



A Message from Our President

Hello everyone, from a position I thought I would never be in—serving as your 2009-2010 President. I took Past President Vickie Lane CPS/CAP 's challenge to heart, to go "Above and Beyond" - stepping out of my comfort zone to do so.

It has been an exciting past few months, with the chartering of the Cape Coral Chapter. Now that our sister chapter is busy charting its own course, it is time for the Fort Myers Chapter to focus on a new flight plan. Let's join together to soar higher than ever before as we strive to continue our Chapter of Excellence and fill it with Members of Excellence. It's a challenge that I hope you will step into and join me. Having an exceptional Board to help lead our outstanding team is going to make this a very exciting year.

Just back from the Florida Division Annual Meeting that was held in Orlando this year. Hopefully everyone that attended had a wonderful time, I know I did.



Each year the Division Annual Meeting is an opportunity to come away with up-to-date information on the business of the Division, amazing educational opportunities and to make some new friends. We always hope to be able to squeeze a little bit of fun into the weekend, too!

Congratulations to Past President Vickie Lane CPS/CAP, for leading us this past year. Vickie was recognized at Division as she accepted the Silver Certificate for our chapter. Great job by our present and former members of the Fort Myers Chapter! Your Chapter Board looks forward to working with the new Florida Division President, Joanne MacKenzie CPS/CAP, and all the new 2009-2010 Board members. It was announced that the 2010 annual meeting will be held in Lakeland and the 2011 meeting will be in Gainesville. We will update you as information becomes available.

After writing this, I read back over our two past Presidents' first newsletters and realized that we all had one thing in common—we all were stepping out of our comfort zones to take on this new and exciting challenge. This exemplifies to me what awesome opportunities IAAP can open up to each of us, if we choose to take that flight.

Dianne Reed
2009-2010 President, Ft. Myers Chapter

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Celebrations!

Happy Birthday

July 4 Vickie Lane CPS/CAP
 July 8 Margery Duncan CPS/CAP
 July 13 Naomi Ruiz
 July 28 Sue Huppelsberg

IAAP ANNIVERSARY

Babs Brown
 Nida Eluna
 Barbara Wozniak



Thank you to Carla Walsh CPS/CAP for her many years as Editor of the Fort Myers Chatter. Carla's dedication and creativity have been enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Too many people overvalue what they are not and undervalue what they are.

- Malcolm Forbes

LOOKING AHEAD

Beginning next month, you will see the following two features:

1. A monthly article by Peggy Poole, CPS — details to be announced at the next chapter meeting, and
2. *IAAPfitness* will debut. This monthly column will focus on fitness issues. To help make this a success, we would like to encourage all members to send any low-cal/low fat recipes or finds to share. If possible, please include the breakdown of fat, calories and Weight Watcher points, if available. Send to chrisd@lodgeconstruction.com.

Save the Date!
Ft. Myers Chapter
Fashion Show
November 14, 2009

Details to be announced soon!

Next Meeting
July 14, 2009

2009-2010 Committees

HOSPITALITY/SUNSHINE & CHEER

Chairman: Peggy Poole CPS
Member(s): Crystal McMillan CPS/CAP

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Chairman: Peggy Poole CPS
Member(s): Karen Distelrath CPS/CAP

PUBLICITY

Chairman: Vickie Lane CPS/CAP
Member(s): Elsie Sombrato CPS/CAP

ROSTER

Chairman: Elsie Sambrato CPS/CAP
Member(s): Karen Distelrath CPS/CAP

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman: Peggy Poole CPS
Member(s): Christina Dorn

PROGRAMS

Chairman: Ann Kirby CPS/CAP
Member(s): Joellen Moore CPS/CAP

WAYS AND MEANS

Chairmen: Peggy Poole CPS & Lori Smith
Member(s): Elsie Sambrato CPS/CAP
Nan Grover
Babs Brown

FINANCE

Chairman: Christina Dorn
Member(s): Peggy Poole CPS

SCHOLARSHIP

Chairman: Margery Duncan CPS/CAP
Member(s): Judy West
Karen Royal

EOTY

Chairman: Vickie Lane CPS/CAP
Member(s): Elsie Sombrato CPS/CAP
Karen Royal

CONTINUING EDUCATION/WORKSHOP

Chairmen: Vickie Lane CPS/CAP &
Elsie Sombrato CPS/CAP
Member(s):

DINNER ARRANGEMENTS

Chairman: Babs Brown
Member(s): Shawn Small
Debbie Kooi CPS/CAP

CIVIC

Chairman: Margery Duncan CPS/CAP
Member(s): Nan Grover

PHOTOGRAPHY

Chairman: Debbie Owen
Member(s): Leah Zych
Alejandra Paipilla

RULES & STANDARDS

Chairman: Peggy Poole CPS
Member(s): Karen Distelrath CPS/CAP

HISTORICAL

Chairman: Sandy Lane
Member(s): Leah Zych

WEBSITE

Chairman: Stacy Schmitt
Member(s): Vickie Lane CPS/CAP

NEWSLETTER

Chairman: Christina Dorn
Member(s): Karen Distelrath CPS/CAP
Babs Brown

STUDENT CHAPTER

Chairman: Lori Smith
Member(s): Margery Duncan CPS/CAP

APOTY

Chairman: Karen Distelrath CPS/CAP
Member(s): Ann Kirby CPS/CAP
Joellen Moore CPS/CAP
Peggy Poole CPS
Nan Grover
Vickie Lane CPS/CAP

RETIREMENT TRUST FUND

Chairman: Babs Brown
Member(s):

CPS/CAP OUTREACH

Chairman: Joellen Moore CPS/CAP
Member(s):

AWARDS

Chairman: Ann Kirby CPS/CAP
Member(s):

CAREER NET

Chairman: Karen Royal
Member(s):

CHAPLAIN

Chairman: Alejandra Paipilla
Member(s): Joellen Moore CPS/CAP
Shawn Small





Member Spotlight . . . Dianne Reed

Many of us living in Florida are from somewhere else. Where are you from?

I was born in Washington State, moved to Southern California when I was 2. I spent the next 23 years growing up there. Then I gave up Earthquakes and Smog and moved to Hurricanes and Humidity!

What brought you to Florida, specifically Fort Myers?

Well to make a long story short, my husband Russell used to live in California. My Dad was his Scout Master. When his mom moved to Florida my dad let him stay with us to finish out the school year. He was only 12 and a real brat, he then moved to Florida. Several years passed and we finally got back in touch with each other when he came to California to see another girl. He spent more time with me than her. After a year or so of a long distance relationship, he convinced me to move to Fort Myers and marry him and, as they say, the rest is history!



Briefly describe your work history and how it brought you to this point in your career.

I started out as a Cashier in a grocery store in California and advanced to and worked as the Customer Service Manager for 7 years. When I moved to Florida, I started as a teller at what was then First Federal and worked up to Assistant Vice President in the Checking Department – Customer Service. Several mergers later, our department was dissolved. After a short stint of self-employment (baking & crafts), I went back to work at a fire equipment company, where I worked up from Administrative Assistant to Office Manager. When that company was sold, I went to work as an Administrative Assistant to a local CPA firm and was then hired by one of their clients, Tischer Concrete Construction, where you will find me today as the Accounts Receivable Manager.

As an administrative professional, what do you perceive to be the biggest misconception about the profession?

That all we do is answer phones, take notes and type. I think the importance of an administrative professional is underrated. The job description is so vast depending on the type of company.

What role does IAAP play in supporting the administrative professional's role in the workplace?

IAAP opens up a networking community that is priceless. It provides educational opportunities so we can keep up with the ever changing technology and all the new products to help make our job a little easier.

Do you have a hobby?

I love anything to do with crafts and I am just getting into scrapbooking. Also, anything I can get into trouble with by watching HGTV.

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What Is It?



Each month we will challenge your powers of observation. Photos of items/objects you might encounter in your work environment will be blown up for you to identify. Take a guess—then see the answer on the back page.

Abby Admin.



The Candy Dish Cheap-O

We have a company candy dish and everyone knows that the money we collect from it goes towards more candy. The candy is for the entire office and we ask that every once in awhile (not every time) they need to throw some money in the pot – a quarter, a buck or some loose change. Everyone is on board with this and abides by the rule...except one person. How do we keep Cheap-O out of the candy dish?

A company candy dish is a nice thing to offer but if you're using your time to keep track of who is and isn't paying for candy, there comes a point when it's not fair to your employer and the candy dish must go. If you want to keep the candy dish, you need to accept Cheap-O's freebies or remove it from its public place.

FOR THE
WEBSITE

Please check out the new look to our website!

www.iaap-fortmyers.org

Our thanks to Stacy Schmitt, Website Chairman, and Vickie Lane CPS/CAP, for their work to give our website a fresh, modern look and feel.

Reminder!

Use of the roster information to contact members is to be approved by the President, President-Elect or Corresponding Secretary only.

Thank you for your cooperation.

IAAP 2009-2010 Board

President

Dianne Reed

President-Elect

Ann Kirby CPS/CAP

Treasurer

Christina Dorn

Corresponding Secretary

Karen Distelrath CPS/CAP

Recording Secretary

Karen Royal

Director

Vickie Lane CPS/CAP

Director

Margery Duncan CPS/CAP

**Welcome
New
Board
Members**

Meetings

Chapter Meetings

2nd Tuesday of each month

Hilton Garden Inn

Corner College Pkwy. & Summerlin Rd.

5:30 pm Networking

6:00 pm Dinner*

7:00 pm Meeting

*Dinner optional. (reservations required)

Cost is \$20.

Board Meetings

3rd Thursday of each month. All members welcome.

5:30 pm

Pitman Hartenstein & Associates, Inc.

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Answer to What Is It?



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Do you have a favorite book(s)?

I am not a real big reader, but I must say my favorite book is the Bible. I love inspirational readings.

Do you have a favorite self-help or career oriented book?

Again, I think the Bible is one of the best self-help books out there.

What is your favorite way to spend leisure time?

I love spending leisure time at our home in Northeast Georgia. (Jointly owned with the Pooles, yes that is Peggy & Carl), especially when our boys, Jason and Todd, can join us.

Plans or goals for the future?

My plans have taken a turn by being elected as President of our chapter. My goal is to do what I can to help us continue being a Chapter of Excellence and to encourage others to also step outside their comfort zone. Then, I am praying retirement is not too many years off so I can spend more time in Georgia.