



Changing Central Florida One Grant at a Time

Network News

President's Message

January 14, 2011

A Good New Year to everyone. We are well into 2011 with, I hope, new opportunities, as well as solutions to old problems. It may be too early, and we are too busy anyway, to take a peek at our personal plans as well as our business strategic plans, to see if they need tweaking. With the uncertainties of last year following us closely into 2011, you may ask, "What is the value of making plans when things are changing so fast." The value is thinking and talking about your own plans and your professional position and the organization you are working with. This will raise awareness of the present environment and will generate concepts and ideas for the future that you can share with other people. From the dynamic movement that is created, comes understanding and potential solutions.

Bring yourself and a friend to the GPN membership meeting on January 26th at 8:30 am for networking to begin the discussion, start the ideas, and reacquaint with the GPN community.

We have strong and dynamic speakers this year, round table discussions at the end of each meeting, and networking continues after the meeting.

Go to the web site, gpninc.org and learn about the Brown Bag Workshops each month and the Annual Awards Breakfast in March. Send in your ballot for the nominations that you can find on the web site.

There are new training programs and conferences in development that will show our focus on helping GPN members develop skills to meet the challenges that the best planning cannot anticipate. Come, participate, and help us move forward!

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Upcoming Meeting — Wednesday, January 26, 2011

The Grant Professionals Network of Central Florida, Inc. will hold its next general membership meeting on **January 26th**.

The speaker is Paul Daigle, President of US Technology Fund (USTF) and Bytes, Bits & Megabytes. His topic is "Local Technology Support for Nonprofits." He will discuss the USTF's application processes and results for some previous USTF awards. More information about Mr. Daigle appears in the Speaker Profile on the following page.

The meeting will occur at the Heart of Florida United Way Dr. Nelson Ying Center, 1940 Traylor Boulevard, in Orlando. Networking and refreshments will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the call to order at 9:00 a.m.

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.



January Speaker Profile

Paul Daigle

President, US Technology Fund (USTF)



Born on August 1, 1963 and raised in West Hartford, CT, Paul adopted a philosophy of hard work at an early age.

He received an Army ROTC Scholarship and graduated with a BS in Computer Science with a minor in Application Programming from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

At Embry-Riddle, he assisted with the assembly of the student computer lab, and facility computer lab. Once the computer labs were operational, he was also responsible for the training and installation of hardware and applications for facility. Paul was also the IBM student liaison, where he would submit IBM PC orders, and troubleshoot any PC problems (at this time a PC was an IBM PC 8088, operated at 4MHz and had two 360K floppy drives).

From his experience of setting up computer labs and providing support in college, his entrepreneurial spirit led him to start his own business. Computers were viewed upon as a necessary evil in the 1980's and he wanted to demystify the complexity and offer customer-focused support with programming development. Over the last 26 years, Paul has been able to transition his service portfolio every three-four years to support constant evolving technology and offer personal support for small to corporate business.

Paul was able to build a leading IT provider in the Central Florida market, while volunteering time and resources to the community for over twenty years. He has become a proven leader and servant is extremely proud to call Central Florida home.

Paul resides in Casselberry with his family. He has been happily married to his wife Felicite for the past 11 years and has two daughters Chloe (9 years old) and Corinne (6 years old) along with a jack russell terrier, Wylie.



Organization Updates/Information

Meet the New Treasurer - Bethany Bower

Bethany Bower has worked for more than a decade in government, nonprofit and private industries in the areas of grant writing, donor relations, community relations, marketing and special events planning. In her current role as **Foundation Relations Manager at Quest, Inc. (www.questinc.org)**, Bethany develops proposals and manages grants awarded to the agency's education, employment, and recreation programs benefitting children and adults with disabilities. Among her most recent achievements is securing more than \$300,000 in funding for Quest's new Project SEARCH program, funded by Dr. Phillips Charities and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD). The program is a strategic partnership between Florida Hospital, Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, the Orange County Public School system, Vocational Rehabilitation and Quest. As part of the program, high school students with developmental disabilities spend their last year of high school at a work site and receive intense employment training and hands-on experience, while being guided by teachers and job coaches. Bethany's past work experience includes teaching English and creative writing to adults and children in Orange and Seminole counties. She holds a degree in English from the University of Central Florida and has lived in Central Florida for more than 25 years.

Grant Award Announcements

Each month, GPN will proudly publish the awards that members have obtained for their agencies and clients. Participation is completely voluntary. If you want your grant awards for 2010 to appear in the next issue of the GPN Newsletter (and in subsequent issues), you must send an email authorizing the publication of your awards to Jana Parpart, Chair of the Awards Committee. GPN is very concerned for your privacy and professional security. As a check, Jana will acknowledge your email authorizing the publication. The President will then contact you by email to confirm your decision. Upon receipt of your confirmation email, the President will authorize in writing the publication of your data.

*Contact Jana Parpart at:
parpartj@osceola.k12.fl.us*

SAVE THE DATE!

**GPN's 14th Annual Awards Breakfast will occur on Wednesday,
March 9, 2011.**

The location is Rollins College's Galloway Room (same place as last year).

* The Awards Ballot information appears on the subsequent pages.



Award Nominations

2010 GPN 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 example of researching and submitting grants in a professional manner. This person is someone who is dedicated to raising funds for organizations which he/she represents and the profession of grant services. The enthusiasm and professionalism of this member stands out and impresses you.

Name Agency or Independent Grant Professional

In one sentence, please describe why this person deserves the GPN Professional Excellence Award:

GPN Outstanding Mentor Award: Given to a GPN member who you feel is always accessible to mentoring new grant seekers and other GPN members in grant professionalism. The recipient of this award is a person who understands how mentoring, coaching and training others to be successful in their grant seeking can benefit our community.

Name Agency or Independent Grant Professional

In one sentence, please describe why this person deserves the GPN Outstanding Mentor Award:

GPN Service Award: Given to a GPN member who you feel constantly demonstrates 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 organization and the grant services profession.

Name Agency or Independent Grant Professional

In one sentence, please describe why this person deserves the GPN Service Award:

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 Agency or Independent Grant Professional

In one sentence, please describe why this person deserves the GPN Up and Coming Award:

The deadline to submit awards nominations is **February 10, 2011.**



Award Nominations *(Continued)*

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

2009 Awards

GPN Professional Excellence Award – Teresa Douglas Shipley, Orange County Public Schools

GPN Outstanding Mentor Award – Georgiana Tynes, Georgiana K. Tynes Consulting Services, LLC

GPN Service Award – Shannon Callahan, School District of Osceola County

GPN Up and Coming Award – Francina Dubose, The Write Proposal

2008 Awards

GPN Professional Excellence Award – Georgiana Tynes, Georgiana K. Tynes Consulting Services, LLC

GPN Outstanding Mentor Award – Lee Bailey, Rollins College Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership Center

GPN Service Award – Christopher Howell, Center for Independent Living in Central Florida

GPN Up and Coming Award – Bobette "Bobi" Bellows, Lighthouse Central Florida

A hard copy of the ballot will be available at the GPN General Membership Meeting on January 26, 2011 (to be held at the Heart of Florida United Way Dr. Phillips Room, located at 1940 Traylor Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32804) at 8:45 a.m.

Members may submit ballots at the meeting or send them via e-mail to awards@gpninc.org.

** The deadline to submit awards nominations is **February 10, 2011.** **



Exciting Professional Opportunities !!

Rollins' Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership Center (PNLC) announces its training:

Coming in JANUARY

- 1/19 - Leaders Series: Nonprofit Tax and Legal Briefing for 2011
- 1/19 - Train the Trainer EAF Sponsored Event
- 1/20-1/21 - Building the Annual Fund
- 1/21 & 1/28 - Pre-Supervisory Skills Development Workshop EAF Sponsored Event
- 1/25 - New Executive Director Roundtable
- 1/25 - FMLA - Dealing with Practical Applications EAF Sponsored Event
- 1/26 - Leading the Board: Roundtable for Board Chairs
- 1/26 - HR Metrics: Adding Value to the HR Function EAF Sponsored Event
- 1/27 - Strategic Planning for Nonprofits: Realizing Your Preferred Future
- 1/28 - Finding Grant Funding
- 1/28 - First Steps in Fundraising



• <http://www.pnlc.rollins.edu/> •

2010-2011 GPN Trainings

**** To obtain more information or RSVP for any of the workshops, contact Lilian Draisin at Lilian.Draisin@cityoforlando.net or 407-246-2477. ****

January 2011 <i>(Date To Be Determined)</i>	Brown Bag Session Topic: "Finding Research to Support your Program Needs" Presenter: Patricia Pates
February 3, 2011	Brown Bag Session Topic: "Goals, Objectives, Outcomes" Presenter: Georgiana Tynes
March 16, 2011	Brown Bag Session Topic: "Program Evaluation Basics" Presenter: Lilian Draisin
April 5, 2011	Brown Bag Session Topic: "Budget Quick Tips" Presenter: Julie Tindall
May 18, 2011	Brown Bag Session Topic: "Odds & Ends of Grant Applications" Presenter: Teresa Shipley
June 24, 2011	Brown Bag Session Topic: "Grant Submission Tips" Francina Dubose



Exciting Professional Opportunities !! (Continued)

Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP)

The Association of Fundraising Professionals is a membership organization that promotes philanthropy and fosters the growth and development of fundraising professionals through advocacy, research, education, and certification. AFP and the AFP Central Florida Chapter require member adherence to a code of ethical standards and practices.

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Central Florida AFP Chapter President

2011 AFP ~ The Year of You!

Which development professional are YOU? You may be a new fundraising professional, perhaps a mid-level learner or consider yourself an experienced and seasoned fundraiser. If you are someone new to the profession, the AFP is here to help you GROW through our access to talented colleagues, a mentor program, and learning opportunities at exciting, relevant monthly meetings. Perhaps you are already on your way – your challenge is to GAIN MORE through a decision to commit to earning your CFRE through study in the group, monthly webinars or networking in advanced levels of ethics and fundraising knowledge with those who will be there to help you reach higher. Finally, if you are a seasoned development professional, you may GIVE BACK in leadership, speaking, and mentoring! This year will offer more in education, networking, and training.

FIRST WEB/AUDIO CONFERENCE OF 2011

This session is another great training opportunity, and it is free to AFP members!

Date: Wednesday, January 26th

Time: 1:00-2:30 pm EST.

Title: Legacy Giving Building Blocks - a Simple Approach to Attracting Long-term Support

Presenter: Caleb Rick, JD & Greg LaSonde, CFRE

* Host location to be announced shortly.

• <http://www.afpcentralflorida.org/> •



GPN Meeting Dates and Location

The primary 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 (*unless otherwise noted*) and is located on the facility's main / first floor.

The meetings for the 2010-2011 fiscal year (July 1-June 30) will continue on the **fourth Wednesday of each month** at the same location. Upcoming meeting dates include:

- January 26, 2011
- February 23, 2011
- March 23, 2011
- April 27, 2010
- May 25, 2011
- June 22, 2011

2010-11 Standing Committees

Nominating	John O'Connor
Finance	Gina Beckles
Membership	Eva Shoemaker
	Kelly Gormley
Communications	Noreen Levitt
Professional Development	Lilian Drasian

2010-11 Special Committees

Activities	Judy Schwartz-Naber
Awards Announcements	Jennifer Rickman
Awards Breakfast	Jana Parpart
By-Laws/Archives	Nikisha Bronson-Hunter
Legislative	Jean Floyd
Newsletter	Frank Torres
Website & E-Blast	Shannon Callahan
	George Fournier

Editor's Corner

By **February 10, 2011**, individuals should please forward articles or news items for publication in the next issue to Shannon Callahan at callahas@osceola.k12.fl.us.

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

Shannon Callahan, Editor

