



Grant Professionals Network of Central Florida, Inc.

Network News

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Grant Professionals,

On July 6th, I will pass the president's gavel to Judy Bennett. It has truly been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your president this year.

There are so many people to thank for their contributions to GPN over the past year.

Judy Bennett, President-Elect and Activities Committee Chair. You and your committee made sure we had interesting and informative programs each month. Our organization is lucky to have you as our 2005-06 President.

Kathleen Green, Treasurer. Thank you for "hanging in there" as Treasurer when a promotion increased your job responsibilities, as did the amount of time necessary to accomplish those duties. **Natalie Mullet**, Secretary. As secretary, you gave your time at the meetings and behind the scenes to be sure our minutes were accurate and complete.

April Boykin has been a valuable asset to GPN for many years. Although a new baby has kept her away from us more than we'd like, she has shared her input via email as a member of this year's board. **Jill Demeter**, board member and Historian. She's the person who has photo-documented GPN for the past year-and-a-half.

Teri Gronski, board member. Teri was always there to take on additional tasks. I especially appreciate her hard work in creating the new name badges and the beautiful ornaments for our Awards Breakfast.

Lee Bailey, Joel Henderson, and Katharine Zimmerman, board members. Thank you for your input and support this past year. Your experience will be invaluable as you continue as board members next year.

Jan Tunnell, Chair of the Awards Breakfast. You and your committee did a fantastic job. It was an incredible amount of work, and the results were wonderful. **Barbara Howell**, Conference Chair. You and your committee increased attendance and profits at this year's conference. And, on a personal note when I was searching for answers, Jan and Barbara were always there to share their expertise with me.

Melanie Campbell, Communications Chair. It takes a great deal of "behind the scenes" work to be webmaster. Thanks for starting the "Members Only" link so that, in the future, more information can be made available just for our members. **Jana Parpart**, Newsletter and Public Relations. The newsletter is important to keeping our members informed about what's going on. We sincerely appreciate your hard work and commitment to this important benefit to our members.

Marilyn Hughes, Finance Chair. Another "behind the scenes" committee. The recommendations of your committee are critical in assuring the financial viability of our organization. **Fran James**, Hospitality Chair. You and your committee took on a big task this year and handled it beautifully. This commitment was a significant one that added to the enjoyment of our monthly meetings.

Jean Hartsaw, Grant Awards Accounting. You let us share with each other and the community what we're all about...bringing money into our community to help those who need us most. And, of course, as our Nominating Committee Chair, you and your committee worked

diligently to find people committed to leading our organization forward.

Jill Bevan and Georgiana Tynes, co-chairs of the Legislative Affairs Committee. Your committee provided us with the 2005 *Know Your Legislators* booklet and put together another successful Tallahassee trip. **Joni Meyers**, Training Committee. I know how hard you worked this year researching what our members wanted in our training program. This information will help Joel Henderson as he plans for 2005-06.

Alice Weinberg, our immediate Past President. How can I thank Alice enough? Although a promotion and new duties kept her away from many of our meetings, she always shared her experience and guidance by email every time I asked.

Although I sound more like a volunteer coordinator than a grant writer, I continue to encourage everyone to volunteer for a GPN committee or task force. Volunteerism is the foundation for what GPN has accomplished. It can be a personally rewarding experience that I strongly recommend.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your support this past year. I look forward to seeing you at the July 6th meeting!

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Action Group & Committee Buzz ...

NEXT GPN MEETING:

WEDS., July 6, 2005
MAITLAND CIVIC CENTER

~Activities Committee~

Committee:

Judy Bennett
Lee Bailey
Karen Cole

Scheduled Programs:

July 6

Speaker – Mary Ann Feldheim, Ph.D., Associate Professor at UCF. Dr. Feldheim runs the Nonprofit Management program at UCF. Her presentation relates to Dreaming about GPN's future. There will be audience participation. We will learn Appreciative Inquiry as a tool for reaching our dream.

Installation of Board and Officers will be announced at this time.

August 3

Speaker - Russell (Russ) Blair, Jr., Executive Director
B. R. Chamberlain Foundation for Public Enrichment

Russ came to Orlando to work for WDBO radio and Television Ch.6 (now WKMG). Served as Channel

Six News anchor from 1961 to 1963 when he left to join the Tupperware Corporation's Public Relations staff (1963-65) at it's World Headquarters in Kissimmee. Later served as Tupperware's Director of Product Development (1965-76), Vice President of Special Services (Meeting Planning arm of the company) and V.P./Director of the Tupperware Convention Center (1976-1992). Upon retiring, did marketing consulting for B.R. Chamberlain & Sons, Registered Investment Advisors. In 1994, when the firm decided to establish a charitable foundation as a way of, "giving back to the community", Russ was asked to assume the role of Executive Director and get the foundation "up and running". He has been doing that ever since.

It's time to renew your annual dues!

Membership renewal notices were mailed the end of May. Payment of your membership renewal should be made by July 1 of each calendar year.

As announced at the June meeting, dues are anticipated to increase in July at the proposed new rate of \$50 for individual memberships and \$100 for agency memberships. **If you renew on or before July 31, 2005, your dues for this year will remain at \$35 for individuals and \$50 for agency memberships.**

Be sure to return your renewal form **with updated contact information** with your check. Thanks!

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**"SMASHING" IDEAS
NEEDED**

Incoming Activities Chair and
President Elect

– Jeannie Floyd - will assume
the position of Activities Chair
July 6. She welcomes your
ideas for new programs during
the coming year. Please let her
know what programs would
interest you.

**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 JBNPD 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}

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

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,
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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*

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**I wish to take this time to thank Judy Crawford for all she has done as President.
Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. So, "Thank you, Judy"!!!!**

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 **July 15th**.

Jana Parpart
GPN Network News Editor

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH!!!!

