



Changing Central Florida One Grant at a Time

Network News

June Program

Patty DeYoung

Darden Restaurants Foundation

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The upcoming general membership meeting of the Grant Professionals Network of Central Florida, Inc. will feature **Ms. Patty DeYoung**, Executive Administrator for the Darden Restaurants Foundation. Ms. DeYoung knows the question on everyone's mind—***"Is a Tsunami coming our way...and P.S. What is Darden doing these days?"*** She will discuss the challenges of funding for the rest of calendar year 2009 and into 2010. Her presentation will also explain Darden's new National and Hometown strategies. More information about Ms. DeYoung appears in the Speaker Profile on the following page.

The mission of the Darden Restaurants Foundation is to maintain a spirit of volunteerism, philanthropy and ethical business practices as defining characteristics of Darden Restaurants. These values were inspired by the company's founder, Bill Darden. Thanks to his vision, Darden is committed to being an enduring and positive influence on local communities. Philanthropic efforts focus on four key program areas: Arts & Culture, Social Services & Nutrition, Education, and Preservation of Natural Resources. Additional details are available online at http://www.darden.com/com_overview_foundation.asp.

The **June 24th** meeting will occur at the Heart of Florida United Way Dr. Nelson Ying Center, 1940 Traylor Blvd, in Orlando. Networking and refreshments will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the call to order at 8:45 a.m.

The 2009 GPN Membership Survey is Now Available at
<http://tinyurl.com/gpn-survey!>

The mission of the Grant Professionals Network (GPN) is to provide a collegial forum to facilitate training, resource development, leadership and networking opportunities for grant professionals.



June Speaker Profile **Patty DeYoung** **Darden Restaurants Foundation**

On July 14th, Patty will be with Darden Restaurants and the Darden Restaurants Foundation for twenty-nine years. Currently she serves as the Executive Administrator for the Darden Restaurants Foundation. She is responsible for bringing forth grants to the Darden Restaurants Foundation Trustees and has additional responsibility for Darden's corporate contributions. She also works with the Community Activities Committee at Darden Restaurants whose main purpose is to provide volunteer opportunities to Darden employees while providing necessary services to the community.

Patty has spent most of her life in the Orlando area and currently serves as the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Central Florida Donor's Forum, is a member of the board of the Orlando Repertory Theatre, and also serves on the Victim's Service Center's board. She is a member of the Local Advisory Council for the Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community, and also is Past President of the Board of both the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center and Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida.





Great GPN Opportunities

2009 GPN OPEN POSITIONS

President-Elect:

(One year position, followed by a year of serving as President)

TITLE: President Elect

SELECTION: Vote of Membership

AUTHORITY: By-Laws

TERM: One year

DUTIES:

Prepare a budget by March

Represent GPN and the profession in a positive manner

Serve as a mentor to new grant writers

Follow the articles and by-laws in the management of the business of GPN

Serve as Historian of the organization (in event position not filled by President)

Attend Leadership Orlando or Seminole as approved by the Board of Directors

Serve actively on a committee

Accede to the Office of the President

Preside in the absence of the president

Assume such duties as may be assigned by the President

Submit monthly progress report to Board President 5 days prior to Bd meetings

Copy all correspondence to the Secretary

Maintain a record of actions, transfer the information to the new president elect, and provide orientation for the new president elect by June 30

Attend Board Meetings

Secretary

(Two year position)

TITLE: Secretary

LEADER: President

SELECTION: Nominated, Approved by President and membership vote

AUTHORITY: By-Laws

TERM: Two years

DESCRIPTION: The Secretary shall be responsible for the records of GPN.

DUTIES:

Record minutes of Board Meetings and Membership Meetings.

Email Board minutes to Board Members and Committee Chairs within 10 days of the Board Meeting.

Email minutes of Membership meetings to the Newsletter Editor by the tenth of the month.

Prepare and submit budget for secretarial activities by March.

Maintain correspondence records – yours plus other board members should provide Secretary with copies of their correspondence.

Prepare, submit to board for approval, the State Uniform Business Report (UBR) annually. Submit to the State – due May 1.

Abide by the articles and by-laws while conducting the business of the Network.

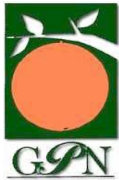
Serve as a mentor to new grant writers

Represent the Network and the profession in a positive manner.

Maintain and respond to phone mail system, forward messages.

Perform other duties as pertain to the office of Secretary.

Provide orientation and transfer of records/information for your successor by June 30



Great GPN Opportunities

2009 GPN OPEN POSITIONS (Continued)

Treasurer

(Two year position)

TITLE: Treasurer
LEADER: President
SELECTION: Nominated, Approved by President and membership vote
AUTHORITY: By-Laws
TERM: Two years
DUTIES:

Receive and record all GPN membership dues income.
 Maintain records of all dues paid, by whom, when, check #
 Receive and record all payments for events
 Acquire necessary signatures for checking account
 Maintain and balance check book
 Pay all bills approved in budget.
 Request board approval if not in budget
 Maintain records of income and expenses
 Maintain copies of member applications
 Maintain Correspondence file relative to Treasurer's business
 Provide income/expense report to Event Committee Chairs
 Provide income/expense reports monthly to Board and Membership via the financial statements
 Prepare financial statements for Board of Directors
 File 990

Three Director's Positions

(Two year position)

TITLE: Board Member
LEADER: President
SELECTION: Membership vote
AUTHORITY: By-Laws
TERM: Two years
DESCRIPTION: Board members shall be responsible for the business of the corporation.

DUTIES:

Abide by the articles and by-laws while conducting the business of the Network.
 Serve as a mentor to new grant writers
 Represent the Network and the profession in a positive manner.
 Prepare a budget by March.
 Serve as an active member of at least one committee.
 Attend all board meetings
 Represent the interests of the general membership
 Provide orientation and transfer of records/information for your successor by June 30



GPN encourages **ALL** members to please attend the meeting on **June 24th** and cast their ballots!

GRANT PROFESSIONALS NETWORK OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.

FY 2009-10 BALLOT

Any member of the Grant Professionals Network of Central Florida, Inc. can vote each GPN fiscal year (July 1-June 30).

President-Elect (One year position), followed by a year of serving as President

John OConnor

Write In

Secretary (Two year position)

Francina Dubois

Write In

Treasurer (Two year position)

Libba Lyons

Write In

Director Two year position Please vote for THREE as three positions are open

Brenda Bray

Nikisha Bronson-Hunter

Lillian Drasian

Noreen Levitt

Susan Mitchell

Pat Zahry

Write In

No person may succeed themselves in the year following their term as an officer or a director.

GPN thanks Teresa Shipley for serving as Nominations Committee Chair!



Attention Grant Writers !!!

*This Job Opening at the Osceola County Health Department **CLOSES June 16, 2009!***

Req No: 64004256-51361527-20090602095628

Agency Name: DOH - Health

OCCUPATION PROFILE

Working Title: GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS CONSULTANT III

Broadband/Class Level: MANAGEMENT ANALYSTS - Level 4

Broadband/Class Code: 13-1111-04

JOB FAMILY: BUSINESS AND FINANCE

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP: BUSINESS OPERATIONS

OCCUPATION: MANAGEMENT ANALYSTS

Pay Grade/Pay Band: BB010

Position Number: 64004256

Closing Date: 6/16/2009

Location: KISSIMMEE County: Osceola County

Annual Salary Range: \$36,381.54 - \$99,274.50

Announcement Type: Open Competitive

Responses to qualifying questions must be verifiable by experience stated on the employment application. We request that all applications be completed online with People First. Applicants will be contacted directly if selected for an interview. Applicants who require an accommodation in order to participate in the application/selection process are asked to notify People First in advance.

DESCRIPTION

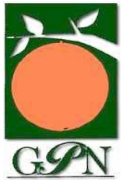
Grant Writer

This position reports to the Health Department Administrator and is responsible for grant writing. And in collaboration with the Senior Management Team. The person in this position must work independently to identify grant opportunities and work collaboratively with Senior Management and program managers/supervisors. In addition, the person will lead Senior Management and program managers/supervisors in the completion and submission of successful grant applications.

Additional duties include identifying and/or working with staff to identify grant opportunities.

Responsible for writing and/or assisting with the writing of grants. Responsible for creating a data base for the purpose of grant tracking. Works with the community partners in the development of collaborative grant related community projects. Identify new community partners through grant opportunities.

Participates in Disaster Preparedness as directed.



Attention Grant Writers !!! (Continued)

This Job Opening at the Osceola County Health Department **CLOSES June 16, 2009!**

DESCRIPTION

Grant Writer

This is work conducting organizational studies and evaluations, designing office systems and procedures, conducting work simplifications and measurement studies, providing technical assistance and developing operations and procedures to assist organizations in operating more efficiently and effectively. May include program analysis, management consulting, and examination development.

In the event of an emergency, this health department is required to perform emergency operations functions. You may be required to work during or beyond your normal work hours or days in a special needs shelter, Red Cross shelter, Emergency Operations Command Center (EOCC), or to perform other emergency functions.

Participation in the direct deposit program is a condition of employment for all persons employed in state government. If you are not already participating in the direct deposit program, you will be expected to enroll within 31 days of employment.

This position requires background screening and finger printing.

The State of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative Action Employer and does not tolerate discrimination or violence in the workplace. Applicant requiring a reasonable accommodation, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, must notify the agency hiring authority and/or the People First Service Center at (1-877-562-7287). Notification to the hiring authority must be made in advance to allow sufficient time to provide the accommodation. Veteran's Preference will be given to eligible veterans and their spouses in accordance with Chapter 295 of the Florida Statutes.

Requirements:

Closest Major City Orlando
 Salary Range 30000 - 45000
 Occupation MANAGEMENT ANALYSTS
 Education Bachelors (or equivalent work experience)
 Job Type Full Time
 Region/County Osceola County
 Percent of Travel 1-25%

* **Applications for this position must be through People First.** Go to www.myflorida.com and locate People First, register on the PF site, then search for this posting by position number. All applications **must** go through People First or they will not be considered. Fill out and upload application to state site, and then submit via the People First portal.

* You may also send a copy of your People First application along with your resume by mail or e-mail to but it will not be accepted unless the application is also on People First. (Prospective applicants should NOT call please!)

* Mail copy to: Jennifer Harmon, HR, Osceola County Health Dept., 1875 Boggy Creek Drive, Kissimmee, FL 34744. E-mail address is: Jennifer_harmon@doh.state.fl.us.

Employment Opportunities Available Online at <http://www.gpninc.org/jobs/index.html>!!



GPN Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Grant Professionals Network Membership Meeting Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 8:55 am by President Georgiana Tynes.

Introduced the Board of Directors, Directors and Committee Chairs.

Bobbi Bellows, introduced guests – Peter VanZyl, Mary Lee Walker, Corin Hughs and Jennifer Dillard

Approval of the March minutes

Moved: Todd Stroup, Seconded: Katherine Zimmerman, Vote: Unanimous Approval

Approval of the Treasurer's 3rd Quarter report

Moved: Todd Stroup, Seconded: Katherine Zimmerman, Vote: Unanimous Approval

Speaker

Bonnie Hubbard of the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation (in May will celebrate their 50th year supporting the area)

Topic – "Hunker Down"

Notes are directly from Bonnie – thank you

Keep in contact with the funder. Funders are experiencing changes in their fiscal conditions too. You will hear it over and over from funders – that there is just not as many funds available now as there was this time last year. We don't like it either.

We all survived the hurricanes by using common sense, preparing for the worse, being aware of the environment, and helping each other. The following came about from FEMA's suggestions on how to survive a economic hurricane. Many of those same techniques will work for you and your nonprofit now – with a few tweaks.

Before the Storm - (a little late now) – Make plans to secure property. Your "property," per say is the stakeholders in your nonprofit organization/mission. Secure them, reassure them that your nonprofit has their best interests as the main mission at this time. Remember - your stakeholders are BOTH your donors and the recipients of your services.

Trim trees and bushes. In other words, evaluate what you can do without/or delay. What can function for double-duty? Can some of your services be combined or temporarily reduced? Re-evaluate your mission in terms of today's environment. What can you do without to make sure the remaining "trees"/services survive the storm? Which ones are crucial, what part of them can be eliminated without drastically cutting your services. Obviously, you need to maintain and care for the trunk and main limbs, the main focus/mission, but not necessarily the new growth limbs or the old limbs, the extras that are nice but not necessary. Can you use more volunteers instead of increasing staffing; or use your volunteers in different ways? If you have volunteers, they are usually willing to try anything if it will serve your organization. Ask them for their help and suggestions. Many volunteers have untapped talents and experiences that may be just the solution needed. Recruit additional volunteers, and recognize their contributions.

For cutting out the unneeded limbs, do you really need to have a three-color slick mail-out? Or a number of mail-outs. How about re-thinking this – some supporters may question why they should contribute if funds are being used for this. But, again, you may need to do the slick mail-out to catch the eyes and interest of your donors. Your knowledge of the composition of your donor base and what fund-raising efforts have worked best for you should be the deciding factor.



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For example: High-end arts performance organizations will still need to appeal to those who will purchase tickets; since this may be a luxury, then the recipient will want to feel that the invitation (the mail-out) is in line with what they anticipate experiencing at the performance. If you are raising funds to feed the homeless – and it is a general appeal, be sure your mail-outs are eye-catching, but use imagination and creativity not necessarily expensive brochures. Maybe even explain why the mail-out has changed (recognize need to be cost-effective so can continue services.)

Clear gutters and downspouts. A good analogy. What could potentially be blocking the accomplishments of your nonprofit's mission? Step-back and take a good look. Is it funding? (obviously) Is it an unclear mission statement, lack of communication with your stakeholders? Is the staff clear in their functions? Can responsibilities be combined or redefined? Have you personally come up with a way to address the current situation as far as your responsibilities are concerned? Have everyone in your organization participate in this exercise. Not surprisingly, everyone does something non-crucial and out of habit. Is this function expected but not used? Have an organizational meeting and discuss duties and responsibilities and find out how the results of your work are used by others.

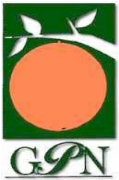
Have a Safe Room. After all this self-examination, I think we all need a safe place to re-coup. Pat yourself on the back and everyone you work with, that you have survived through the first phase of this "disaster" and are preparing for the worse. Look back at what you have accomplished over the years, how much your organization has grown, and recognize that this is – hopefully – just a short-lived downturn.

During the Storm– (like right now) – Listen to TV/radio for information. What is the storm doing? Has it passed or is the strong wind getting ready to bombard your house? Keep informed of what is happening in the general fiscal environment and situation. Then you will know about how long you will be "hunkered down" and what to expect tomorrow and the day after that. You may also be able to find out what areas are dangerous, for example, is the government cuts funding to your area of service? If so, you will need to adjust. Sound familiar? Have housing costs increased/employment decreased? Jobless increase. You get the idea.

Talk with your fellow nonprofits- what are they doing and how. Have crucial needs changed; can you help, can you adjust with the changes? Be sure to evaluate carefully how any changes will affect others.

Secure home, close storm shutters, secure objects outdoors. I think of this in two ways. First, secure your immediate needs, what it takes to keep you up and running. Evaluate what can or should be changed or eliminated; also what should be added. Can you offer a complimentary service at a low cost or find a separate source of funding?

Close storm shutters. It is important to keep the esprit de corps - that common spirit of enthusiasm and devotion- of your staff and volunteers. Acknowledge the current storm, but plan activities to keep moving forward. This is the time to hunker down together and let everyone contribute ideas; to be sure they are aware of the current situation (exactly how hard is it raining?) Several organizations have had staff volunteer to have their salaries cut in order to preserve jobs and to be able to continue services. Others have moved to less expensive offices or cut use of printing and supplies.



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Second - Secure objects outdoors – again, your stakeholders. Do what is needed to reassure your supporters that you have recognized this storm and that plans and adjustments are being made until things improve. Don't let the recipients of your services go uninformed either. They may make assumptions that you are no longer there and either think they have to go elsewhere for assistance, or try to do without. Neither of which is a good idea.

Ensure supply of food and water. Easy analog for this, it's obviously your financial resources. Adjust/budget/do without/do whatever to keep on. Maybe this is the time to reconnect with your donors. Simple things, like an unexpected letter explaining what you are doing to cope with this bad weather, or a telephone call to thank them for their support in the past and hope they will continue to do so – on whatever level they are comfortable with (remember they are in the same hurricane and have to have food and water too) in the future. Plan what you will say – remain positive at all times. No one will want to support a drowning organization.

Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object. And I want to add, hug a warm fuzzy while you are at it. Take care of yourself. You are not personally responsible for the storm nor can you, as an individual, make it go away. Take a deep breath and realize that you are doing something extraordinary and how much this will help you grow. You will know more about your organization, finances, stakeholders, and mission than before; you will know more about your community and its resources and the other organizations that serve. After surviving the storm, you will never be quite as afraid of one again because now you know you can cope.

Recovering from the Disaster – hopefully soon. Follow health and safety guidelines. Did you find it necessary to change your way of accomplishing your mission? Helping your stakeholders? Raising support funding?

Be sure your board is aware of any changes and approves, include your staff in any changes (and it usually helps if the reason for the change is explained). Do any outside restrictions need to be incorporated, for example: more reports to the government to continue public funding, reporting on financials, updates, contacting additional sources of support.

Clean/repair/rebuild for the future. Go for it! Maybe this is the time to do it the way you always wanted to. Evaluate the status quo and see what needs to be repaired. Try something new, look around and see if the rebuilding is really necessary, or is it just a clean-up job? Maybe a really big clean-up job? Rather than rebuild – continue building – think positive and show it.

Where to get assistance – other than from Ben and Jerry's. First, the people in this room are a good start. They are experiencing the same storm, the same conditions, the same challenges, and the increase in demand for services. Ask what they are doing – share ideas – share resources – share stories. Talking always helps, even if all it does is reassure you that you are not alone.

Second, what you already know – research for new sources of funding and supplies. Call – share your needs and share your story with everyone you know and ask that they do the same (if appropriate). Write – personal letters, newsletters, e-mails. You know what works best for you – but tell your story clearly and honestly. This is not the time to vague about what you do and what you need to accomplish your mission. Use your successful history as a starting point and express your intentions to be as successful again – hopefully soon.

Cope with emotional effects. Pat each other on the back, take time to look at how far you have come through a difficult time (not necessarily how far you still have to go).



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Every now and then, pretend you giving a funder a site visit at your organization – what things would you point out? The good, the accomplishments, the people served, how you have grown, and the impact you have. Then smile.

Now think of what would happen if you weren't there and recognize how important you are. This applies to everyone in your organization. In fact – pat each other on the back – and smile.

How to help others - Keep up the good work – that is what you are doing now.

Finally -

Have a first aid kit and cash on hand. Bandages and soothing creams – mentally used, of course. You must decide what you, as an individual, need in your kit. Everyone has different needs and different remedies. Remind yourself that everything won't work exactly as you would like, and you will stub your toe every now and then – that's what the first aid kit is for. If you don't have one, now is a good time to start. This metaphor applies to personal and business. Keep up with your hobbies and friends for yourself. Keep up with your supporters, advisors, and peers for your organization.

Lastly -

Cash on hand. Yes, that is a given and sure would be nice. Isn't getting cash one of the basic starting points instead of the ending? If we all had plenty of that, then we could fly away to an exotic location and not have to suffer through this economic hurricane at all.

To summarize – take a deep breath, realize that everyone is in the same economic hurricane. No one knows which the direction the next big wind will come from and how much damage it will do. Control only what you can, if the roof springs a leak, then put on the blue tarps.

Keep in touch with your supporters, both personal and organizational, let others know you are still moving forward and any assistance they can give is appreciated. Now is the time to introduce yourself to new sources, call, ask if they will review your proposal and give you feedback – not necessarily to ask for fiscal support. Send them information about your organization, especially if you have not dealt with them before. Recognize they have turn over in staff so if you did previously apply, and did not get funding in the past, see if their staffing/board members have changed and offer an update on your organization. When you do – brag about your accomplishments. Let them know how successful you are in accomplishing your mission. Astute funders will be able to spot where you need help, be up-front and honest with them at all times. They may be able to offer a solution to your needs.

And remember – at some point the storm ends and the sun comes out. Just be sure to have your sunscreen ready when it does.

Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation the grant side is known as the Genius Foundation is a 501c3 that funds here in the Central Florida area. Traditional grants are \$100,000 + to places like Rollins and United Arts. Focus area – mostly educational, arts and some human services. Past funding has been to hospitals, arts, animals and Rollins.

Bonnie's background – Banking in North Carolina, where she collaborated with two other banks to help renovate the downtown area. Being aware of the homeless and learned to deal with government, homeless and Salvation Army for three years. Moved to Florida and finished her degree and lucked into her current position at the Genius Foundation, which has grown and evolved over the years.

<http://www.geniusfoundation.org/>



GPN Meeting Minutes

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Committee Reports

Grant Awards – Lee Bailey passed around the form to gather grant funding information for the month.

Professional Development – Jeannie Floyd announced the Brown Bag training the May 14th, here at HFUW from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm (water & mints only) – “Ethics & Grantmanship”, presenters will be Lee Bailey, Katherine Zimmerman, Beckey Farmerie and Deanna Gora (City of Orlando).

Congresswomen Brown – held a “Stimulus Funding” seminar collaborating with OCPS. Over 300 attendees.

Congressman Grayson is planning a “Stimulus Funding” training for Monday, April 27th (no details at this time).

May’s speaker will be Kathy Panther – Leadership Orlando – “What our benefits are with Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce”.

Nomination – 2009-2010 election form was past around to get people thinking about individuals that might fit the bill. Positions are as follows:

- President – Bobbi Bellows
- President Elect – Open
- Secretary – Open
- Treasurer – Open
- Director –
- Director –
- Director –

You can either email, mail or fax in your form to Teresa Shipley.

*Only members can vote.

Website – Information on the website is updated daily – please check it out.

Collaborative Sharing

- Melanie Campbell shared that Community Foundation of South Lake County is holding “Nonprofit Trainings”.
- In the Sanford area there is a 4,000 sq. ft. building an individual is wanting to give away.
- Lee Bailey thanked the individuals who assisted with the Proposal Writing Class
- Katherine Zimmerman – Winter Park Chamber has gone to
- 22nd Annual Sight & Sole Walk at Universal Studios – May 9th to benefit Lighthouse Central Florida.
- Georgiana Tynes is expecting another child in July

Door Prize drawing – Francina Dubose of FD Grant Writing Services won.

Adjournment at 10:33 am

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Campbell,
GPN Secretary 2007-2009



GPN Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 27, 2009

Grant Professionals Network Membership Meeting Wednesday, May 27, 2009

Call to Order by Georgiana Tynes at 9:06 am.

Introduction of Guests by Chris Howell - several were present and Chris retained the names. Georgiana provided an overview of what Grant Professionals Network Central Florida, Inc. (GPN) is.

GPN Business Meeting was conducted and there was no call to approve the April Minutes as members did not have them for review.

Speaker

Kathy Panter of Central Florida Partnership and Leadership Orlando provided a compressive look at the Leadership Orlando Program.

** Her Powerpoint presentation is available on the GPN website's "meetings" page at <http://www.gpninc.org/meetings/>.*

Committee Reports

Lee Bailey passed around the list for monthly grant awards and totals were collected. Several members spoke on recently awarded grants.

Jeannie Floyd provided a review of grants for all Professional Development sessions and speakers who assisted were introduced and recognized.

Teresa Douglas Shipley provided a GPN 2009-2010 Nominations Status Report and distributed nomination forms for the upcoming election.

A time for announcements was provided.

A Door Prize was awarded.

Meeting was adjourned at about 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted by Teresa Shipley,
Director on behalf of Melanie Campbell, GPN
Secretary 2007-2009



GPN Meeting Dates and Location

The location of GPN's general membership meetings is the Heart of Florida United Way Dr. Nelson Ying Center, 1940 Traylor Boulevard in Orlando. The facility is centrally located near the intersection of 441 and Princeton Street. (The specific space for GPN meetings is called the Dr. P. Phillips Community Meeting Room and is located on the facility's main / first floor.)

To adapt to United Way conference room availability, the meetings will be held the **fourth Wednesday of each month**. The remaining current fiscal year (July 1-June 30) meeting will occur on **June 24, 2009**.

The agenda for the final meeting of the fiscal year includes many significant items. Chief among them is the vote for 2009-2010 officers. Members will cast their votes at the beginning of the meeting. Then installation of new officers and directors will also occur. Outgoing President, Georgiana Tynes, secured a noteworthy door prize, which will allow one lucky GPN member to attend a single-day workshop from the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation.

The upcoming fiscal year (July 1-June 30) meeting dates include:

- **July 22, 2009**
- **August 26, 2009 (Ted Crowell Room)**
- **September 23, 2009**
- **October 28, 2009**
- **November 25, 2009 (Tentative)**
- **December 16, 2009 (Tentative)**

Editor's Corner

Please forward articles or news items for publication in the next issue to Shannon Callahan at callahas@osceola.k12.fl.us no later than **July 10, 2009**.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this month's issue of *GPN Network News*!

Shannon Callahan, Editor
GPN Network News





President's Message

2008-2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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.

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

- The entire accomplishments report from outgoing president, Georgiana Tynes, is available online at:
http://www.gpninc.org/members_only/documents/accomplishments_2008-2009.pdf.