was "Hunker Down" and talked about how to prepare for the worst in your non-profits.

### **May 2009- Kathy Panter, Marketing Manager for Community Leadership/Leadership Orlando, Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce.**

Ms. Panter discussed the benefits of organizational and individual Chamber membership and explained Leadership Orlando.

### **June 2009- Patty DeYoung – Executive Administrator, Darden Restaurant Foundation**

Patty DeYoung's presentation will discuss "Is a Tsunami coming our way...the challenges of funding for the rest of calendar year 2009 and into 2010 as well as letting everyone know what's Darden up to these days (Darden's new National and Hometown strategies).

## **RECOGNIZING GPN LEADERSHIP**

Thank you to all GPN Leadership for being involved in making GPN a success. Without your support to our mission and goals of our organization we would not have accomplished all of the things we were able to. Special recognition goes to those who went above and beyond the call of service.

### **2008-2009 Board of Directors**

#### **Executive Officers**

PRESIDENT, Georgiana Tynes, Georgiana K. Tynes Consulting Services, LLC.

PRESIDENT-ELECT, Bobette (Bobi) Bellows, Lighthouse Central Florida

TREASURER, Cara Eule, H.O.M.E.

SECRETARY, Melanie Campbell, Community Health Centers, Inc.

PAST PRESIDENT, Joel Henderson, Independent Consultant, (retired)

#### **Board Members**

Lee Bailey, Rollins College Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership Center

Christopher Howell, Center for Independent Living in Central Florida Inc.

Warren Lakhan, Orange County - Youth and Family Services Division

Devon Massot, Rollins College

Jana Parpart, Education Foundation-Osceola County

Teresa Shipley, Orange County Public Schools

#### **Nominating Committee Chair: Teresa Shipley**

Thanks to Teresa Douglas Shipley for her dedication and service to GPN over the years. She has been instrumental in submitting a slate of candidates for positions to be filled this year.

#### **Finance Committee Chair, VACANT**

The Treasurer serves on the finance committee in an ex-officio capacity without a vote.

- **Sub of Finance - Treasurer:** Cara Eule,

Cara Eule has been our treasurer for 2 years now and we appreciated her service to the GPN in ensuring that our bills are paid and that we keep on track with our budget. Thanks for all that you do and continue to do!

#### **Membership Committee Chair, VACANT, Christopher Howell stepped in temporarily**

Thanks to Christopher Howell for his dedication and service to GPN over the years.

- **Sub of Membership - Historian:** Judy Bennett

Judy Bennett has been involved with GPN for many years including as a Past President. Thank you Judy for helping with activities as they come up when we have no one else to turn to. You have been wonderful in your leadership!

- **Sub of Membership - Maintain/Distribute Membership List:** VACANT
- **Sub of Membership - Member Recruitment:** VACANT
- **Sub of Membership - Hospitality:** Joan Bailey

Joan Bailey has stepped up to take on the role of Hospitality Chair and we thank her for ensuring that we always have refreshments on hand at our monthly membership meetings.

### **Communication Committee Chair, Jana Parpart**

Jana has been key in ensuring that we market ourselves to the community to ensure our continued success.

- **Sub of Communications - Newsletter:** Shannon Callahan

A great big thank you to Shannon Callahan for her dedication and commitment to GPN over the years. Without her expertise our newsletter would not be the informative resource that it is today. Shannon's role is a vital one in keeping our members informed about training activities, events and general news in the Grant Writing Profession.

- **Sub of Communications - Web Site, E-Blast:** Christopher Howell

Christopher Howell has always done out outstanding job and we thank him for his dedication and commitment to GPN over the years. Without his experience our website would not be nearly as useful as it is today. Christopher's role is a vital one in keeping our members informed about training activities, events and general news in the Grant Writing Profession. He also assists above and beyond what's required in membership, which currently has no convening chair. Without Chris our meetings and membership renewals would not run as smoothly.

### **Professional Development Committee Chair, Jeannie Floyd**

This committee is responsible for organizing and scheduling GPN training and activities.

- **Sub of Professional Development - Training:** Jeannie Floyd,

A special thank you to Jeannie Floyd, a Past President, who has been a wonderful resource to GPN for over 10 years. We hope that she continues to assist us in achieving our mission and goals. You are fantastic in all that you take on and GPN is blessed to have such a resource committed to our mission!

- **Sub of Professional Development - Conference:** Melanie Campbell,

Melanie Campbell has also been a wonderful resource to GPN in establishing relationships and taking on the initiative of ensuring that we partner with the community in our conference event. She also has been our voice by recording minutes each month to include in our monthly newsletter and at our board meetings. Thank you for your service!

- **Sub of Professional Development - Legislative:** VACANT

- **Sub of Professional Development - Monthly Program Activities:** Sharon Couture

Sharon Couture has arranged for all of the excellent speakers we have had during the year at our monthly membership meetings. Thank you for all that you do for GPN!

## **FINAL MESSAGE FROM OUTGOING PRESIDENT 2008-2009**

I would like to encourage all GPN members to get involved in some way with the planning and execution of activities, trainings, and professional development so that next year will be even better and GPN will continue to grow and prosper in accomplishing its' mission. It has been my pleasure serving as President and I look forward to continued success for GPN. Thanks!

Georgiana Tynes  
GPN President 2008-2009