



Division President's Update

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Pumpkin Bars

Pre-heat the oven to 350. 4 eggs, 1-2/3 cups granulated sugar, 1 cup vegetable oil, 15-oz. can pumpkin, 2 cups sifted AP flour, 2 tsp baking powder, 2 tsp. ground cinnamon, 1 tsp. salt and 1 tsp. baking soda. Using an electric mixer combine the eggs, sugar, oil and pumpkin until light and fluffy. Stir together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, salt and baking soda and add the dry ingredients to the pumpkin mixture and mix at low speed until thoroughly combined and the batter is smooth. Spread into a greased 13 x 10 baking pan and bake for 30 minutes, and let it cool completely before frosting. Cut into bars.

Frosting: Combine 8 oz cream cheese (softened) and 1/2 cup butter (softened) until smooth. Add 2 cups of sifted confectioners' sugar and mix at low speed until combined. Stir in 1 tsp. vanilla and mix again. Spread on the cooled pumpkin bars!

Update

Well, St. Pete did me proud. The FLAN was a huge success and I want to thank the chapter and the facilitator for a job well done. I think the topics covered were important to everyone and the attendees will have lots to tell their fellow members when they go to their next meetings. It was great to see so many of you there!

I have big news about the 2012 EFAM from our Southeast District Director. First of all and the most important, International WILL be offering the discounted rate for registration to the event to those who stay in the host hotel. The amount isn't known just yet but remember it for planning purposes. When looking for a different hotel, please remember the cost of renting a car (and there is a parking charge at the Gaylord) or taking a taxi to and from the Gaylord when you make your decision. International lost a total of \$120,000 in attrition costs at the Montreal EFAM because of the host hotels not being filled!

Next, they are shortening the business session to one day (including the voting) and will do the installation of the international board at the installation banquet. The district caucus' will be held on Saturday evening and they will offer 28 hours of education workshops rather than the 24 they have offered in the past. The District Director was sworn to secrecy but she says that the keynote speaker is very exciting and EVERYONE will know who it is! I can't wait to see!

Other news from my monthly Southeast District conference call: 1) Headquarters will soon be adding IT to the competencies that you can test for and add to your designation. 2) Please make sure you get confirmation of anything submitted for the P2E awards program because if you cannot prove that something was submitted, you could be in jeopardy later on. 3) You may have been receiving e-blasts from IAAP sponsors and they request that you do not just delete them from your system. If you are not interested in the item, please just click on the link and open their site. IAAP will get credit if you just do that. You can close it immediately after opening it if you decide to. 4) As you know the Avery Great Results info has been sent out and is posted so you can begin working on that and every chapter that submits has a dollar amount contributed to R&E even if you are not a winner so it becomes a win-win for everyone. 5) Finally get those applications in for the new R&E Foundation scholarships that will be awarded to certain applicants who are unemployed and/or members who have never been able to go.

Whew! Lots of great information! Happy Turkey Day everyone!

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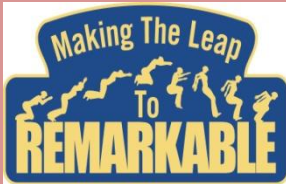
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