

Dolphin Tales

GALVESTON COUNTY CHAPTER

January 2011

OFFICER'S CORNER

New Beginnings!



Written by Rhonda Driver, CPS/CAP
President-Elect

I was so excited when asked to write an article on new beginnings as I feel I'm almost an expert on it. I feel my whole life has been one big new beginning, one right after the other. If childhood and all its new challenges at each stage weren't difficult enough, then there was marriage, having children, divorce, raising children alone, second marriage, blended family, empty nest syndrome, loss of parents and other family members, CPS/CAP certifications and recertifications, major hurricanes, menopause, and an unexpected new job TWICE in the last three years (due to the economy and major layoffs). Sheesh, that's a lot of new beginnings! LOL! Yet, like the wild roller coaster ride it is, it has brought many screams of elation and sadness, and through this process of starting anew, it has taught me patience, resiliency, and that tomorrow will always bring a New Beginning!

These new tomorrows allow you to wipe the slate clean and start over, start fresh! Just like all the resolutions we made last year and didn't stick to, we get to forget about them, and make new ones. I thought about what new beginnings I would encounter this year, and remembered that I will be presenting to the Clear Lake IAAP chapter in February one of the programs I created. Yes, it's true, I'm nervous as heck, as I've never presented to another chapter, yet in my heart I know it will be a success. Another new beginning for me will start on July 1st when I step into the role and all its responsibilities of serving as the Chapter President. That too gives me butterflies for the fear of the unknown. However, I know these past eleven years with this chapter and taking advantage of all the new beginnings, the new opportunities, the first time to hold this position or do this task, all of this, has prepared and groomed me to succeed. All the friends I've made that pick me up when I fall, and encourage me to pursue more, all of you, are priceless. I would not have had any of these opportunities or skill sets if not for belonging to a professional organization like IAAP and participating in this chapter. So I

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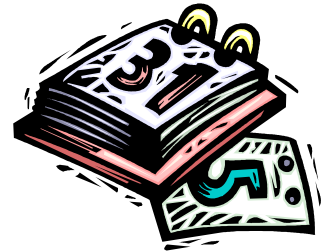
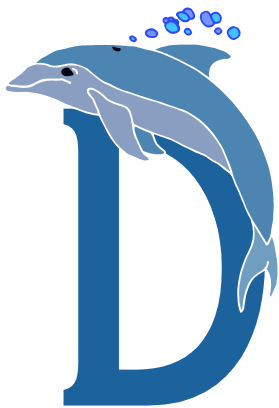
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Calendar of Events

Visit our Chapter Website
at:
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February 3, 2011	Building Trust to get Results Jennifer Huey, Franklin Covey Houston <i>Don't forget to bring a new member to the meeting!</i>
February 7, 2011	Galveston County Annual Seminar Galveston Hilton
February 15, 2011	CPS/CAP Deadline
March 3, 2011	TBA
April 7, 2011	Officer Nominations
May 6 & 7, 2011	CPS/CAP Exams
May 11, 2011	Election of Officers
June 2, 2011	Installation of Officers



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encourage each of you to examine your life, your hopes and have been, and ask yourself what new beginnings would you like to pursue this year. There are numerous opportunities within our chapter to grow your career and learn new skills, and I hope that you won't let the butterflies keep you from stepping into a new challenge. The Chapter still has a lot of work to do this year like our Spring Seminar on Feb. 7th, great programs at our upcoming monthly meetings, continuation of fund-raising efforts, pursue your CPS/CAP certification by joining the study groups, and/or assist with the newsletter or website. I guarantee that your request to start a new beginning will not go unheard.

Newsletter Committee: Karla Villeneuve, CPS/CAP kvilleneuve@standardparking.com, Mary Contreras, CPS Mcontreras@leaguecity.com and Rhonda Driver, CPS/CAP rhonda.driver@nasa.gov. The Galveston County Chapter Newsletter "Dolphin Tales" is a monthly publication. The deadline for submission of materials is the following Monday after the monthly chapter meeting each month.

Don't forget to be there!

Monday, February 7, 2011

Galveston County Chapter Annual Seminar

"Unmask Your Potential"

(7 Recertification Points)

At the beautiful the Hilton Galveston Island Resort

5400 Seawall Blvd.

Galveston, TX 77551



Still only \$119

For more information contact:

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SOME EXCITING NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL—Beginning January 1, 2011, IAAP is waiving the \$15 processing fee for any member who has dropped from active status in the last two years and reinstates his or her membership between January 1, 2011 and March 31, 2011. So take your old membership list and contact the members that have dropped and see if they would like to renew now.

Make your plans now to attend 2011 EFAM in Montreal Canada July 24 - 27, 2011. Hotels are now available for reservations on the IAAP website. Hotels are now available for reservations. Get your passport ready now!

T-L Division Raffle—Drawing for annual meeting registration will be on Saturday, 2/5 or Sunday, 2/6 during the division board meeting) Do not miss the opportunity to have your registration paid (\$260).

The Texas-Louisiana Division Board is excited to offer TWO great raffle items this year. Please contact Tina Wiggins, CPS/CAP at finaswiggins@yahoo.com if you have any questions regarding the items below.

⇒ THE DELL STREAK - one of the hottest new items out on the market. Take good times with you wherever you go. A brilliant 5-inch screen lets you surf, watch videos and stay connected. The Dell streak ensures that you can multitask and play without delay including music and games. Where are you headed today? Find the quickest route with the real-time maps from the integrated A-GPS and e-compass functionality.



⇒ IT IS THE PLACE TO BE !! The **2011 Texas-Louisiana Division Annual Meeting** in May, 2011. Why not try your luck and have your registration all paid for and you just have to buy a ticket. Your Division Board and the Greenspoint Chapter Host Committee are working very hard to make this another fun filled and educational time for all of our members.



DIVISION NEWS: (www.iaap-txla.org)

2011 T-L DIVISION IAAP ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us at **the Crowne Plaza North Greenspoint in Houston, Texas, May 13 - 15, 2011**. You will not want to miss this exciting meeting where special speakers will help you identify "What's In Your Toolkit" so that you can tap into your "Admin Power".

Pathways To Excellence Criteria

⇒ **Reminder: Criteria # 7 is mandatory.** Create and maintain an annual budget; provide a monthly financial statement to the membership and submit annual audit report

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to the division treasurer. This means all twelve months to either email your financial statement or put on your website. This should be submitted to the division treasurer.

Division Second Quarter Financial Statement

⇒ The Texas-Louisiana Division Financial Statement and Membership Census is available. Ask your Chapter President if you want a copy.

DMOTY—Division Member of the Year

⇒ All members are encouraged to apply for this outstanding recognition of their accomplishments during the period of April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. Nominations for DMOTY should be submitted through the home chapter and be the result of a chapter selection process. Members at Large should submit their application through the T-L Division President. All nominees are to complete the T-L Division Member of the Year (DMOTY) application and return the application to the Texas-Louisiana Division President, Michelle Spradley at 9814 Dover Hill, LaPorte, Texas 77571, post-marked on or before April 9, 2011. The three finalist will be recognized at a special DMOTY luncheon during the 2011 Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas. The winner will be based on the highest number of points. If you have any questions or need verification on any part of the application, please contact any of the division board members.

Good of the Order

Rikki Killibrew's daughter, Dana Lyn Kohler, was joined in marriage to Brandon Allen Backe on their seven year anniversary at 7:00 p.m. on December 31, 2010 at the Tremont House Hotel in the Davidson Ballroom. There were two best men and two maids of honor along with five groomsmen and five bridesmaids. Dana was given away by her grandfather, Charles Killibrew, who also read a specially selected scripture during the lighting of the Unity Candles.

The reception was held upstairs in the Davidson Ballroom. Cakes by Julia provided the heart shaped Italian Crème Cake. Mother and daughter shared a very special dance to "Mama's Song" by Carrie Underwood. Brandon and Dana provided custom made souvenir champagne glasses to toast the happy couple and ring in the New Year at midnight.

The couple went to Costa Rica for their honeymoon.

We also congratulate—Rikki started a new job on January 3rd., Deborah Grounds-Sanders got a new vehicle and Cathy French new grandbaby is a girl.



My Take on the January 6, 2011 GCC Meeting

Written by Annette Barham, CPS/CAP
President

Presentation by: Office Team – Brandlyn Minter

First I would like to begin by giving a big Thanks to Tortugas for accommodating our chapter meeting in January 2011. We usually have our chapter meeting at Kelly's Restaurant in La Marque but due to some construction problems, we were unable to have our monthly meeting there. Unfortunately we only had a short period of time to find a place that would take great care of our members. Well, in my opinion, Tortugas out did themselves. The food was great, the waitress was outstanding, and the service could not have been any better. Again thanks Tortugas for making us feel so welcomed.

For those of us that were able to attend the meeting at Tortugas and for those unfortunate members that were unable to attend, I would like to say what a great presentation Office Team's Brandlyn Minter did for our chapter. We had a few bumps along the way before the meeting started, but Brandlyn just rolled with the flow. Her computer would not work, we asked her if she could wing it, we didn't give her any prep time but we did give her some time to eat. Even though she was presenting about a very serious subject regarding losing jobs / getting jobs, and once you get that job how to "Get the Recognition You Deserve", she made it very enjoyable.

Brandlyn took us through the steps on how to find out what type of worker you are and how to make yourself a star. She told us how being a positive presence, speaking up in meetings, and getting your name remembered just by saying hello would help in customers and colleagues to remember who you are. She explained how important it is to keep your skills sharp and gave us access to some websites and information to help us locate lower priced training that is available. She also explained how important it is to give your contributions during your performance reviews to your supervisors and managers so that they will know what kind of work you are able to perform.

She explained the importance in giving your colleagues and managers the recognition they deserve. When you do this, often the recognition comes back to you when you have done something they see as outstanding and the managers see you as part of the team.

With these suggestions that Brandlyn gave us, we should be able to be better employees and have our careers grow. We are very fortunate to have Office Team's support and access to their knowledgeable staff.

Committee Info

Seminar

- ◇ Deborah Grounds-Sanders reported registration was at 23 at the meeting.
- ◇ Joyce Crow donated a box of books that may be used for goody bags.
- ◇ **Registration Cost Only—\$119.00 for 7 Re-Certification Points.**
- ◇ **Don't forget to let everyone know it's time to "Unmask Their Potential" on February 7th!**

Certification/Education

- ◇ Congratulations to new CAP holders, GCC members Brenda Slawson and Karla Villeneuve!
- ◇ Looking for anyone wanting to study for the CPS exam in May 2011, please contact Karla Villeneuve.

Newsletter

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Programs

Kelly Henson submitted an updated Calendar of Events. She is working on getting certification points for these presentations.

Ways and Means

- ◇ February Raffle is a Chocolate Basket – tickets on sale now for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. *Must be 21 years old to purchase a ticket.* Basket includes chocolate candy, wine, wine glasses, ice bucket w/scoop & lid, gift card for manicure, chick flick, 2 romance books, vanilla vodka, chocolate mix, chocolate liquor, sponge and body works.
- ◇ Garage / Bake Sale in April 2011.
- ◇ Fourth of July Basket – tickets will go on sale in June.
- ◇ Saving aluminum cans – see Chris Romair regarding this project.

By-laws Change Coming

- ◇ The next time we amend our bylaws, we will need to change from the wording "Audit" to "Financial Review" in Article VII of our by-laws. As it stands right now, we don't have to do anything until we actually have amendments to our bylaws. Galveston County Chapter Bylaws are due September 1, 2012 to T-L Division (every four years).

IAAP January Anniversaries

*Yvonne Hudson
1/1/2008*



Annette Barham, CPS/CAP
Janine Cmaidalka, CPS/CAP
Rhonda Driver, CPS/CAP
Georgina Eastmond, CPS/CAP
Cathy French, CPS/CAP
Deborah Ground-Sanders, CPS/CAP
Bobbie Guyton, CPS/CAP
Janet Kidd, CPS/CAP
Lynn Wyatt Maida, CPS/CAP
Renee Pearcy, CPS/CAP
Lynne Purdue, CPS/CAP
Teresa Ramirez
Pam Stout, CPS/CAP
Karla Villeneuve, CPS

Congratulations to the above members for their achievement!

IAAP January Birthdays



*Karla Villeneuve
January 30th*

Thank you to our sponsor!



Galveston County Chapter 2010-2011 Board of Directors

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Vice President, Karla Villeneuve, CPS/CAP

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