

CONNECTICUT CONNECTIONS



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President's Message

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Dear {FIRST_NAME|NAPO CT Member},

Pumpkins are showing up on doorsteps and dusk is arriving earlier each evening. Fall is in the air! One of the highlights of living in New England is the incredible change of seasons.



We are looking forward to our October topic of Diversity by our speaker K.B. (The other half of our own little K.B). Diversity is a gift from life. Without it we would all be the same and life would be boring. We all live together, yet we all experience life so differently. Being open to and sharing diversity is a great opportunity to see life from a new perspective and experience a whole new world that we might not have seen before. Plan to be at the meeting on October 21 to join in the discussion.

Member News

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It is that time of year - the annual renewal period for NAPO-CT Membership. All chapter members should have received an e-mail last week regarding their annual membership renewal. Print the e-mail as you received it. Note changes on the printed copy and mail to our Chapter P.O. Box as stated on the bottom of the message.

Renewals are due on the first day of October with a 30-day grace period. All members' dues are to be received before October 31 to remain a member in good standing. You are welcome to take care of your renewal in person at the October 21st meeting if you wish.

Any member whose renewal is received or postmarked AFTER

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Friday, October 21st
9:00 - 12:00 noon

Speaker:

Kevin Burrell

"Big K.B."

***"Diversity and Inclusion in
Your Small Business"***

Holiday Inn,
North Haven
Exit 12 off I-91



Upcoming Events

Nov 18th

Chapter meeting
9:00 am - Noon

January 20th, 2012

Chapter Meeting
9:00 - 1:00

February 17th

Chapter Meeting
9:00 - 12:00

**NAPO CT
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President

October 31 will be required to pay an additional \$25 processing fee to reinstate membership.

New Members

We welcome our newest member, Ellen Cohen of Interiors, Etc. based in West Hartford. Let's all warmly welcome Ellen!

Chapter Volunteering

Cara Brook
Past President



We're kicking off a new year with NAPO-CT and are excited about getting everyone involved! There are many opportunities in the chapter for volunteering. The more involved you are with NAPO, the more valuable your investment. There are both short-term projects and ongoing positions where member assistance is needed to keep our Chapter thriving. Click [here](#) to see a description of tasks, fit for either a single person or a small team. Time estimates are included. It is up to you to choose a way of giving back to your chapter. Pick an assignment that fits with your schedule. Even if you are not able to attend most meetings, there are plenty of opportunities for you to stay involved.

On behalf of the entire Board, we appreciate and value the time of our members. If each person takes on one task, our Chapter would benefit exponentially! Select the task that best fits your skills and schedule. Stay tuned for more details.



Part 2: Seek Wisdom

Judith Ann Kirk
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This is the 2nd excerpt from Traveler's Gift by Andy Andrews. There are seven decisions that determine personal success. The first was the ability to accept responsibility (September NAPO-CT Newsletter). Next issue will present "Action" as a crucial part of decision making.

One of the qualities most ascribed to King Solomon was wisdom. As King, Solomon did not search for more power and wealth; rather, he prayed for an understanding heart and to know good from evil. In other words, he sought wisdom. Wisdom is not doled out at birth, but rather waits to be gathered throughout life. Your past cannot be changed, but you can change your future by seeking wise counsel. Train your eyes and ears to read, listen and gather wisdom every day. How do you go about gathering wisdom, especially when your daily life is already full with business activities?

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- Read ferociously
- Choose friends carefully
- Counsel with wise men and women
- Be a servant

Read books actively with highlighter in hand. Great ideas do not necessarily leap from the page. You have to be ready for discovery. There is always something new to learn, and books disclose a great deal of wisdom and value. Be selective with what you bombard your mind. Magazines and newspapers inform and entertain, but wisdom is generally not found there. When seeking wisdom, read books.

Friends define us. You are who your friends are. You speak their language and wear their clothes. You share their opinions and habits. Choose to associate with people whose lives and lifestyles you admire. Andrews described a worthy friendship when he stated, "A true friend expects you to do what you said you were going to do, when you said you were going to do it. A true friend makes you better by his or her presence." Choose your friends with care.

Counsel comes in the form of advice, encouragement, support and guidance. Many times it is freely handed out, usually from those who know little or have their own interest at heart. You can even counsel yourself, but your decisions come from what you know which whitewashes the informed decision making process. Other times you have to dig deep to elicit advice. Discern whether the counsel you are receiving stretches you or burdens you. Invest your time with those that challenge, uplift and help you to become better than you are. If you want to improve your business and your life, start building an inner circle of wise men and women.

Serve others. "He who serves the most grows the fastest," stated Andrews. Serving others sends the message that you value them. It is easy and relatively inexpensive to serve. Sometime it costs nothing but a little time. Hold the door for someone, volunteer, visit the elderly, spend more time with your family, smile and commit random acts of kindness. Serving is a strong building block for success. It is a joy to give to others especially when you give of your skills, your talents. You don't need to be perfect, or famous, or a celebrity to give. You can hold someone's hand, so you can comfort. You can drive a car, so you can deliver food to shut-ins. You can read, so you can teach someone else to read or you can read stories to children. What I am talking about is basic courtesy and an awareness of the opportunities that present themselves every day for giving to others. We tend to take for granted much of the giftedness we do possess. Share your gifts and in return true wisdom will be yours.

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Monthly Vendor Tables

The October vendor table will be presented by:



Why not have a little fun in your home office?

Vendor Tables

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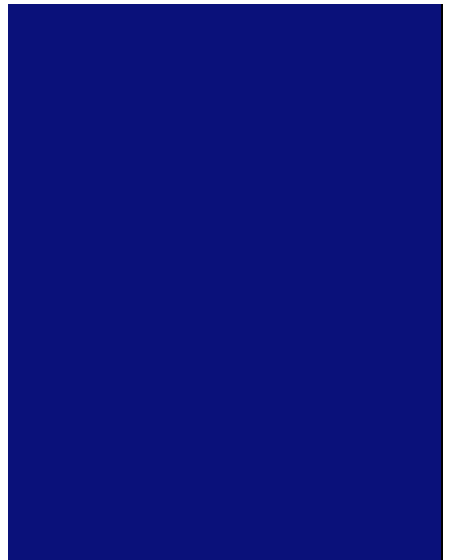
At our last Board meeting, the Board voted to allow Chapter members and external vendors to purchase an advertising table at a Chapter meeting. The content must be related to the Professional Organizer and industry. The fee for a single table is \$75. If you are interested or would like to recommend a specific company to be invited, please email me :

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