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Happy New Year!

Welcome to the first issue of "Toolin' Around" in 2010. I hope your year is off to a wonderful start. There are lots of things going on, so stay tuned-in and keep on reading.

The deadline to submit a member's name to be entered into a drawing for a free Spring Seminar registration is fast approaching. Names must be submitted by February 19, 2010 to be included in the drawing which will be held prior to the FLAN on February 27, 2010 hosted by the City Center Chapter in Tampa, Florida. As I mentioned in our February Division Newsletter, Valerie Tutor donated \$200 to assist financially strapped members. We are giving away four (4) registrations for the March 27, 2010 Spring Seminar being held at the Hilton Ocala. Please remember, only one (1) name per chapter. Submit your entry to me at: magnthat@atlantic.net. We will announce the winning chapters at the FLAN. Each winner will be individually notified by e-mail, we will not announce their names, only their Chapter affiliation.

The submission deadline for the Avery Great Results program is only two short weeks away: **February 1, 2010**. Applications can be submitted via e-mail (ahouse@iaap-hq.org), fax (816.801.1356), mail (PO Box 20404, Kansas City MO 64195-0404) or overnight carrier (10502 NW Ambassador Drive, Kansas City MO 64153). Any questions concerning the 2010 Avery Great Results Chapter and Division Achievement Awards Program can be directed to Amy House at ahouse@iaap-hq.org. Remember that even if you are not a grand prize winner, Avery makes a donation to the R&E Foundation. This benefits you by the educational programs the R&E Foundation prepare for the members. You also support the Florida Division toward our goal for the Division of Excellence by submitting a form. We want to continue the tradition of being a winning Division so please send in those applications and please don't forget to send a copy to Candy Puls CAP.

If you would like more information on the R&E Foundation, contact Debbie Carter CAP, who is the Florida Division committee chair. Debbie also contributes very informative articles to the Florida Division newsletter. The next issue will be coming out the end of February.

The Florida Division Board and the 2010 FDAM Host Team met on Saturday, January 9th. Plans are well underway for a fabulous event! Hotel rates are reasonable; educational speakers are lined up; Mary Ramsay-Drow, the International President-Elect has accepted our invitation to attend; and networking events are planned. Please watch the Division website for more information.

I am sorry to inform you that our Florida Division Treasurer, Irene Matthews, has turned in her resignation. She was not able to devote enough time to the job as Treasurer due to work and personal commitments. We'd like to thank Irene for her contribution and wish her luck in the future. Carol Robb CPS/CAP from the Cape Coral Chapter has agreed to complete the term as Treasurer. Carol joined the Fort Myers Chapter of PSI in December 1992. She received her CPS Certification in 1993 and her CAP Certification in 2005. She has served in every board position except Recording Secretary of the Fort Myers Chapter. She Co-Chaired the Florida Division Annual Meeting in Fort Myers in 2005 and was the Treasurer for the 2007 International Convention and Education Forum hosted by the Florida Division in Tampa. In 2009 she transferred to the newly formed Cape Coral Chapter. Please join me in welcoming Carol.

The City Center Chapter is hosting the next FLAN on February 27. Josephine Light distributed the flyer to all Chapter Presidents. The information can also be found on the Division website. There is so much to learn at a FLAN. If you are wondering what other chapters are doing to retain membership, raise funds, plan educational programs, etc., this is the place to learn that information!

I hope everyone has put the following events on their calendar and plans on attending:

- February 27, 2010 - FLAN, hosted by the City Center Chapter (Tampa)
Location: Open Door Baptist Church, 7405 N. Harney Road, Tampa, FL 33637
- March 27, 2010 - Spring Seminar, Ocala Hilton
- June 25-26, 2010 - Florida Division Annual Meeting, hosted by Bartow & Lakeland Chapters
Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 3839 Don Emerson Drive, Lakeland, FL 32811

Don't forget the fundraiser fun event initiated by the First Coast Chapter:

- May 10-15, 2010 - Cruise to Nassau & Key West, departing from the Port of Jacksonville

In closing, I'd like to share a quote from the Walk The Talk site: "Right now you are one choice away from a new beginning." ~*Oprah Winfrey*. The new year has just begun; this is the perfect time to make the choice for a new beginning. Get involved - it will benefit you and enrich your life.

Until next time - Grab Your Tools and Keep Building!

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