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Greetings Everyone!

Welcome to the March 2010 issue of "Toolin' Around." Keep thinking those warm thoughts and maybe we'll get Florida weather again. I sure do wish I hadn't given away my sweaters! Boy have we needed them this year in Ocala. Okay, let's break the icicle thoughts and get to the news.

The winners of the drawing for free Spring Seminar registration have been notified. The winning chapters were announced at the FLAN on February 27 hosted by the City Center Chapter. The winning members were from the Central Brevard, Lakeland and Winter Park Chapters. I sent a card to Valerie Tutor informing her of our drawing winners and thanking her again for her generous donation that allowed us to provide these scholarships.

The City Center Chapter did a wonderful job hosting the FLAN. Josephine Light did a wonderful job of chairing the event and ideas were flying! We were thrilled with the fantastic turnout for this event - approximately 70 members came and shared ideas. I hope you all went away with your mind full of new things to help you build your chapters. Linda Freese and I were a little late getting there since we were involved in an accident right down the street (boy did we get a bang for her birthday - my Yukon was rear-ended by a big Ford F-350). Luckily no one was hurt and we were able to attend and enjoy the meeting. Candy Puls made Linda a birthday cake that was shared with attending members. Pictures from the FLAN can be found on the Florida Division website.

The Spring Seminar is just a few weeks away. If you haven't done so already, get that registration in! Jodie McGregor CPS/CAP and her committee have been working hard to make this an educational day. Six CPS/CAP recertification points will be awarded. Visit the Florida Division website for more information and the registration form. The hotel has extended the room reservation deadline until March 19th for your convenience. This is an entire day of educational programs - and lunch - for the low price of \$49. What a deal!

The link for the Annual Meeting, hosted by the Bartow and Lakeland Chapters, is now on the Division website. The 2010 FDAM team has created a website exclusively for the meeting: www.iaapfdam2010.webs.com. Plan on attending to learn, share, and enjoy. Registration is open and we look forward to seeing all of you there.

I haven't heard from too many of you regarding my question from last month. How are you doing with your Member of Excellence and Chapter of Excellence points? Which points do you think are easy to attain, which points are the hardest, and which points do you think should not be included at all? I really would like to hear your opinion on these awards.

WARNING! WARNING! WARNING! There are just a few more events for this year. I hope they are on your calendar and you plan to attend:

- March 27, 2010 - Spring Seminar, Ocala Hilton (see the Division website for more info)
- 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 another quote from Walk The Talk: *There are no real secrets to success. Success in anything has one fundamental aspect – effort... Take action with commitment.* ~ Sam Parker

In our Power of Commitment year, it is important to remember to be truly successful you need to make the effort and take action. If you are thinking about certification - only you can achieve your CPS rating; only you can achieve your CAP rating. But remember, you can do that by working with others toward that goal.

Being a member has given me many benefits - educational opportunities, networking, teambuilding skills, and mostly some of the best friends I could ever imagine having. Be committed and reap the power from your commitment.

Until next time - Grab Your Tools and Keep Building!

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