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Greetings Everyone!

Welcome to this month's issue of "Toolin' Around." The holidays will soon be here, creating a whirlwind of activity. Parties, family get-togethers, vacation days, short work weeks, longer days to allow for the time off, etc. During these times, don't forget to build a special timeframe just for you. A few minutes alone daily is necessary to help you remain focused and stress free. Take care of you, so you can be there for your family and friends and truly enjoy the holidays.

And with the holidays approaching that means we will soon be halfway through the IAAP year. How are your projects coming along? Have you scheduled your educational programs? Did you plan your RTF fundraising event? What new and innovative ways have you tried to maintain and increase your chapter membership? Thanks to all the chapters that send their newsletters and e-letters keeping us updated on your building schedule. I really enjoy reading them each month and seeing the "Power of Commitment" in all of your chapter activities. IAAP is a solid foundation and is worth investing in. Don't miss out on the benefits by not participating.

For the chapters that are participating in the awards program this year, don't forget to submit your strategic plan to me before December 31, 2009. It should have the revision date included in the document and sent via e-mail to magnthat@atlantic.net. Make sure you receive a response e-mail stating that I received your submission. Keep a copy of that e-mail receipt in your awards file in case your chapter is audited by International.

I am still interested in receiving your "IAAP things you are not sure about" or "IAAP things you think others are not sure about" for the division operating manual. We feel it will be a great tool for new as well as seasoned members as a point of reference to help alleviate misunderstandings and confusion and help maintain a professional atmosphere throughout our organization. Send your suggestions to me via e-mail.

If you are not logged into the new IAAP community website you will miss important information. This is the "tool" we are using for communicating. After the first of the year notification e-mails will not be sent; you will get notification through the Florida Division eGroup only. That can only happen if you have set up your profile in the web community. So please go to IAAP web community and build your profile.

Please note the upcoming Florida Division events:

- November 14, 2009 - FLAN, hosted by the Lake Buena Vista Chapter (information is in the FL Division Library on the web)
- February 27, 2010 - FLAN, hosted by the City Center Chapter (Tampa)
- March 27, 2010 - Spring Seminar, Ocala Hilton
- June 25-26, 2010 - FL Division Annual Meeting, hosted by Bartow & Lakeland Chapters

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 would like you to think about filling your toolbox with the essentials. Do you have the following tools - mentoring, communication, education, networking, leadership, chairperson, active member, and public speaking? By investing in the proper tools, you can build a fantastic career. These tools cost very little - an investment of your time. What is the cost of filling your toolbox? Priceless!

From my family to yours - "Happy Thanksgiving!" and until next time - Grab Your Tools and Keep Building!

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