

Dolphin Tales

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Up Coming Events

July 26-29, 2009

2009: Minneapolis, Minneapolis
Minneapolis Convention Center

August 6, 2009

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Kelley's Restaurant
LaMarque, Texas

September 12, 2009

Houston, Texas
T-L Division Leadership Workshop

October 3, 2009

New Orleans, Louisiana

October 24, 2009

San Antonio, Texas
Save The Dates:

September 19, 2009

FHPW Gala – Hyatt Regency

October 24, 2009

CPS/CAP Certification Banquet
Hotel ZaZa

October 10, 2009

Impact Meeting for SHC

November 6 & 7, 2009

CPS/CAP Exams

November 14, 2009

MCC Seminar

January 30, 2010

Annual/Business Meeting
CPS/CAP Society of Texas
www.cpscapsot.org

April 20, 2010

APW Breakfast – Woodlands Area
Woodlands Water Way

See Website for dates of monthly
meetings:

www.iaap-txgalv.org

President's Corner

Hello Chapter Members,

Thank you for being such encouragers at my first meeting as President. Rhonda did a fantastic job on showing us all the social networks available and took us on a tour through our new website. I was so nervous; I tried to begin the business before anyone could get dessert! Thanks for putting priorities back in place! And even after jumping in ahead of desserts, you were all still so kind!

It made me think about us as a Chapter, and what a great team we are. All of us have different talents, different careers, different backgrounds, different personalities, and together we are awesome! You accepted me, definitely not a polished speaker, and put me at ease. I am excited to be the incoming President, and thrilled to have such a wonderful Board with me! We look forward to lots of challenges and fun ahead with such great members!

The **Power of Commitment** is the 2009/2010 T/L Division theme for the year. I will strive to keep a commitment to excellence in pursuit of the goals I hope to see our Chapter accomplish this year. They are on our website and include membership growth and retention and continued increase in our mentoring program. I have told you all, I waited far too long to begin reaping the benefits from this Chapter and the IAAP organization. My goal is to help EVERY member find their place to participate. I will be encouraging all of you to embrace this Chapter, jump in, learn from each other, teach each other, and watch us grow.

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Janine Cmaidalka
CPS/CAP
GCC President



Cont: President's Corner

At our meeting, I challenged every member to set a goal together, as a Chapter, to attend T/L Division in Amarillo next May. In June, Donna Shotwell CPS/CAP, our T/L Division President, taught us about goal setting. Let's all commit to accomplish this goal and set out our plan to attain it. This is a way to see the many benefits of this organization. In Shreveport this past May, we earned the second place award for the most percentage of attendees for our size Chapter! We were only behind our hosts, the Pelican Chapter! Awesome!

Many of us earned the Member of Excellence this year and Congratulations! My hope is for our entire Chapter to go for it again! Individuals looking for excellence, communicate regularly, tap into each others' strengths, and support each other for the overall success we want to achieve. Let's continue networking and socializing and set a standard in Galveston County Chapter that everyone will be looking to follow. We all need to have fun and relax for all the hard work we do, both personally and professionally!

I hope to see you at our August 6th meeting where several of us will have tons to share from EFAM!

Best Wishes and Blessings, Janine Cmaidalka CPS/CAP

Speaking of Social Networks!

By Rhonda Driver CPS/CAP

Yes, I'm still raving about them! For those who didn't attend the Galveston County Chapter monthly meeting last Thursday night you missed me going through what social networking is all about and how we can use them to advance our careers. I showed how to get signed up with the major social networks such as FaceBook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. We even discussed IAAP's new web-community which is very much member based and focuses on connecting you with other members.

Needless to say, I've been having a blast exploring all the fun on FaceBook learning all its features. I even created a virtual farm and have convinced other IAAP and Chapter members to join in the fun and be my neighbor. I joined the IAAP network with LinkedIn and have received several notifications of great articles that have been written and also local job opportunities. I also joined several egroups within the new community and have created a close bond with some which has bled over to FaceBook and LinkedIn. I even connected with an IAAP member from California who is connected with my nephew that lives in Kansas City. And speaking of KC, the staff at IAAP Headquarters are the best there is when it comes to customer service. Clinton, their IT guy is constantly monitoring the community and provides immediate feedback when asked or needed. It's amazing how small our world really is with these types of venues. Another IAAP member that I've connected with is a Virtual Assistant which I'm very anxious to learn more about. These social networks open up a whole new world of learning opportunities.

Speaking of the virtual world, I even learned that some IAAP chapters hold their monthly meetings via telecom and video cam! How cool is that... I know for myself, I created this safe cocoon and never utilized the internet for anything more other than email, research or shopping. I was afraid of cyber-stalkers or hackers who wanted to steal my identity. Now, that's not to say they're not out there, but I've chosen to embrace this new technology which keeps me marketable and I'm having fun connecting with others along the way. I so encourage you to do the same. I only caution to be aware of the information you post as it then becomes public information and future employers will also be utilizing these sites to see if you are a good fit for their companies.

We use these networks to increase our self worth, so it started me wondering, how can we utilize these networks to build a stronger chapter? If you're wondering the same thing, let's get together and brainstorm. The world awaits us in cyberspace!



Below is a blog I read on the International Website that I thought I would share with you. I think this shows that determination can prevail. I hope this finds all members that are soon to take the tests or are thinking about taking it in the future, excited and hopeful. Enjoy! And a great big Thank You Keri for letting me share your story with our members and congratulations on you certifications and all else that passed.

Annette Barham CPS/CAP

CAP EXAM – MY STORY Created by Keri Kidder (from Boyd Texas)

In July 2008 my fellow chapter members encouraged me to take the CAP exam being given in November 2008. I was hesitant but accepted the challenge. So from July through November I had planned on studying diligently to pass the exam. Well guess what? Life got in the way. Before I knew it October 31st, 2008 was here and I had not even opened the study books. Nope not once. Man did I start stressing out! Just 7 days to go before the exam and poof, another blow. My grandfather passed away and I was going to travel from Florida to California for his services and guess when the funeral was? Yep the day of the exam. I rescheduled the exam for May 2009 and I was going to study, study, study! This time I opened the books! I studied the parts I thought I would struggle on. On the day of the exam I woke up feeling very serene and very humble. Weird! I went to the test with not much expectation to pass it. Normally I stroll in overconfident, acting like I am the smartest one in the room but this day I just showed up and did the best I could. What a refreshing feeling! The exam proctor said the results would be mailed to my home sometime in mid-June. I did not freak out everytime the mailman walked by, I just calmly waited for the results. No stress, no expectation. Just calm and peace. Well the mail arrived about a week and a half ago (June 16th, 2009) and I opened the envelope again with a calmness I have never had. If I passed I passed; if I failed I would just try again. Well guess what? I passed the test. All 4 parts with flying colors. So in his passing, my grandfather must have given me some of his peace. I have learned that no matter what stay calm, relax and go with the flow. Thanks Grandpa.

In memory of Robert Kidder 1919-2008

Kudos to our Current “Member's of Excellence”

Annette Barham CPS/CAP
Janine Cmaidalka CPS/CAP
Rhonda Driver CPS/CAP
Cathy French CPS/CAP
Deborah Grounds-Sanders CPS/CAP
Janet Kidd CPS/CAP
Lynn Maida CPS/CAP
Renee Percy CPS/CAP
Lynne Purdue CPS/CAP
Pam Stout CPS/CAP
Karla Villeneuve

Kudos to our Current “Chapter of Excellence”
Thanks to all that participated in getting our “Chapter of Excellence”

Congratulations from July 2009 GCC Meeting

Recognize Excellence Among Us:

Rhonda Driver was pinned by Lisa Romero and Kristi Keel.

Announcements:

50/50 raffle: Bobbie Guyton

Nametag contest: Johnie Maida

Door prizes winners: Bobbie Guyton, Cathy French, Kristi Keel, Janet Kidd and guest Andrea Hudson.

Memories from Shreveport – Texas Louisiana Division Annual Meeting

In May, 2009, I attended the TL Division Annual Meeting in Shreveport, LA. I am not unfamiliar with this area and it was nice to re-visit and see all the changes that have been made to the downtown area. I was also lucky to be able to attend this meeting with a lovely group of professional women.

As I looked back over my notes from each presentation I was struck with the information that Monica Carter-Tagore shared with us. It may be a repeat for some but for me I certainly enjoyed this information with a different “spin” to it.

Five Ways to Shine at Work:

1. Become indispensable but not irreplaceable;
2. Look to stand out – (i.e., volunteer for new opportunities)
3. Learn new technologies.
4. Be easy to work with – be cordial, be professional.
5. Be dependable. Maintain confidentiality. Be intuitive.

This information was helpful to me. There were many good speakers this year, but I felt I gained the most insight from Monica.

Cathy French CPS/CAP

Study Group – Update – The Study Group has now moved into the Management book for the CPS exams. We are still meeting on Wednesdays, at the College of the Mainland in room TVB-149. Please join us if you are wanting to study for the CPS exam. Annette Barham CPS/CAP – Certification/Education Chairperson

Certification News

It is time to apply for the November CPS and CAP exams. Dates are Nov. 6 for Part 4 of the CAP exam and Nov. 7 for Parts 1-3 of the CPS and CAP exams. Select international sites will administer the exams Nov. 5 and 6.

Deadline for applications and **fees to be received at the IAAP headquarters office is Aug. 15**; international candidates, please submit your application and fees by Aug. 1.

New candidates should apply using the forms in the *Certification Application Packet*, which can be found on the [IAAP website](#).

Registration Forms for eligible retake candidates for the November 2009 CPS and CAP exams are scheduled to mail by July 15. Retake candidates should submit their completed Registration Form and fees to be received at the IAAP headquarters office by Aug. 15. If you are an eligible retake candidate and do not receive your personalized Registration Form by July 31, please contact the Certification Department at certification@iaap-hq.org. Retake candidates do not use the Certification Application Packet to register.

Questions on certification matters? Contact the Certification Department at certification@iaap-hq.org.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Please return all unused books to Debbie Sanders and the Virtual Library.

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Thanks, DebS

Deborah Grounds Sanders CPS/CAP

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**IAAP Birthdays
July 2009**

**Darlene Bordelon
Margaret Cuellar
Phraulene Deats
Cathy French**



**IAAP Anniversaries
July 2009**

**Lynn Maida 1996
Beverly Zingrich 2008**



**Galveston County Chapter Fundraisers
Chapter Pins/Baylite Candles
For Sale**

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