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Message From the President

Hello FAPPO! Ready for the Fall Conference? The City of Punta Gorda is excited about hosting our Fall Conference and hopes all attendees will take an opportunity to experience our amenities.

FAPPO Bucks are still available for earning! At last year's conference we asked the attendees to raise their hands if FAPPO Bucks helped to get them to conference and the response was amazing! There are several ways to earn FAPPO Bucks and here are a few ways:

- Two more drawings for \$100 are planned for Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day.
- Submit a request for an ID number from Craig Rowley at execdirector@org for sending Trade Show information out to your vendors.
- Are you looking to serve the membership by volunteering on a committee?
- The "LEADING THE WAY THROUGH THE ECONOMIC STORM" Essay Contest for this
 year has been launched and the lucky winner will receive \$300.00 in FAPPO Bucks!
 Deadline for submitting is February 19, 2010. Any member submitting an essay and who
 does not win will receive \$25.00 in FAPPO Bucks.
- Applying for a Best Practice or Entity Award will also earn FAPPO Bucks in the same manner as the Essay Contest.

FAPPO Bucks may be used in conjunction with the Conference/Hotel Subsidy unveiled in the last newsletter! Please keep in mind if the subsidy or FAPPO Bucks is used towards hotel accommodations it will not cover the taxes.

FAPPO is always looking for volunteers. Included in this issue of the newsletter is a Nomination application for the Secretary position for 2010-2011. Please get involved.....it is a very rewarding experience!

We still have \$5,000.00 in Scholarship Funds available! These funds are allocated to assist members and/or their agencies in funding educational/training opportunities.

FAPPO has filled two appointment positions with the UPPCC Board of Examiners within the past couple of months. Sally Long, Lee County Port Authority was appointed as the CPPB Representative and Wendy Geltch as the CPPO Representative. Thank you and congratulations to both!

The 43rd Annual Conference documentation will be made available by the end of November and will be included in the next newsletter and available on the web. Pre-Conference information is included in this newsletter. One opportunity has been added to conference week "Dining with Norma" for dinner on Monday night. All proceeds will benefit the "Norma Showley Scholarship Fund".

Wishing you all a safe Halloween!

Marian H. Pace, CPPO, CPPB President

FAPPO OFFICERS

Marian Howe Pace—President Johnny Richardson —Vice President Mark Raiford—Treasurer Carrie Woodell—Secretary

From your Vice-President

What a great time of year this is! There's football on Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We've got to do something about Tuesday and Wednesday! It's starting to get a little cooler in the Orlando area and that's always a blessing. It is just good to be alive because we have so much to be thankful for.

Having spent more than a decade living overseas while I was in the military, I know without a doubt that we are living in the greatest country in the world. There is none like this one and we remain the best hope for the world.

Spent a wonderful few days in St. Louis at NIGP's conference. Despite our current economic woes, the conference was well-attended and they are looking for even better attendance next year in San Antonio. Speaking of NIGP's conference, for those of you who haven't had the privilege of attending, consider it a larger version of FAPPO's conference. NIGP puts on a great show with lots of educational seminars and networking. And so does FAPPO. In fact, the only major difference is the number of attendees. Our conference is second to none!

Let's keep looking out for each other. Ensure vacancies are publicized and be willing to be a reference or provide a letter of recommendation.

Johnny Richardson VP



CALENDAR OF CURRENT EVENTS

DATES	EVENT	DESCRIPTION/INFORMATION
10/22/2009	Board Meeting	Punta Gorda
10/22/2009	Dutch Dinner	Laishley Crab House, Punta Gorda
10/23/2009	Fall Conference	Punta Gorda
12/12/2009	FAPPO Networking Webinar Session	

LOOK AHEAD

DATES	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
1/28/2010	FAPPO Networking Webinar Session	
2/1/2010	Application deadline for spring UPPCC exams	(May 2010 testing)
2/19/2010	Board Meeting	Location TBD
3/11/2010	FAPPO Networking Webinar Session	
3/29/2010	Exam registration deadline for UPPCC exams	(May 2010 testing)
5/2/2010	Board Meeting	Rosen Plaza, Orlando, FL
5/2/2010	Annual Conference and Trade Show	Orlando, FL

Visit Our Website! www.fappo.org for Additional Event Information

VOLUNTEER!

The success of FAPPO depends on our members volunteering their expertise and services. Contact Pam Thompson, Volunteer Coordinator if you are interested in volunteering.

Pam Thompson, CPPO, CPPB pthompson@miamigardens-fl.gov (305) 622-8000



Membership Directory—Changes and Reminder

Our new Membership Directory Chair, Adana Lumsden, will be responsible for your membership directory for 2009-2010, and can be contacted at alumsden@tohowater.com (e-mail) or (407) 518-2522 (phone) for any changes.

FAPPO Goes Green! The 2008-2009 Membership Directory is now available online! FAPPO is proud to provide your membership directory in a searchable and printable format. You can access the directory here, download it to your computer or a CD, or download it and print it. It is designed to be printed back to back, and can be bound or hole punched and put in a binder. It can be printed in color or black and white, and you can print the covers on heavier card stock.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

POSITION	ENTITY
Procurement Analyst	Martin County School District

Want to advertise a Career Opportunity for your Entity? Visit the <u>FAPPO Member Center</u> and log on using your User Name and Password. Please note that you will be responsible for updating and removing the postings.

CURRENT COMMITTEES LIST IS AVAILABLE AT http://www.fappo.org/committee_directory.asp

NOMINATION FOR OFFICER

A candidate for office must be a Regular member, in good standing, for a minimum of three (3) consecutive years. A candidate for office must hold a professional procurement, contract administration, or materials management certification from a universally recognized professional association or council and have chaired a FAPPO committee at the time of election to any office, and must retain certification for the duration of any and all terms of office. Candidate must have their entity's support as evidenced by a letter from their supervisor included with the nomination form. You may nominate yourself or have someone nominate you!

Entity.			
Address:	City:	<u> </u>	Zip:
Phone:	_ Fax:	E-Mail:	
Number of Years with Entity:_	Number of Years FA	APPO member:	
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Get Involved! It's So Rewarding

Send nomination form to: Johnny Richardson CPPO, CFCM, 400 E. South Street, P.O. Box 1393, Orlando, FL 32802-1393,

Fax: (407)836-5899, E-mail: Johnny.Richardson@ocfl.net

"LEADING THE WAY THROUGH THE ECONOMIC STORM" ESSAY CONTEST

Announcing FAPPO's Second Annual Essay Contest. This contest is open to all Regular FAPPO members and, of course, Officers are not eligible to compete.

Our theme summarizes the economic conditions most of us have had to contend with in both our jobs and our personal lives. The fact that we have not only survived but continued to provide our entities with the highest level of professional contract support is a testament to our dedication and resolve.

The essay should focus on this theme and you are free to be as imaginative as you desire. I know there are some very interesting stories out there just waiting to fascinate our membership.

Contestants must submit a 900 - 1000 word essay. Five double-spaced copies of the essay plus an electronic file in MS Word or WordPerfect (document protected) are required. Please ensure that the essay includes the author's name, entity address, phone number, email and a signed statement giving unrestricted publishing rights to FAPPO.

Essay entries must be mailed to Marian Howe Pace, FAPPO President, 326 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950 and postmarked on or before February 19, 2010. Please email any questions to Marian Howe Pace at MHowe@ci.punta-gorda.fl.us.

Essays will be judged by the current FAPPO Officers based on originality, message/content focus, clarity and grammar. The winner and runners-up will be announced at the 43rd Annual FAPPO Conference, May 2-5, 2010 in Orlando, FL. The winning author will receive \$300 in FAPPO Bucks which may be used to defray the costs for registration and lodging during 43rd Annual Conference at the Rosen Hotel, Orlando, FL.

Good Luck!

Thanksgiving "Turkey Shoot"

Ten lucky FAPPO members who submitted their membership applications by September 1, 2009 will be eligible for a special Halloween "treat"!

Watch your email around Thanksgiving as ten lucky FAPPO members will receive a notice that they are winners of the FAPPO "Turkey Shoot" and they will each receive \$100 FAPPO Bucks to use for the FAPPO Conference or other sponsored FAPPO event.

Denise Schneider FAPPO Bucks Chairperson

DEADLINE FOR FAPPO MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Please be advised that if you did not submit your membership application by September 1, 2009, your name will not be included in the 2009/2010 FAPPO Membership Book. We'll draw another ten names for \$100 FAPPO Bucks which can be used for any FAPPO sponsored class or for the Spring Conference or Hotel!!

Some of the benefits of belonging to FAPPO include:

- *FAPPO Discussion Board
- *Tuition Reimbursement
- *Scholarships
- *Access to purchasing officials from the entire State of Florida
- *FAPPO Bucks Program (earn your way to the Conference)
- *FAPPO Sponsored classes to help you obtain or maintain your professional certifications
- *FAPPO Annual Conference-obtain and maintain your certifications and stay up on current purchasing trends
- *Download the membership directory at no charge
- *Access to over 200 vendors at the Trade Show
- *FAPPO Fall Conference
- *FREE Networking Webinars FREE credit towards recertification



FAPPO FALL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 23, 2009

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: Last First	FAPPO Member Yes No			
Name for Badge:	CPPO C.P.M. CPPB A.P.P.			
Title:	Other Certification:			
Agency:	Phone:			
Address:	Email Address:			
City,State,Zip:	Special Dietary needs or ADA needs?			
REGISTRATION & FEES - DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION - OCTOBER 9, 2009				
REGISTRATION INFORMA	ATION - <u>FAPPO</u> MEMBERS			
ON-SITE - \$50.00 PER PERSON (INCLUDES LUNCH)				
WEBINAR - \$25.00 PER PERSON				
REGISTRATION INFORMATI	ION - NON- <u>FAPPO</u> MEMBERS			
ON-SITE - \$75.00 PER PERSON (INCLUDES	ON-SITE - \$75.00 PER PERSON (INCLUDES LUNCH)			
WEBINAR - \$40.00 PER PERSON				
PAYMENT INFORMATION Payment shall be POSTMARKED (if mailed) or RECEIVED (if credit card) prior to OCTOBER 9, 2009				
PAYMENT BY CHECK Check Payable to: FAPPO Mail to: FAPPO 8875 Hidden River Parkway Suite 300 #3059 Tampa, FL 33637	PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD Name on Card: Type: Visa MasterCard AmEx Card # Expiration Date: / Authorized Signature:			

RSVP - FAPPO DUTCH DINNER – OCTOBER 22, 2009 – 6:00 p.m. – Number attending: _______ Laishley Crab House

www.fappo.org - FAPPO FEIN: 59-2615678



FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PURCHASING OFFICERS, INC. FALL WORKSHOP – OCTOBER 23, 2009 PUNTA GORDA, FL

TIME	SESSION/SPEAKER	ROOM
7:30 8:00 Hallway	Registration	Main
8:00 9:45	State of Florida Update David Bennett, CPPO, CPPB, et al, Florida DMS	Peace River
9:45 10:00	Break	
10:0012:00	"Anti-trust and the Procurement Official" Liz Leeds, Florida Attorney General's Office	Peace Room
12:00 1:00 River	Lunch - (provided)	Myakka
1:00 2:10	"The Jackson Health System Experience" Rogelio Anasagasti, CPPO, CPPB, Jackson Health System	Peace River
2:10 2:20	BREAK	
2:20 3:30	"State Statutes and You" Wendy Geltch, CPPO, CPPB, Polk State College	Peace River
3:30 3:40	BREAK	
3:50 5:00	"Using Measurements to Drive Change - You Get What You Measure" Theresa Jordan, C.P.M., CPPB, City of St. Petersburg	Peace River

Don't Forget!
43rd Annual Spring Conference & Trade Show
Rosen Hotel, Orlando, Florida
May 2 - 5, 2010



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HOTEL INFORMATION

Four Points by Sheraton Punta Gorda Harborside 33 Tamiami Trail Punta Gorda, FL 33950

FAPPO Group Rate available October 21, 2009 – October 25, 2009

Call (941) 637-6770 to
Make Reservations – Group: FAPPO
Single or Double Occupancy
\$89.00 Per night



CONFERENCE LOCATION

Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center 75 Taylor Street Punta Gorda, FL 33950

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 23, 2009

Opening Session 8 – 8:15

State of Florida 8:15 – 10

Session 10:15 – 11:45

Lunch 12 – 1

Session 1:15 – 2:45

Session 3:00 – 5:00

FAPPO DUTCH DINNER

Join your friends and colleagues for a Dutch Dinner Laishley Crab House on October 22, 2009 – 6 pm

Please RSVP on your registration form.



FAPPO 43rd Annual Conference Leading the Way Through an Economic Storm

May 2— May 5, 2010 Rosen Plaza ~ Orlando, Florida



Conference Registration Fees:

Early Bird Registration \$275.00 / Regular \$300.00

Hotel Accommodations:

Single/Double Occupancy \$125.00 per night and includes free self parking Triple Occupancy \$145.00 and includes FREE self parking Overnight Valet Parking available at \$12.00 per day

FAPPO Group Rate Code will be released when issued

Schedule Summary: May 2, 2010 — Board Meeting, Golf Tournament, Sessions,

RECEPTION AND SPECIAL EVENT

May 3, 2010 - Opening Session & TRADE SHOW

May 4, 2010 — Sessions & BANQUET

May 5, 2010 - Sessions and Closing of Conference

MEALS INCLUDED IN YOUR REGISTRATION FEE

Breakfast (Continental, Sit Down, or Buffet): Monday through Wednesday
Lunch: Monday through Wednesday
Special Event: Heavy Hors d' Oeuvres

Trade Show Mixer: Appetizers Dinner: Tuesday night at the Banquet

Date	Day	Time	Conoral Description	Meals Inc	luded in Re	gistration
Date	Day	Time	Time General Description	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
		9:30 - 2:00	Golf Tournament			Heavy
May 2, 2010		8:00 - 8:30	Ex Mtg w/ED			Appetizers
	S	8:00 - 1:00	Board Meeting			
	SUNDAY	2:00 - 3:30	Stormin' Networking Session			
	B		Vendor Session			
		3:45 - 5:00	Member/√endor Networking Sessions			
		6:00 - 10:00	Reception & Special Event			
		7:30 - 8:00	First Timers	X	X	Appetizers
		7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast - Plated			at
		8:00 - 8:30	Presidents Welcome			Trade Show
			Nomination			Mixer
			FAPPO Updates			
3	_		AEP Awards			
May 3, 2010	MONDAY	9:00 - 9:30	Key Note Speaker			
္မယ	Ž	9:30 - 10:15	State of Florida			
20	×	10:15 - 10:30	Break			
6	~	10:30 - 10:45	NIGP Update			
		10:45 - 11:15	NPI Awards			
		11:30 - 12:45	Member/Vendor Lunch (Plated or Buffet)			
		1:00 - 6:00	Trade Show			
		4:30 - 6:00	Trade Show Mixer w/appetizers			
			Free Night			
		7:00 - 8:00	Continental Breakfast	X	X	Х
		8:00 - 9:30	Session 1			
		0.00 - 0.00	Session 2			
			Session 3			
		9:30 - 9:45	Break			
		9:45 - 11:15	Session 1			
		0.40 - 11.10	Session 2			
			Session 3			
3	-	11:15 - 11:30	Break			
May 4, 2010	TUESDAY	11:30 - 12:30	Business Lunch/Meeting (Plated)			
**	8	12:30 - 1:30	Best Practices			
20	Ä	1:30 - 1:45	Break			
6	~	1:45 - 3:15	Session 1			
		1.45 - 5.15	Session 2			
			Session 3			
		3:15 - 3:30	Break			
			Session 1			
		3:30 - 5:00	Session 2			
			Session 3			
		6:30 - 11:00	Banquet (Plated)			
		7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast - Buffet	X		
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		0.00 - 9.30	Session 2			
		9:30 - 9:45	Session 3 Break			
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Ma	WEDNESDAY	9:45 - 11:15	Session 1 Session 2			
May 5, 2010	×					
2	S	11:45 44:30	Session 3			
2	Q	11:15 - 11:30	Break			
0	~	11:30 - 12:30	Lunch - (Plated)			
		12:45 - 3:00	Session 1			
			Session 2			
		0.45 0.00	Session 3			
		3:15 - 3:30	Break			
		3:30 - 5:00	General & Closing Session			

Exciting News: Trade Show Exhibitor Value!!!!!

FAPPO, in response to vendor request, is expanding the exhibitor value for the 43rd Annual Conference and Trade Show on May 3, 2010, at the Orange County Convention Center. Below is the list of enhancements:

Exhibit Package:

NEW - Website Link on FAPPO to Vendor site upon signing and until 1 month post conference NEW - Sunday afternoon Vendor Sessions

Gold: (All the above NEW benefits +) Conference Sessions May 4 – 5 Breakfast May 4 – 5

Platinum: (All the above NEW benefits +)

Two Tickets to either the golf tournament or special event or combination thereof.

FAPPO provided Trade Show giveaways through special drawings

Diamond: (All the above NEW benefits +)

Six Tickets to either the golf tournament, special event, banquet or combination thereof. Advertisement in the newsletter upon signing and until the 1st newsletter post conference FAPPO's Hospitality Suite on Sunday and Monday night FAPPO's Breakfast and Opening Session on Monday morning

FAPPO members and vendors will have an opportunity to mix during a buffet lunch served at noon before the Trade Showing Opening at 1:00 pm.

A Trade Show Mixer will be from 4:30 to 6:00 with appetizers located throughout the Exhibitor Booths.

Members get ready to earn FAPPO Bucks by contacting Craig Rowley, C.P.M., at execdirec-tor@fappo.org starting August 24, 2009 for your agency number to receive credit for signing up your vendors as exhibitors. Your agency will receive **One Hundred FAPPO Bucks** for exhibitor's who have not participated in the past two years that register with your agency code. Exhibitors who signed up last year due to the FAPPO Bucks Program and who sign up again to participate in this years Trade Show will earn your Agency **Fifty FAPPO Bucks**.

Promote exhibitor registration by sending an email "blast" of the Trade Show Application to your vendors. The application will include your agency special number. Also, include a link on your agency web site to FAPPO for the exhibitor application. Attend the 43rd Annual Conference using FAPPO bucks not your agency budget!!!!

Important Dates

September 1, 2009-Booth assignments open January 29, 2010-Last day for early registration discount



FAPPO NETWORKING WEBINAR SESSION REGISTRATION FORM

www.fappo.org - FAPPO FEIN: 59-2615678

SELECT THE SESSION FOR REGISTERING (ONE PER FORM)

	30, 2009 SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 NOVI ARY 28, 2010 MARCH 11, 2010	EMBER 12, 2009		
Name:	Last First FAPPO Member	rYesNo		
СРРО	C.P.M. CPPB A.P.P Other Certification:			
Title:	Agency:			
Address:	City, State, Zip:			
Email Add	ress: Phone:			
	NETWORKING SESSION AND FEE	<u>es</u>		
	REGISTRATION INFORMATION - FAPPO MEMBE	RS - FREE		
 DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: JULY 24, 2009 FAX OR EMAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION TO: Fax 941.575.3340 or <u>dadams@ci.puntagorda.fl.us</u> 				
	REGISTRATION INFORMATION - NON-FAPPO MEMBERS - \$	25.00 PER ATTENDEE		
	ADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT: JULY 24, 2009 IL COMPLETED REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT TO:			
FAPPO, c/o Deb Adams, 326 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 PAYMENT BY CHECK - MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FAPPO PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD: Name on Card: Type: Visa MasterCard Amex Card # Expiration Date:/ Authorized Signature:				
NETWORKING DISCUSSION TOPICS – Please provide requested topics for discussion*				
	TOPIC	DOCUMENTS TO POST?		
1.				
2.				
3.				

^{*} The topics will be reviewed and prioritized by frequency of request. Attendees will be notified prior to the conference of the primary topics. If time allows additional topics will be discussed. It is requested to keep each topic discussion to 15-20 minutes in length.

College Education Reimbursement and Scholarship Programs

Currently, there are two opportunities available for members to help offset the cost of their coursework. For those pursuing a college degree, the College Education Reimbursement program is designed for you! Tuition, books, and materials are eligible for reimbursement, up to \$750.00 per fiscal year, per member. Michele Rawlins with the Polk County Board of County Commissioners is the CER Coordinator; she will be glad to assist you in requesting reimbursement for college courses.

The other opportunity available is the Scholarship Program. This program is designed to subsidize training for FAPPO members. Scholarships up to a maximum of \$250.00 are available to offset the cost of any FAPPO sponsored event, including the FAPPO Spring Conference, any FAPPO sponsored NIGP seminars, and any other FAPPO sponsored educational seminars. Conference hotel accommodations are eligible for scholarship funds for 50% of the cost of the accommodations, up to a maximum of \$250.00. In these tough economic times, with travel budgets receiving little to no funding, it is important to take advantage of the scholarship programs many of the Purchasing organizations have available.

Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until the allocated funds have been exhausted. Each FAPPO member that completes the application and is approved for a scholarship can receive one (1) award for up to \$250.00. Each agency is entitled to no more than two (2) scholarships per year. The scholarship can be requested in advance of the training course or as a reimbursement of fees expended.

The application process has been simplified for the membership and is available on the FAPPO website under Professional Development. The required documentation is as follows:

- A written statement from the Chief Purchasing Official or Human Resources Director whether your entity will reimburse the costs associated with this seminar, and details thereof
- Attach a complete description and cost of the seminar the applicant is applying for
- Is the applicant a member in good standing with FAPPO? (The Scholarship Program Coordinator will verify this information with the Executive Director)

Does this request qualify for certification or re-certification points?

Jane Dalrymple with the City of Punta Gorda is the Scholarship Program Coordinator and is available to answer any questions you may have prior to submitting your application for scholarship; a copy of the Scholarship Program is attached as well. Don't miss out on your chance to receive a FAPPO scholarship! Apply today!

With Warm Regards,

The Professional Development Committee

Pro-D Chair: Chris Rewis, CPPB, FCCM, Polk County BoCC, chrisrewis@polk-county.net
Scholarship Program Coordinator: Jane Dalrymple, CPPB, City of Punta Gorda, jdalrymple@ci.punta-gorda.fl.us

College Education Reimbursement Coordinator: Michele Rawlins, CPPB, FCCM, Polk County BoCC, michelerawlins@polk-county.net



Norma W. Showley Memorial Scholarship Fund Donation Form

The Norma W. Showley Memorial Scholarship Fund was created by the Board of Directors in 2007 in order to provide FAPPO members with an opportunity to contribute directly to the scholarship needs of others in the association. Every dollar contributed will be used to supplement the budgeted scholarship and tuition reimbursement funds so that as many members as possible will be allowed to further their education.

education.	·
Please check one of the following b	poxes to indicate your level of support:
\$10	
\$25	
\$50	
\$100	
Other \$	
	E-mail:
Phone:	Fax:
Send this form with your check or c	eredit card information to:
FAPPO 8875 Hidden River Parkway Suite 300 #3059 Tampa, FL 33637	Credit Card Information Name on Card: Type: Card #: Expiration Date: Signature:

Norma W. Showley Scholarship Fund

For many years, FAPPO's annual budget has included money for scholarships and tuition reimbursement. These funds are available to any member who meets the requirements established by the Professional Development Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The requests for assistance are always greater than the amount of money available.

In 2007, the Board approved the creation of the Norma W. Showley Scholarship Fund. This was done so that individual members of FAPPO would have the opportunity to make a donation to assist other members in the pursuit of their education. None of us has gotten where we are without the help of others and it is in this spirit that the fund was created so that we may assist as many members as possible.

Who was Norma W. Showley? She was a long time member of FAPPO and twice served as its President. She passed away on July 3, 2003. At that time, a close friend of hers and Past President named Bernadette Hitchins wrote the following message for the FAPPO newsletter. This will explain better than anything who Norma was.

MESSAGE OF LOVE AND REMEMBERENCE

When asked to write a brief message about Norma Showley I wondered how I could do her justice and keep it short. For those who had the pleasure of knowing her, there are no short descriptions of Norma. For those who did not have the opportunity to spend time with her, my lack of an author's ability to bring her to you by mere words is difficult at best. Allow me to try to give Norma to you with words from my heart.

I met Norma in 1978 when we both attended a one-day seminar offered by FAPPO. Our agencies were not inclined to provide travel money for mere purchasing people so we made deals with our respective agencies: We would share the cost of the room, meals and gas if they would pay our registration. Thus began the involvement of the most respected member of FAPPO.

She was working in Lake County under someone who encouraged her education in the purchasing field. Within a few years she was hired as Purchasing Agent for the City of Eustis, a small city in Lake County. It didn't take long for the city officials to recognize the true professional qualities in Norma and she was soon promoted to General Services Manager.

During all this time she kept her involvement in FAPPO and in 1983 was elected Treasurer of the association. In 1988 she became our 21st President. Norma has the dubious distinction of holding the Presidency twice. She was elected President again in 1995 when the then current President left office. The Board unanimously voted her in for this second term because of her competency and the professional manner in which she solved problems. That year was a real challenge, even for Norma, but she pulled the association out of what could have been a disastrous situation.

Norma went on to serve as FAPPO's Historian and as a Presidential Advisor up until her illness forced her to be less active. Still, up until her death, her love for the Association remained on her mind and in her heart.

On a personal note, Norma, was *my* rock. If ever you needed words of wisdom about a personal or professional problem, Norma could give you volumes in a few short sentences. When someone became agitated, Norma had a calming resolve about her that would dissolve situations that could potentially become uncomfortable. She gave of herself unselfishly and without hesitation. Friends like her are hard to come by. I'm sure those of you who knew her would agree. Those who did not know her can only guess at how lucky we are to have been called "friend" by her. Norma, I will always respect and love you and miss you beyond words.

Dining For Norma

At each annual conference, we typically have a free night for everyone and most people find dinner somewhere with a group of friends, but...

This year you have an opportunity to go to dinner with about 25 people somewhere near the hotel. There will be a flat rate charged each person, with an extra ten or twenty dollar donation tacked on for the Norma W. Showley Scholarship Fund - hence the name —Dining for Norma!

There will be a choice of three entrees, with dessert and a soft drink. Any alcohol will be at each person's own cost. There will be one price that includes tax and tip and then we will add ten or twenty dollars to it as a donation to the scholarship fund. More information will be forthcoming in a future newsletter!

Any questions or interest, please contact Cheri Alexander @ cheri.alexander@srq-airport.com Please join us, we look forward to seeing you,

Cheers!

Cheri

Norma W. Showley Memorial Scholarship Fund

FAPPO currently has a scholarship and tuition reimbursement fund of \$5000. The Norma W. Showley Memorial Scholarship Fund was created to provide members an opportunity to donate to a separate fund in order to increase the amount of available scholarships. We hope to double this amount through member donations.



Left: Nora Laudermilk Right: Norma Showley

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