

The Connection – January 2008

Happy New Year!!

Mark Your Calendar – SGMP Heart of Illinois Chapter Future Events

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008 – Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, S-field @ 11:30 am – 1:15 pm
Friday, March 14, 2008 – Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, Springfield @ 11:30 am – 1:15 pm
Friday, March 14, 2008 – TRIVIA NIGHT – Knights of Columbs Council #364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Rd, Springfield, Illinois.
Tuesday, April 22, 2008 – Champaign, IL – Spring Training.

Please make the effort to RSVP for each event, as planners and suppliers you are aware of how important it is to give the hosting facility accurate lunch counts. Thank you.

Upcoming Meeting Topics and Special Events

February's speaker will be Kevin Lust.

Friday, March 14, 2008 we will be hosting our Trivia Night at The Knights of Columbus Council #364, Columbian Hall, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, Springfield. Cost is \$12.00 per person or \$120 per table with a maximum of 10 people per table. Reservation deadline is Friday, March 7, 2008 or for any questions contact either Maria Rutter or Becky Rinozzi Chapter Board members and co-chairs. For more details see attached Trivia Night Brochure.

On Tuesday, April 22, 2008 we will “Spring Into Champaign County!” for our Annual Spring Training in Champaign, IL. This day-long training opportunity is sponsored by the Champaign County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Hilton Garden Inn Champaign-Urbana, Holiday Inn Champaign-Urbana, and Eastland Suites Hotel & Conference Center. Registration brochures for this event will go out in early spring.

Special Events

January Meeting

Our January chapter luncheon meeting was held on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza. The program was on "Making Your Meetings Green" presented by Sandi Lynn, member of the Chicago Chapter and former SGMP National President. Sandi gave many helpful ideas on making meetings “green”.

National Conference Schedule

For members who really like to plan in advance, below is the National Conference schedule for the next several years.

June 11-14, 2008-Dallas, TX-The Anatole Hotel
May 13-16, 2009-Louisville, KY-The Galt House

May 19-22, 2010-Kansas City, MO-Hyatt and Westin Crown Center
June 8-11, 2011-Norfolk, VA-Sheraton and Marriott Waterside

Thinking about attending the National Conference this year? Contact one of the board members listed below regarding scholarships available to help out with travel expenses, conference registration and conference lodging.

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