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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

*“Sweet April showers do spring May flowers.” Thomas Tusser*

Happy Spring, everyone! I was going to start off with “as my year is quietly coming to a close”, but it is not even close to quiet.

Last week we celebrated with Karen Royal as she was named the 2010 Administrative Professional of the Year (APOTY) at the breakfast held on April 21. We also recognized three outstanding students as the recipients of this year’s scholarships (see pg. 4). It was a great way to start off Administrative Professionals Day. **Karen Distelrath**, CPS/CAP and her committee did an outstanding job planning and hosting this event.

But let’s not slow down yet! As we head into May, seven of our members, including myself, take a deep breath (and say lots of prayers!) as we take our CPS exam on May 8 (see pg. 5).

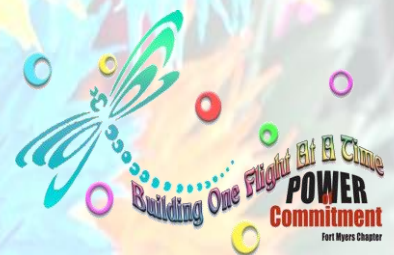
Then we can breathe a little easier until our Chapter’s Annual Meeting on May 11 with our own **Karen Distelrath**, CPS/CAP giving a presentation. There is also important annual business to attend to, so your presence is important. Please do not forget to bring your RTF calendar donations to the meeting. *Plus*, it’s the final Food Party night, so let’s fill up President-Elect Kirby’s trunk with non-perishables to benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

We then pick up speed as the Workshop committee is offering a “Recession Buster” event for May 22 with 6.5 recertification points! They have a very exciting day planned for us, more details on page 5. Make plans to attend; you will not want to miss it!

Wow, what an exciting month! Make sure you check out everything in the Newsletter so you don’t miss a thing.

Let’s keep those wings buzzing, but let’s take time to make a difference along the way.

**Dianne Reed**  
2009-2010 President  
IAAP Fort Myers Chapter President



# It's Historic!

## SECRETARY OF THE YEAR (SOTY)

1968 Thelma Keyes, CPS  
1969 Ruth Schmidt  
1970 Sylvia Libby  
1971 Ruth Drake Chamberlain, CPS  
1972 Elizabeth Ross O'Rourke  
1973 Sandra Maupin, CPS  
**1974 Margaret Powell Williamson, CPS**  
1975 Rita Doshier  
1976 Joyce Lally  
1977 Virginia Cox  
**1978 Peggy Poole, CPS**  
1979 Janet Lyon  
1980 Barbara Miller, CPS  
1981 Lucy Shepard, CPS  
1982 Carol Franzella Osterhout  
1983 Carol Ramer

1984 Carol Drueding  
1985 Anita Decoteau, CPS  
1986 Karen Bennett, CPS  
**1987 Freda Himschoot, CPS**  
1988 Heather Coffman  
**1989 Louise Hicks, CPS**  
1990 Mary Manning  
1991 Thelma Lacy, CPS  
1992 Bessie Knedler, CPS  
1993 Mae Gemmill, CPS  
1994 -- none --  
**1995 Mary Jane McDowell, CPS**  
**1996 Stella Toomey, CPS/CAP**  
**1997 Carol Robb, CPS**  
**1998 Nan Grover**

1974



1978



1987



1989



1995



1996



1997



1998



**ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR (APOTY)**

- 1999 *Renee Mongulet*
- 2000 *- None -*
- 2001 *Nan Grover*
- 2002 *Peggy Poole, CPS*
- 2003 *Noemi Ruiz, CPS/CAP*
- 2004 *Ann Kirby, CPS/CAP*
- 2005 *Joellen Moore, CPS*
- 2006 *Vickie Lane, CPS/CAP*
- 2007 *Linda Baumbach, CPS*
- 2008 *Wanda Heit, CPS/CAP*
- 2009 *Karen Distelrath, CPS/CAP*



2002



2003



2004

2005



2006



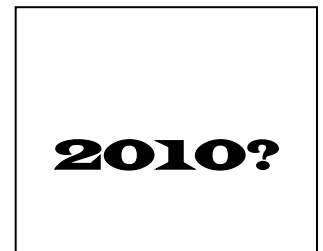
2007



2008



2009



## *And the winner is . . .*



### **KAREN ROYAL!**

Karen is the Executive Secretary to the Director of the Resort & Hospitality Management Program at Florida Gulf Coast University, a position she has held for 8 years. The program began with 17 students its first semester and has grown to over 700 students.

Her position requires her to support the Director of the program in all aspects as well as faculty, adjunct faculty, staff, and students. Prior to her position at the University, Ms. Royal worked at the Department of Children and Family Services in various positions beginning as senior secretary and ending as paralegal for 10 years.

At the University, Ms. Royal is involved in the Student Conduct Committee and President's Giving Campaign. In the community, she is an active member of the Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce. As a member of IAAP she has served on the Sunshine, Scholarship and Career Net committees. She is a current board member for 2009-10 as the Recording Secretary and has been nominated for the position of 2010-11 Corresponding Secretary.

Karen is originally from Buffalo, New York, relocating to Florida in 1988. She is married to Sean, has two grown sons, John and Adam, one grandchild, Dominic, and another grandchild due in October, all residing in the Cape Coral area. In her spare time Karen enjoys reading, movies, IAAP, traveling, jazz music, and spending time with her family and friends.

***Congratulations to our  
2010 Scholarship  
winners (pictured, left to  
right):  
Mariela Martinez,  
Nathan Kersten and  
Janet Benitez***



# REMINDERS!

**May 8**

Good luck to **Christina Dorn, Nan Finn, Debbie Owen, Alejandra Paipilla, Dianne Reed, Karen Royal** and **Judy West** as they sit for their CPS exam.

Shhhhhh..... no talking!

**May 11**

**Fort Myers Chapter Annual Meeting**

Don't forget your RTF calendar funds and a non-perishable item for the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

**June 11**

**Cape Coral Chapter White Elephant Auction & Social Event to benefit the IAAP Research and Educational Foundation.**

**Take a new or like new item for auction. And bring a meal!**

**RSVP by June 7 to [iaapecapecoral@yahoo.com](mailto:iaapecapecoral@yahoo.com)**

**May 22**

***SPRING WORKSHOP  
6.5 Recertification  
Points!***

***\$39 'Recession Buster'  
Registration Fee***

***Go to [www.iaap-fortmyers.org](http://www.iaap-fortmyers.org) to sign up.***

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Florida Division Annual Meeting  
June 25-26, 2010  
Hilton Garden Inn, Lakeland

Registration Deadline: May 30

For information/registration, go to:  
<http://iaapfdam2010.webs.com>

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# Meeting Information

## Meeting:

Second Tuesday of every month

5:30 to 6:00 Networking

6:00 to 7:00 Dinner

7:00 to 8:00 Meeting

Hilton Garden Inn

\$15.00 salad; \$17.00 hot meal\*

No charge to attend the meeting

\* dinner optional

## Board Meeting:

3rd Thursday of the Month

5:30 pm.

Pitman Hartenstein & Associates

12701 World Plaza Lane

Bldg. 80

Ft. Myers, FL 33907

All Members Welcome!

## 2009-2010 BOARD MEMBERS

Dianne Reed  
President

Christina Dorn  
Treasurer

Karen Distelrath, CPS/CAP  
Corresponding Secretary

Ann Kirby, CPS/CAP  
President-Elect

Karen Royal  
Recording Secretary

Vickie Lane, CPS/CAP  
Director

