



Grant Professionals Network of Central Florida, Inc.

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Grant Professionals,

It is amazing that it's already time for the May meeting! This year is going so fast!

It is always exciting to hear the award announcements at each meeting. Congratulations to those who have recently received funding! Many of us are now awaiting the Heart of Florida United Way announcement at the end of May. Be sure to keep Jean Hartsaw informed of all grants received, either by announcing them at each meeting or by emailing them to her at Hartsaw49@aol.com.

The week of April 17th was National Volunteer Week. Many of our organizations did something to recognize our volunteers during that time. I would like to thank all of our GPN volunteers for your contribution to our network. Whether you help with refreshments at the monthly meetings or serve on the board, what you do makes our organization successful. Thank you for being a GPN volunteer.

At the May meeting, we will elect the people who have volunteered to serve as GPN officers and board members for our fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2005.

Each individual member and one representative from an agency membership will have the opportunity to vote. If more than one person from an agency is in attendance, the person listed in the roster will receive the ballot. If the person listed in the roster is not in attendance, one person from the agency will cast the vote.

In addition to voting for next year's board, Patty DeYoung from Darden Restaurants Foundation will be our guest speaker. I look forward to seeing you at the May 4th meeting!

Judy Crawford
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Action Group & Committee Buzz ...



NEXT GPN MEETING:

WEDS., May 4, 2005
MAITLAND CIVIC CENTER

~Activities Committee~

Committee:

Judy Bennett
Lee Bailey
Karen Cole

Scheduled Programs:

May 4

Patty DeYoung, Darden Restaurants
Foundation

June 1

How to acquire state funds via
appropriations – line items in the
State/Federal budget and how to
acquire support from Orange County
Speaker – Elizabeth Gianini, Chief of
Staff, Mayor Crotty's office

July 6

Installation of Officers – speaker tba

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Mission Statement

***The mission of the
Grant Professionals Network
of Central Florida, Inc.
is to provide
a collegial forum
to facilitate training and
resource development
for grant professionals***

**ATTENTION:
UPCOMING GRANT DEADLINES**
(Prepared 2/7/05)

May

Dr. Phillips, Inc. – Next deadline Friday, May 13, 2005 by 4 p.m. for review at the August 2005 board meeting. Contact: Dr. Ann Manley or Pauline White, 407/422-6105.

June

Bank of America due June 30, 2005 – Neighborhood Builders, Local Heroes, Student Leaders - See <http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation>

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(For additions/corrections to the calendar, please contact Becky Farmerie at
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**4th Annual Central Florida
Nonprofit Management Conference**

May 10-11, 2005

This innovative training brings to our community an organizational development tool that will help your nonprofit organizations successfully meet its most pressing needs. A transformative approach focuses on maximizing your nonprofit's core strengths. It helps professionals at all levels and in all functions identify best practices that can help your organization respond to critical challenges. Dr. Chet Bowling, an Ohio State University community leadership and management specialist who runs the statewide leadership development program, will facilitate our local appreciative inquiry exercise. To learn more about this exciting conference or to register visit:

<http://www.ce.ucf.edu/nonprofitconf/>

\$65 for both days

\$25 Tuesday May 10th

\$40 Wednesday May 11th

\$25 each additional members from same organization

\$25 students

Scholarships may be available for qualified nonprofit professionals.

Grant Professionals Network of Central Florida Conference Third Annual Educational Tallahassee Trip

April 12-13, 2005

Five members of the Grant Professionals Network visited Tallahassee for an educational trip on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12 and 13 to learn about how the State of Florida funding and legislative process can work for grant professionals in our communities and disciplines.

Our first stop was meeting Representative David Mealor. Representative Mealor's office shared all the details of line item budget requests. We received a copy of both blank and completed "Community Budget Issue Request" forms. Anyone can track these requests with the same access as a legislator by visiting www.leg.state.fl.us. Then click on either the House or Senate link, go to appropriations, and follow the link to community budget issue requests. This budget session, Representative Mealor had seventeen community budget requests. Each budget request must be co-sponsored with both a Senator and a Representative and brought to a local, public delegation hearing, usually in November. Anyone can call the legislative office to find out how and when to bring a request to a local delegation hearing for support. Projects most likely to receive funding are public-private partnerships and projects that do not require recurring support.

Did you know that 51 election lawsuits were deemed frivolous during last year's election? Our group observed the Senate Ethics and Election Committee pass a bill to require that the loser of the civil action pay for court costs. One of the committee members shared that he was a victim of a frivolous lawsuit that started with a complaint written on the back of an envelope and that he spent \$40,000 to defend the lawsuit while putting two children through college.

Representative Sheri McInvale's office arranged for us to have a guided tour of the mural art inside the House chambers. Christopher Stills is the artist and painted beautifully lifelike and intricate murals depicting Florida history from Chief Osceola and the Seminole tribes, the cattle industry, citrus, new development, and marine life. These murals are on the web at <http://www.christopherstill.com/murals.htm>. Representative Aaron Bean stopped in and invited us to sit in on the Healthcare Appropriations committee after showing us to the 22nd floor of the Capitol building to see more art and a beautiful view of Tallahassee. When we made it to the Appropriations committee, we heard Representative Bean quote the Cyndi Lauper song, "Money Changes Everything" and pass a bill in committee to add eyeglasses as a benefit for KidCare.

The next morning, we visited the Department of Management Services to learn about the Vendor Bid System and the new sourcing tool to allow agencies to bid on State opportunities. The website to visit for these new opportunities and the new system is <https://sourcing.myfloridamarketplace.com>. Use "public user" for both your user name and password.

After touring the Governor's mansion together, we met Mary Helen Blakeslee from the Office of Trade, Tourism, and Development, or "OTED." Ms. Blakeslee told us about the history of the economic development programs and the comprehensive, user-friendly, and statewide opportunities the OTED office maintains at www.floridaresourcedirectory.org. The initiative started to help rural communities and has grown to include a substantial database that represents untapped opportunities for communities to obtain resources from all Florida agencies.

All of us agreed that we have a better understanding of the legislative process, how to obtain resources through grants and budget requests, and a greater appreciation for the action of the Capitol during the session. Till next year!

Jill Bevan
Grant Professionals Network
Legislative Committee

SPECIAL PROMOTION EXTENDED.....

Jossey-Bass has offered all GPN members a 20% discount on Jossey-Bass and Wiley grants books. Simply use the promotion code JBNDP when ordering through their website which is: (josseybass.com/nonprofit) or through their customer service center (1.800.956.7739). {Good through August of 2005}

We're on the Web!
Visit us at www.gpninc.org

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Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this month's issue of *Network News*! If you have an article or news item for publication in the next issue, please forward the information to me at janaparpart@hotmail.com no later than **May 15th**.

Jana Parpart
GPN *Network News* Editor

