

Wild West Chapter

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Key Planning Resources Web Sites

Convention Industry Council
www.c-1-c.org

SGMP National
www.sgmp.org

Web Event Planner
www.webeventplanner.com

**Professional Convention
Management Association**
www.webcast.com

Webcast.com
www.webcast.com

**American Bar Association
Alternative Dispute Resolution Section**
www.abanet.org/dispute/drlinks.html

Official Meetings Facilities Guide
www.omfg.com/Home.asp

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The Spur



From the President's Desk

Greetings Wild West Chapter!

This is the January/February 2008 installment of the Spur. We are just two months into the new year and it has already been exciting and engaging. In January we hosted "Legal Issues that Affect Meeting Professionals" at the Reed Center in Midwest City. This meeting and our speaker, Julie Tate, received rave reviews; Kudos to Shannon Brown and the staff at the Reed Center for the fabulous decorations, and for providing us with a Winter Wonderland. It was beautiful!



Our Valentine's Day meeting was hosted by the Sheraton Downtown OKC and we discussed "Horror Stories of Crisis Management". Patrick Pellegrino and his staff put on a very festive Valentine's Day display complete with a heart ice sculpture and roses for our attendees. The meeting content was very well received and we all enjoyed the opportunity to interact with members and suppliers. We had some great discussions.

As we approach April we have a special chapter function in addition of our monthly meetings. On April 27 we will again participate as a cheer squad for the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon. Patrick Pellegrino has more info on the Marathon and our other Community Service activities. If you have ideas about Community Service projects you would like to see us involved in please speak with Patrick about them.

In June the National SGMP conference will be held at the Anatole Hotel in Dallas, TX. The national scholarship application for the National SGMP Conference was emailed to all members in February. If you have not completed this application I encourage you to do so. The deadline is March 1. The Wild West Chapter scholarship application will be emailed to you in March and is in this issue; I also encourage you to apply for this scholarship if you don't receive funding from National. Our fund raising efforts have been very fruitful, so we do have scholarships available to our chapter members. Cassie Chitty has more information about the chapter scholarship.

Opportunity to Win Scholarships to the National Conference

By Amy Carlisle

The Wild West Chapter is currently participating in the National Membership Drive. The drive is effective January 1, 2008, through April 1, 2008.

Besides increasing membership for the chapter, the drive is also a competition for scholarships to the National SGMP Educational Conference in Dallas, June 11-14, 2008.

Two scholarships will be awarded to the top two chapters who have the highest percentage of chapter member retention. So if your membership is up for renewal in January, February, March or April please return the renewal quickly. If you are unsure when your membership is up for renewal it is listed on your membership card or you can contact membership chair Amy Carlisle for the information.

Also, two scholarships will be given to the top two chapters who gain the highest percentage increase bringing in new members. This is something every Wild West member can help to achieve.

Everyone can help in recruiting members.

- ❖ Invite potential members (planners, suppliers and educators/students) to upcoming meetings
- ❖ Distribute the new membership recruitment kits
- ❖ Refer individuals to our website (www.oksgmp.com) where information and applications can be found
- ❖ Have them contact membership chair Amy Carlisle or any board member with questions

All scholarships will include 3 nights lodging at conference host hotel, conference registration up to \$410 and airfare up to \$300. Winning chapters will be notified by April 15.

So get out there and recruit. Who knows your effort might win you a scholarship to Dallas.

Be your Best in our Wild West wear!

By Cassie Chitty

Show your love for SGMP with a stylish blue polo embroidered with our own Chapter's Logo. Others will envy your style on Casual Fridays! For only \$30 this polo will come sized to fit you; we are offering men and women sizes. I can see the view: all of us in our beautiful Blue! Come to the registration desk at the next meeting to order YOURS!



50/50 Raffle

Don't forget about the 50/50 raffle! Tickets are just \$1 each, 7 tickets for \$5, and 15 tickets for \$10. Tickets may be purchased at registration. We will draw a winner after lunch, and the lucky winner will keep 1/2 the pot! The other half will go to the chapter to increase available scholarship money. If you are interested in participating, please bring cash - and your lucky charm!



February Raffle Winner
Kim Reed

Scholarships

By Cassie Chitty

Raise your hand if you would like the opportunity to go to the National Conference in Dallas, TX on June 11 - 14, 2008. Raise your hand if you need some financial help to get there! If you raised your hand for financial help, fill out the Scholarship Application on the following pages to be considered for one of our many scholarship opportunities! See the application for specific details and eligibility. Please return application to Cassie Chitty by May 1, 2008 to cassiechitty@hilton.com or fax to 918-492-7256.



Scholarship Award Application

2/20/2008

In an effort to encourage attendance at the **National SGMP Conference in Dallas, TX, June 11-14, 2008**, (see www.sgmp.org for more conference information), the Wild West Chapter is offering an opportunity for chapter members who are in need of financial assistance to attend. This scholarship is intended to *defray*, not cover, the expenses for the National SGMP Conference early registration fees and/or partial lodging. Awards will be determined on a point system.

Applications **MUST** be received by Cassie Chitty, Director of Special Projects/Events **BY May 1, 2008** to be considered!

Fax this completed application to Cassie Chitty at 918-492-7256, Attention Cassie Chitty. Send any questions regarding the application to (Cassie.Chitty@Hilton.com).

To be eligible for a scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

- ❑ You must be an active member of the Wild West Chapter of SGMP (membership current and paid) for no less than 6 months at the time of scholarship application. You must also meet the following requirements:
 - Attended no less than 75% of monthly chapter meetings during the past year, and
 - Actively contributed to the goals of the chapter during the past year.

Note: Chapter board members in good standing shall be given first priority, whether a planner or supplier.

Acceptance of the Scholarship commits full attendance (at least 90%) at all functions, including the trade show, as outlined in the conference registration materials. Failure to fully participate will disqualify applicant from further scholarship opportunities. Scholarship winners must be willing to:

- Share their experiences from the National SGMP Conference by writing an article for the Spur Newsletter for the month following the conference.
- Volunteer at the National Conference as needed.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone:(____) _____ Fax:(____) _____ E-mail: _____

SGMP Membership #: _____ Wild West Chapter Member Since: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____ Zip _____

Scholarship Request

This scholarship is intended to defray, not cover, the expenses for the National SGMP Conference registration fees (at the early Planner rate only) and/or partial lodging expense.

I request that the Wild West Chapter pay (or reimburse) the following expenses: (indicate \$ amount requested)

Registration \$ _____ (early Planner rate) Lodging/Travel \$ _____ (only partial cost will be considered)

Selection Criteria

Points will be made using a point system. Points are specified with the criteria on the application below.

Have you attended 75% or more of the Chapter meetings over the past 12 months? or life of Chapter? _____

*If you answered no to the above question, please do not continue, as you will not be considered for a scholarship. Please fill out the information below based upon the past 18 months. If more space is needed please submit additional sheets.

- Chapter Education Program Presentation 10 pts. Date: _____ Subject: _____
- Chapter Newsletter Articles: 10 pts. each Date: _____ Article: _____
- Chapter Board Member 20 pts. Position: _____
- Committee Participation 10 pts. each Committee: _____
Committee: _____
- Were you the Chairperson on any committee? 20 pts. Committee: _____
- Community Service 15 pts. Date: _____ Program: _____
- Silent Auction (donated, purchased, or planned?) 20 pts. Activity: _____
- Monthly Door Prize Donation(s) 5 pts. each Date: _____
- Recruitment 10 pts. each Name: _____
Name: _____
- National Conference Committee 10 pts. Date: _____ Committee: _____
- National Newsletter Articles Published 10 pts. Date: _____ Article: _____

Scholarship Award Procedures

- 1) Scholarship Committee shall consist of Chapter Board members and committee chairs, all having equal vote;
- 2) The Chair of the Scholarship Committee shall be the Director of Special Projects/Events;
- 3) Scholarship Committee shall check with the chair(s) of the committee(s) on which applicant serves to determine the amount of participation in the committee of that individual;
- 4) If a member of the Scholarship Committee is applying for a scholarship, they must abstain from voting on their own scholarship application;
- 5) Tie breakers will be determined by a point system based on total years of membership and attendance at past Joint and National conferences;
- 6) Board will communicate scholarship criteria to the general membership at the start of each chapter year, utilizing such resources as the chapter newsletter, monthly meeting notices, handouts, information sent to new members, etc.;
- 7) Each scholarship applicant shall be informed by telephone no later than the day after the decisions have been approved;
- 8) Receipts for all reimbursable expenses (i.e. registration fee and hotel bills) must be submitted to the Chapter Treasurer with the Wild West Chapter reimbursement form no later than two (2) weeks after return from the National SGMP Conference, to maintain accurate financial records.

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Get the Most Out of Our SGMP Membership! By Maggie McGowan

Do you know that SGMP has a variety of benefits available to its members?

National Benefits

As a member you automatically receive a national membership directory with all government planners, contract planners, associate suppliers, suppliers, students, educators, and retirees listed by state. You also receive the Advantage magazine published quarterly by SGMP, which has valuable meeting management information. The SGMP website, accessible with your membership number, has many useful links to find important information and meeting trends. SGMP will reimburse the cost of the CMP exam once you pass the test, \$325.00. They will also reimburse CMP recertification fees. SGMP also has the distinction of being the only organization to offer the Certified Government Meeting Professional (CGMP) designation. The National SGMP Board of Directors is having discussion and will probably begin reimbursing \$200.00 of the CGMP course cost in July 2008. SGMP holds a national education conference at various locations around the country. This conference provides excellent training, CEU's, and many networking benefits including a huge tradeshow. National also provides scholarship opportunities for this conference.

Chapter Benefits

The Wild West chapter provides monthly educational luncheons addressing a variety of important and pertinent topics. We hold our meetings at member properties around the state so that our members can become familiar with our various properties and what the state has to offer to government planners. We provide an updated membership directory quarterly so our members can stay in touch with each other. We have a newsletter that is published every two months, with content provided by our board and our members. Wild West has several community service projects each year and we also contribute to regional and national charities. As a member of the Wild West chapter you can participate in a regional education conference that is held every year with our sister chapters in Texas.

We have a yearly holiday gala to raise scholarship money to send our members to regional and national SGMP conferences. As a member you are eligible to apply of all scholarship opportunities.

The biggest membership benefit on both the local and national levels is the connections and contacts you make with planner and suppliers who understand the advantages and challenges that go with planning government meetings. We share our experiences so we can continue to improve this organization and become better meeting professionals.



Shining Stars By Alice Moore

President Maggie McGowan was awarded the Shining Star Award for her dedication to SGMP and the tireless effort she puts forth to make the Wild West Chapter continue to be the best ever! Maggie joins Crystal Mappes, LeAnn Jenkins, and Carrie Rohr as our elite group of Wild West Chapter Presidents. Being Madame President is not an easy task—but one that every member should continue to support when called upon. Maggie is a Program Coordinator at the National Conference Logistics Center at the University of Oklahoma Outreach.

Second Vice President Amy Carlisle was awarded the Shining Star Award for her take charge drive in pursuing to increase the Wild West Chapter Membership and her efforts to reach out to new suppliers and members. Amy has been a member of SGMP since 2003 and has served on the Board of Directors for 2 years. Amy is a Sales Assistant at the NCED Conference and Housing Facility.



Community Service By Patrick Pellegrino

Hello Wild West,

I hope this letter finds you all well. Our chapter is now participating in a fabulous program which is called Cartridges for Kids and benefiting Central Elementary with OUR HELP. When you bring empty inkjet, laser, fax and copier cartridges, used cell phones, laptops, PDA's, iPods, video games, video game consoles, digital cameras, and movie DVD's to the monthly luncheons we send them to Cartridges for Kids who then recycles these items. In return the elementary school is sent money which they utilize to benefit their school. By thinking GREEN we are not only helping our future children but also Mother Earth. So please do YOUR part and participate.



April is fast approaching as well, which means it is Marathon time.

The Marathon will take place on Sunday, April 27. We are planning on doing our "Cheerleading" and will be located at NW 16 and Classen



at the Homeland parking lot. I would ask those of you interested in the "SGMP Adopt A Mile" go to the website www.okcmarathon.com then to Volunteer Info (top of page) then fill out the information and



under organization you will see the drop down box for "SGMP Adopt A Mile". You will be provided a shirt and it will be at our Cheerleading area day of the marathon. We

encourage that you bring other friends and or other family members to this as well. Any questions, feel free to contact me or just ask me at the luncheon in Tulsa at the Radisson Tulsa Airport. Till then take care and know Wild West does make a difference in our community.



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Highlights of Up-Coming SGMP Meetings by Jenni Hughes

March 13, 2008

Radisson Inn Tulsa Airport

Meetings: Make Them Productive Or Make Them Go Away

If "OOOH NOOO.... Is it time for the Thursday meeting, already?" is what people say about attending your meetings, then your meeting skills need polish and you must attend the March SGMP Wild West Chapter Meeting.

Meetings are often dubbed the #1 time-waster by employees. About 20 million business meetings take place in America every day. Around 11,000 meetings are taking place in America right this minute. Poorly run meetings are among the greatest productivity killers known to mankind. They can be extremely frustrating, but meetings are necessary for the exchange of information and problem solving. Conducting productive meetings is not difficult. They need thought and effective planning. This session will review good meeting planning and execution techniques. It will also help you assess your conduct as a good meeting participant.

Joyce E. Doakes Smith is a 17-year employee of the state of Oklahoma. She is employed by the Office of Personnel Management as a Human Resources Programs Manager and coordinator of the Quality Oklahoma and Productivity Enhancement Programs. She is also an examiner for the Oklahoma Quality Award Foundation. Joyce is a member and former officer of the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Managers and a member of the American Academy of Certified Public Managers. She has a passion for continual learning. Along with training state employees, she coordinates and participates in the State employees Having an Active Role in Education (SHARE) program, which allows state employees to tutor students in public schools.

In her other life, Joyce is the mother of the vivacious Karla Smith Fuller, Ph.D. She is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the St. John Missionary Baptist Church. She enjoys reading, sewing, and photography and loves flying kites. It changes from time to time, but presently her favorite quote is, "Don't tell me the sky's the limit when there are footsteps on the moon!"

April 10, 2008

DoubleTree Warren Place

Meeting Planning from a Speaker's Perspective: How to Get the Best from Your Presenters

Finding a great speaker can sometimes be a difficult task. But have you ever wondered how, once you have your speaker, what you can do to ensure you get their very best? This April, The Wild West Chapter is bringing in **Sharí Alexander**, owner of Presenting Matters, to let you in on the secret world of speakers. Sharí is a professional speaker, author, and presentation coach. She will let us in on what speakers want and need to give their very best. Sharí is an active member within the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Speakers Association. She will be bringing us information and tips from top international speakers on how meeting planners can get the very best. By implementing only a few simple ideas, your meetings will run even more smoothly and your speakers will be in your corner.

Award winning speaker, Sharí is a highly effective presenter and trainer. Recently named the 2007 High Impact Emerging Professional Speaker, her enthusiasm and proven techniques work successfully for executives, seasoned speakers and first time presenters. Sharí is a trained actress and professional speaker. Having studied in London, her expertise includes presentation development, storytelling, voice training, marketing, and corporate training techniques. She shares her proven techniques with anyone who is wanting to improve their speech and presentation skills. In her coaching, Sharí takes her theatrical training and translates it for the busy business professional.

Her articles have been published in international publications and expert magazines. Sharí works with people at all levels. Her clients have been from the professional speaker who speaks to a room of thousands to the nervous marketing representative about to make a critical marketing pitch. Every coaching session is customized to fit your strengths. Whether you are a lawyer wanting to work on opening statements or a professional speaker wanting to WOW your audiences, Sharí has the tools you need. Being effective in your presentation comes from your confidence, preparation, and delivery. Why miss the opportunity to be your best?



All Meetings

- ◆ Registration 11:00 am
- ◆ Networking 11:15 am
- ◆ Lunch 11:30 am

Luncheon Costs

- ◆ Planners \$10.00
- ◆ Supplier \$20.00

RSVPs not received at least 3 days prior to meeting date will incur an additional \$5.00 charge.

First time Planner guest is free. Guests must meet the criteria for becoming a potential member of SGMP. Supplier guests will pay regular registration fees.

RSVP Contact Information

Lisa Golden-Gee
lgee@ou.edu

Phone: 405-799-6383 ext. 282
Fax: 405-799-7634

2008 Monthly Meeting Calendar

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Shari Goad

June 11-14
SGMP National Conference
Anatole Hotel
Dallas, Texas

July 2008
Board Retreat/No Monthly Chapter Meeting
Sponsored by Oklahoma Parks, Lodges, and Resorts
Roman Nose

August 14
Crowne Plaza Oklahoma City
Meeting Planning Jeopardy
Amy Carlisle

September 11
Tulsa Convention Center
Effective Presentations
David Cobb

October 9
Cimarron Hotel & Suites
Stillwater CVB

November 13
Hilton Tulsa Southern Hills Hotel

December 4
Renaissance Oklahoma City Downtown
Silent/Live Auction Fundraiser

January/February Meeting Recaps By Sherry Roberts



Julie Tate, Grant and Contract Administrator at the University of Oklahoma College of Continuing Education, presented a session on ***“Legal Issues that Affect Meeting Professionals”*** at our January

meeting. With several new laws either now in effect or that soon will be, her information was extremely valuable and timely for all planners and suppliers that attended. If you missed this meeting you not only missed a great



speaker but you also missed out on a fantastic meal. The Reed Center was decked out to welcome SGMP into a New Year, including an ice sculpture boot representing the Wild West Chapter and



a special hot-chocolate bar set up for everyone to enjoy after coming in from the cold wind.



In February the Sheraton in Oklahoma City was not to be out-done. Patrick Pellegrino gave each attendee a valentine's rose as they entered the luncheon. There was an ice sculpture of the



Wild West Chapter logo at the back of the room, and everyone was served a sparkling glass of pink champagne as they were networking. After the lunch, Wild West Chapter's

Katie Reel, Sales Manager at the NCED Conference Center & Hotel in Norman, presented a session on



“Horror Stories of Event Crisis Management” using examples from some of our membership as well as other meeting planners from across the region. Each table had two scenarios to review

and discuss how they would handle the crisis. Each table then presented their top response to the scenario so, you not only heard the top responses, but also gained additional knowledge through the discussions at your table. Katie did a fantastic job and I hope she is planning to submit this program to the National SGMP competition this year.



It looks as though the competition for the “Super Supplier Brag Award” is heating up also so you don't want to miss a meeting!

Check the calendar for upcoming programs in 2008. We already have a full schedule that includes not only excellent speakers but more fun training sessions by Wild West Chapter members.



Getting to Know Our Members

Dee Anne Holcomb is a planner at the National Conference Logistics Center. She has been in the industry 15 years. Over the years she would say that her most memorable moment as a meeting planner was at the boat show when she had to sleep in a cabin cruiser due to an snow storm. Her best tip to share with other SGMP members is to keep good lines of communication and keep to timelines. She says the best par of her job is the travel.

Dee Anne is originally from Laverne, OK. She is married and has 2 children and 3 dogs. She has a Bachelor of Arts. Some of her favorites include pizza, the color blue, news TV shows and "Law and Order" and the movie "Reds." When asked her favorite vacation spot she said, "Home."

Robert Wood, supplier at the Crowne Plaza Oklahoma City, describes himself as "a very positive and optimistic person." Originally from Rochester, NY, Robert has been in the industry for 20 years. His most memorable moment in meeting planning was planning the Christmas Connection Gala Fund Raiser in 1999. His best tip is to treat others like you would expect to be treated.

Robert has two associate degrees, one in Business Administration and one in Radiography. His favorites include Italian food, the color blue, the movie "out of Africa" and TV show Two and a Half Men. His favorite vacation spot is Clearwater Beach, FL.

The best part of his job is "making the client look good to their superiors and making the client and attendees very happy!"

Karen Harrington, of the Oklahoma Federal Executive Board, loves working with people and that is what she says is the best part of meeting planning. Even though she is new to the meeting planning field, Karen has been in the Civil Service since 1999. Her most memorable moment in meeting planning occurred this year. With LeAnn's (Jenkins) tutelage she was able to plan Administrative Professionals Day Training. It was the first time she negotiated contracts with the vendor for the facility and meals. She also contacted author Joan Burge, Become an Inner Circle Assistant, and negotiated the contract for speaker fees as well as negotiating a discount on the books for the group. To Karen, "knowing that the participants will receive this valuable training, receive an autographed book and enjoy an excellent meal is very satisfying."

Originally from Kemp, TX, Karen received a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education with a major in Business Administration. She is a Pisces which makes her, in her words, a dreamer. She loves to have fun at

whatever she is doing and loves to laugh. To her "family is everything!" She will celebrate her 20th wedding anniversary to Ben, "the most wonderful man alive," in June. They have two children, Tiffany, 19, and John Truman (JT), 12. Tiffany is a student at UCO in Edmond and JT attends Tuttle Middle School. The Harrington family has some recent additions as well, two three-month old Labrador retrievers, Baron Von Winter Bear (Bear) and Lady Riley Winter Bear (Riley). Karen is very proud of these new members as they both recently graduated from puppy training at K9 University.

Need an update on a reality show, ask Karen. She loves them. Her favorites include: "American Idol," "Top Chef," "Big Brother," "Survivor," "Project Runway," "Millionaire Matchmaker," "So You Think You Can Dance" and "Hells Kitchen." Some other favorites include Mexican food, the color green, the movie "The Rookie" and Paris for vacation.

Her best tip is to network and really get to know people at the SGMP meetings because they have valuable information to share.

Planning a "throw-back" to the 60's party as part of your next event? Then ask **Lisa Fortier** for advice. Her most memorable meeting planning moment was planning this type of event at the American Airlines Training Center and getting to decorate with tie-dye and lava lamps!

Lisa is a planner with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). She has been in this position for one year, but brings with her experience from almost 20 years at American Airlines. This is why she still refers to customer sometimes as passengers. She says the best part of her job is meeting new people and taste testing menu items.

Lisa grew up in Okarche (ask her about Eischen's chicken) but also claims Oklahoma City as her hometown. She has a BS from the University of Oklahoma. While she has not found the man of her dreams she does have a 20 year old Maine Coon cat named "Mr. Boomer Big Bucks."

Some of Lisa's favorites include the color purple, chocolate, "CSI Miami," "Casablanca," and Paris for vacation.

Her best tip to share with peers is "make friendships with your suppliers; they can make you or break you. If you have give-a-ways, give one to the suppliers."

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Who Should Attend?

- Meeting managers and meeting professionals in Government-Federal, State and Local...all facets and all experience levels
- Contract Meeting Planners
- Hoteliers, car rental companies, airlines, convention bureaus – anyone who provides services and supplies to the government meetings industry



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You can also submit an article with any exciting news you would like to share such as engagements, weddings, or new arrivals. What ever you wish to share is welcome.

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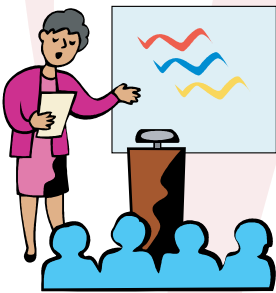
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Call for Presenters: Support the Wild West Chapter with a Presentation!



The Wild West Chapter is made up of many talented, educated, and professional individuals. Every one of us has something to contribute to our Chapter. Why not share your knowledge with everyone and sign up to present on a topic of your choice that will better educate all of us? Not only will you be appreciated by your SGMP peers, but you can also earn points for meeting planning certifications. Finding quality speakers in the state of Oklahoma who are willing to come and speak at an affordable rate is not always the easiest task. Let's tap into our own Chapter and use the resources that we have as a collaborated group in order to keep our meetings fresh and innovative! Your topic does not have to be solely on meeting planning or the hotel industry. Think outside the box about topics that are essential in everyday life at work, home, relationships, etc. All of us make up the body of the Chapter and each of you ARE the Chapter.

If you would not feel comfortable presenting yourself or by yourself, think about the people you work with or buddy up with a colleague to do a presentation. You may have someone right there in your office who would consider doing a presentation.

The possibilities are endless. With the amount of expertise we all bring to one group, it will be a phenomenal year for the Wild West Chapter and we can keep bringing stellar programs to the 2nd Thursday of every month!

Please contact me with your presentation ideas at jennihughes@ou.edu or 918.660.3717.

Thanks!
Jenni Hughes

Membership Report

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Wild West Chapter has as of February 7, 2008

43 Government Planners; 1 Contract Planner; 25 Suppliers; 1 Assoc Supplier Grandfathered;
1 Assoc Suppliers New; 1 Educator/Student. 72 total chapter memberships

New Members:

Lynn Beard, University of Oklahoma Southwest Prevention Center

Rita Cavanaugh, Oklahoma State University - CLGT

Mistie Ellis, Hyatt Place (Tulsa)

Michelle Farris, Northeastern State University

Sara Furr, Embassy Suites Norman Hotel & Conference Center

Janet Logan, Oklahoma State Parks

Narmeen Shaker, Radisson Tulsa Airport

Carol Shields, University of Oklahoma Southwest Prevention Center

Hillary Winn, University of Oklahoma Center for Public Management

Robert Wood, Crowne Plaza Oklahoma City

Happy Anniversary

Cassie Chitty December

Lori Gaines January

Kary Kiner January

Keri Kirby January

Joyce Smith January

Brian Weatherman January

March/April Renewal Notice

Dustin Balderas March

Beverly Davis March

Sarah Dunn March

Jessie Fite March

Lisa Golden-Gee March

Diane Haser-Bennet March

Angela Holden March

Vanessa Masucci March

Gail Russell March

Amanda Burkes April

Denise Edwards April

Lisa Fortier April

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