



Grant Professionals Network of Central Florida, Inc.

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President's Message

Dear Fellow GPN Members,

We seem to have a touch of "Florida Fall" in the air. It reminds us that the holiday season is fast approaching...and hurricane season is coming to an end!

Thanks to everyone who has been able to attend our monthly meetings. Hopefully, things are returning to some semblance of normal, although for many of our organizations, our requests from clients will not return to normal for quite some time. It is a challenge for us as grant writers to find those extra sources of funding to meet the increased financial burden the hurricanes have put on our organizations. But the needs of so many people in our community are so great that we can be proud of our work as we face that challenge.

Some reminders...our Annual Awards Breakfast will be Wednesday, December 1 at the Maitland Civic Center. Our Awards Breakfast Committee is hard at

work getting a great event ready for us to enjoy as we enter this festive time of year. And our Ninth Annual Conference will be held at UCF on March 16 and 17, 2005. Remember that we post job openings on our website, so be sure to pass along openings in your organization to Melanie Campbell and me.

In closing, remember to VOTE...not just in the General Election on Tuesday, November 2nd, but for the recipients of the awards to be given out at our annual breakfast. The ballot is on our website and will be available at the November 3rd GPN meeting. I look forward to seeing you there!

I hope each of you has a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Judy Crawford
GPN President



Action Group &

Committee Buzz ...

GPN Award Ballot

There's still time to vote for awards to be given out at the GPN Holiday Awards Breakfast on December 1. Ballots are attached. Please have your votes in by November 5th. You may email them to "gpn33@hotmail.com." Please note that only GPN members can vote, only members can be nominated and *members may only vote once.*

~Activities Committee~

Committee: Judy Bennett, Lee Bailey, Karen Cole, Alan Sharett, Lisa Kaston

2004

Nov 3 Katharine Zimmerman and Karen Cole – creative writing, story telling for grants

Dec 1 Awards Breakfast

2005

Jan 5 Emily Furlong, Philanthropy Center – 10 minutes
El Cabrel Lee, Vice Pres., 211 and Elder Helpline - 15 minutes

Feb 2 Patty DeYoung, Darden Restaurants Foundation (tentative to be confirmed in Dec.)

Mar 16-17 State Conference

Apr 6 Ann Manley, Dr. Phillips Foundation

May 4 Working on inviting Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

June 1 open

The Activities Committee will meet Thursday, November 4, 4:00 p.m., at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Florida. The purpose of the meeting is to consider additional programs for the general meetings.

TELL YOUR STORY CREATIVELY

Two of our GPN members who are successful grant writers will be presenting the program at our November meeting. They will share with us the skills of creative writing and story telling. They will help us understand how to make our applications interesting for the people who read them and decide whether or not to fund them.

Katharine Zimmerman comes from a long line of writers and storytellers. She has been telling stories for over 40 years and has contributed to local, state, and national publications. Katharine has a Bachelor of Arts degree from The American University and is the Director of Grants and Research at SENIORS FIRST.

Karen Cole has demonstrated one approach to making information interesting.

The Answer:

- A Bachelor's Degree from Brandeis University,
- A Master's Degree from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy,
- Moving to Lexington, Kentucky and living next door to a grant writer/instructor for Ohio University.

The Question:

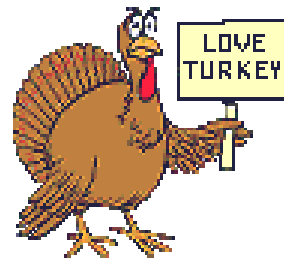
What did it take for Karen Cole to become the Grant Coordinator for Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida?

Before making that fateful move, Karen raised two sons and worked in a wide variety of non-profit fields, managing programs as diverse as high school foreign exchange and training courses for occupational licensing officials. In 1999, she began writing her first grants on behalf of the Kentucky Horse Park's Mustang Troop. Karen and her husband of 29 years moved to Florida in 2000. Here she spent 1 ½ years writing grants for Harbor House before moving to her present position with Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida.

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Judy Bennett
Chair, Activities Committee

EAT FISH!!!!



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

~Website/Communication~

Do you have any suggestions for links for the website for either the "Grant Update" page or the "Links" page? Maybe you have a "Governmental Relation" link you'd like to share. If so, please email them to Melanie Campbell at mcampbell63@clf.rr.com.

Thanks & Have a Great Day!

Melanie Campbell
Website/Communication Chair

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.*

GPN HOLIDAY AWARDS BREAKFAST DECEMBER 1!

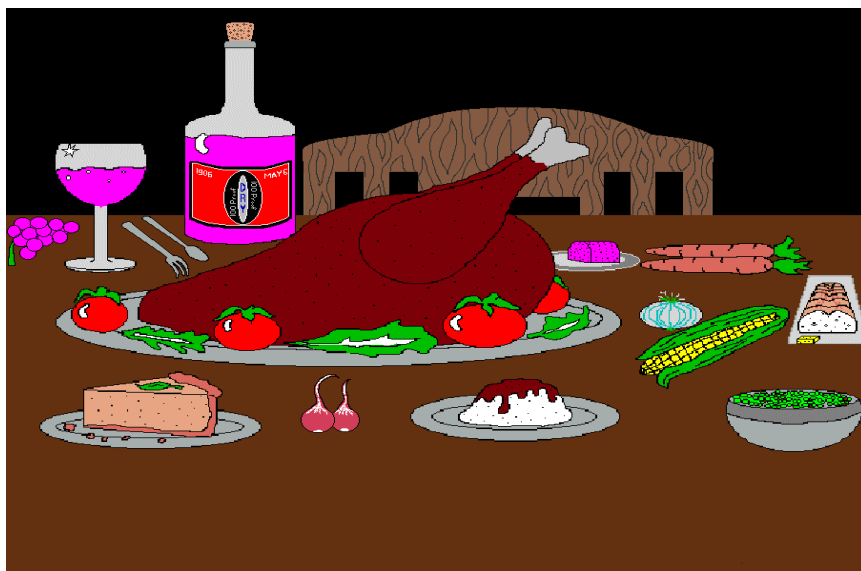
Grant Professionals Network of Central Florida's 8th Annual Holiday Awards breakfast will be held Wednesday, December 1, 2004, from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Maitland Civic Center. Adding to the festive nature of the event will be the participation of Special Honored Guest Host Mark Brewer, president of Community Foundation of Central Florida, and (new this year!) a chance to win some fantastic door prizes! Brewer will assist GPN President Judy Crawford in handing out the annual awards. As in years past, GPN members will honor their peers by voting for awards in four categories: Professional Excellence, Outstanding Mentor, GPN Service and to honor an "Up and Coming" member. If you have not yet voted, there is a ballot included with this newsletter. Remember, only members can vote, one vote per member, and all votes must be in by November 5.

Also at the breakfast will be the announcement of how much GPN members have raised during the past year through grants to local and national foundations, corporations and all levels of government. Last year, members reported raising \$57.4 million.

Cost for the breakfast is \$25 per person and includes a breakfast buffet and an opportunity to win a \$1,000 grant for training provided by Community Foundation of Central Florida (the chief executive officer from your organization must be with you in order to win) and lunches with representatives of some of Greater Orlando's top funders. Reservations must be made by November 26, 2004. You need not be a member to attend and GPN members are encouraged to invite their chief executive officer, executive director or other supervisor to attend with them.

~Conference Committee~

Barbara Howell
Conference Committee Chair



2004 GPN MEMBER'S AWARDS BALLOT

Please write in the name of the *GPN member* you believe should receive each of the following awards for his or her service and commitment to GPN. Only members of GPN can vote.

GPN Professional Excellence Award: Given to a GPN member who you feel is an excellent role model for the grant writing profession. This person is someone who is dedicated to being a strong advocate for the profession, who stays on the cutting edge of the latest trends, tools and information used in grant writing, and epitomizes professionalism in the field. This member's enthusiasm and high standards show and impress you.

Name

Agency

GPN Outstanding Mentor Award: Given to a GPN member who you feel is always accessible to mentoring others in the profession of grant writing. The recipient of this award is a person who understands the benefit of collaboration, mentoring and partnering. He/she shows this understanding through support of and willingness to reach out to those who are new to grant writing and to GPN.

Name

Agency

GPN Service Award: Given to a GPN member who you feel constantly demonstrates a dedication to GPN through involvement in committees, meetings, events, etc. Think of those in GPN who give of their time, resources and experience to help further the professionalism of GPN and grant writing in general.

Name

Agency

GPN Up and Coming Award: Given to a **new** GPN member who demonstrates a willingness to learn, enthusiasm, commitment, and support for GPN. This person is someone you hope to see participating in committees and being a future leader of GPN.

Name

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Individuals may not receive the same award two years in a row:

Last Year's winners are:

GPN Professional Excellence Award – Jeannie Floyd

GPN Outstanding Mentor

Please remember that all GPN members are encouraged to complete these ballots even if you have been a member a short time. Vote for those people who have directly supported you. Thank you for your participation.

~Awards Committee~

Jan Tunnell, Chair

**Grant Professionals Network of Central Florida, Inc. (GPN)
2005 Sandra Hinson Memorial Scholarship Application**

Background: Each year, GPN awards full and partial scholarships to the GPN Annual Conference to deserving GPN members. The scholarship fund is named after Sandra Hinson; one of GPN's founding members who passed away several years ago. Sandra held many positions in GPN, including secretary, membership chair, and mentor to all.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be an active member of GPN, in good standing
- Qualify as a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3), or be an independent grant writer
- Have an annual operating budget under \$3 million

Please provide thorough answers to the following questions that focus on your responsibilities at your institution and professional goals. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Send the information below (or on a separate piece of paper) no later than January 15th to this year's Scholarship Co-Captain by mail, fax or email:

Lisa Kaston, Director, Program Development/Contract Mgmt.
Hope and Help Center of Central Florida, Inc.
1935 Woodcrest Drive, Winter Park, FL 32792
Fax: 407-645-1570 e-mail: lkaston@hopeandhelp.org

1. Name: _____

2. Title: _____

3. Phone: _____ 4. Fax: _____

5. E-mail: _____

6. Agency Name: _____

7. Mailing Address: _____

8. Agency annual operating budget: _____

9. Would you be able to attend conference if you were awarded only a partial scholarship? Yes _____
No _____

10. Please list areas in which you have provided service to GPN: _____

11. Describe how you think your attendance at the conference will benefit your professional goals and/or service to your organization. _____

12. Any further comments that you feel should be considered. _____

Please contact Scholarship Co-Captains with any questions/input: Melanie Campbell @ 407 / 905-8827 ext 226; m.campbell@CHCFL.com; or Lisa Kaston @ 407 / 645-2577 ext 122; lkaston@hopeandhelp.org. Thank you.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Just a reminder to get any agenda items or reports for the November general meeting or the Board Meeting to me by next Friday, October 29th. The following committees are already on the general meeting agenda: Activities, Breakfast, Conference, and Awards Accounting.

As many of you already know, I'm looking for someone to assume the Treasurer's position for the balance of this fiscal year (June 30, 2005). If you are interested, or have any suggestions, please let me know!

Thanks!

Judy Crawford
GPN President

... From The Editor

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 janapart@hotmail.com no later than **November 15th**.

Wishing you a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

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