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Next Chapter Meeting

When: November 19
9:00 a.m. – noon

Title: Open Spaces

Agenda:

Continental breakfast
Networking
Situation of the Month
Presentation

Where: Holiday Inn, North
Haven, Exit 12 off Route 91

RSVP: with an e-mail to
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President's Message

Sandra Wheeler forpeaceofmind@sbcglobal.net



I am looking forward to our November meeting where we will facilitate an Open Spaces discussion. If you were in attendance at our Open Spaces talk in May, I think you will agree that it can be a lively conversation with sharing of ideas and organizing solutions. I hope you plan to join us, to share your ideas and experiences.

GO Month in January

Plans are underway for a very special January Chapter meeting. All NAPO National members, based in Connecticut, are being invited to join us for our meeting. We will have a panel discussion "Walk your Talk as a Professional Organizer" about professionalism in the industry. A buffet lunch will follow the meeting. We are excited that, so far raffle prizes have been donated by:



To be eligible for one of the neatfreak! raffle prizes, you must join the neatfreak! Facebook page between now and the January meeting. Individuals must be present at the meeting to win raffle prizes.

New Member Welcome

Cindi Filer, Director of Membership

Welcome to these new Chapter members –

Elaine Johnson of Personal Touch Organizing in Branford
Angela Lowy of Wilton
Larry Russick of Bridgeport
Seana Turner of Darien
Laurie Waldron of Clean Slate Organizing in Darien
Tracy Wind of Clean Slate Organizing in Darien

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October Meeting Highlights

Jennifer Alden, Secretary

Situation of the Month: Judith Kirk facilitated a discussion about the ‘hot topic’ this month – NAPO National’s proposal for a name change to OPPI: Organizing and Productivity Professionals International. Members were encouraged to read the proposal, listen to the recording of the National call and VOTE.

Program: “Photo Organizing – Tapping into this New Niche” was presented by Cathi Nelson, Personal Photo Organizer. Cathi stressed that people are overwhelmed with their digital images. Cathi recommends that clients determine a theme and organize pictures that way, instead of chronologically. She recommends scanning the older, bulky photo albums and keeping them digitally; and transferring videos to CD and DVD. She help clients learn to organize their photos and teaches them to use a power sort box. For digital photos she recommends software like Memory Manager. The best photos are then highlighted in a photo book or slide show.

NSGCD Conference Update: Faith Manierre and Susan Lovallo reported on their experience at the NSGCD Conference in Austin, Texas. Approximately 120 people attended seminars with topics all related to the client, rather than marketing, or running your own business, etc. They both reported that this was a very beneficial experience.

Golden Circle Update: KB reported that all Professional Organizers who have been in the business for 5 years or longer are eligible for Golden Circle membership. Individuals need to complete the application and show proof that they have been in business for five years. The Golden Circle Committee is working on updating the mission statement. They are working to recognize all levels of organizers – 5, 10, 15 years, etc.

New Organizer Mentoring Update: KB asked the group for new approaches to New Organizer Mentoring. A suggestion was made to meet immediately following our monthly meeting, for lunch at a \$20 fee.

Note your Calendar

NAPO-CT November Meeting

Title: Open Spaces

Speaker: Group collaboration

Date: November 19, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to noon

What’s on your mind? What keeps you up at night? What topics are you interested in learning more about in the Professional Organizing industry? Open Spaces is a chance for you to bring your hot topics and burning questions to the group. We will facilitate the opening discussion to identify the challenges and questions that Connecticut Organizers are facing in our industry. As a group we will select the top four or five topics and dive into discussions and sharing ideas!

NAPO-CT January Meeting

Title: Walk your Talk as a Professional Organizer

Speaker: Board of Directors panel discussion moderated by Judith Kirk

Date: January 21, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. through lunch

You are invited to a very special Chapter meeting, in honor of “GO – Get Organized” month, followed with a buffet luncheon. We are inviting all Connecticut-based Professional Organizers to join us for networking and celebrating GO Month. The NAPO-CT Board members will serve as a panel for discussions around professionalism in our industry. We are planning for surprises and raffles throughout the morning. Don't miss out!

Meeting Schedule for 2011

Feb 18	Chapter meeting	9:00 am – Noon
	Board - Strategic Plan update	12:30 – 2:30 pm
Mar 18	Chapter meeting	9:00 am – Noon
	New Board Welcome meeting	12:30 – 2:30 pm
Apr 15	Chapter meeting	9:00 am – Noon
	Board transition	12:30 – 2:30 pm
Apr 6-9	NAPO 25 th Annual Conference & Organizing Exposition in San Diego	
May 20	Chapter meeting	9:00 am – Noon
	Board meeting	12:30 – 2:30 pm
June 17	Chapter meeting	9:00 am – Noon

Top reasons to sit for the CPO® exam

Contributed by Helene Segura, M.A. Ed., CPO®

- Demonstrate you are on the cutting edge of your industry.
- Attain instant credibility. By becoming certified, an Organizer validates their knowledge and experience, based on the highest industry and legal standards.
- Achieve personal satisfaction—sitting for the exam provides a rare opportunity to demonstrate your self-confidence, professional commitment, and personal initiative in an environment governed by rigorous standards.
- Gain recognition from clients, peers, employers, employees, coworkers, the industry, the media, and publishers.
- Personally contribute to strengthening our profession and confirm your dedication to the professional organizing industry as a whole.
- Display your commitment to ongoing personal development and education. Preparing for the exam is an opportunity to stay current in an increasingly competitive job market.
- Differentiate yourself from the competition. Give yourself an excuse to design new business cards, letterhead, and other print pieces featuring the coveted CPO® designation.

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Weather Policy

If the North Haven schools are closed due to bad weather, our meeting will be cancelled. Check local radio and television stations for updated news.

Our **Chapter Vision** is to be the leading resource for professional organizers in Connecticut.

Our **Chapter Mission** is to:

- Support, educate and provide networking for our members.
- Promote the profession of professional organizing.
- Educate the public about professional organizing.

**Our Goal is
Your Success**

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