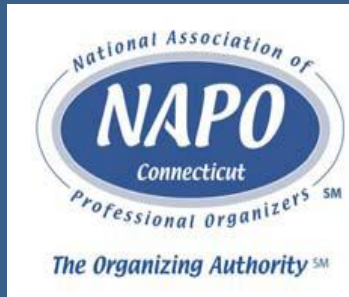


Connecticut Connections

September / October 2010

"One only needs two tools in life: WD-40 to make things go, and duct tape to make them stop.
~G.M. Weilacher



Next Chapter Meeting

When: September 17
9:00 a.m. – noon

Title: How to Find a Stud

Facilitator: Jen Burke and Betsy Krobot

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 RSVP@NAPOct.com



President's Message

Sandra Wheeler
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It's early September and we see big yellow school buses during our commutes. Children carrying backpacks filled with new school supplies, waiting with anticipation and curiosity about their new teachers and classmates. They are rested from the summer and ready for a new adventure.

Even though it has been many, many years since I have been in school, I continue to have a yearning in late August and early September to buy some new office supplies, dive into a new book and highlight the most interesting parts.

I trust that you had an opportunity to rest a bit over the summer and are now ready for some new adventures. Our Chapter's two month summer break is almost over and I hope that you are looking forward to learning and growing in the coming months.

We have terrific resources available to us at our local chapter. The speakers for our first three Chapter meetings this year are our very own members. Opportunities to learn the top 10 tools for every Organizer's toolkit and how to use them, photo organizing for ourselves and our clients, and what is on the minds of fellow Organizers and tips and suggestions from our colleagues.

We always have terrific mentors available within our Chapter to help guide new and veteran Organizers. There are always classes available through the National Association of Professional Organizers and other sister organizations, like the National Study Group on Chronic Disorganization.

So, grab a fresh notebook and sharpen a brand new pencil. Get ready to learn something new. I look forward to seeing you on the 17th.

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NAPO-CT Annual Member Renewal

As you will recall, last Fall the NAPO-CT Board of Directors approved a common membership renewal date to start October 1, 2010. For 2009-10 dues, each member paid a prorated amount according to their anniversary date for joining NAPO-CT. We are all now on the October 1, 2010 renewal date. Please look for your Membership Renewal Notice arriving soon via e-mail or postal service.

You may process your paperwork and payment either in person at the September or October meetings, or by mail according to the form. Either way, make sure that your Renewal form and payment are received / postmarked before the end of October to avoid the late fee.

Sign In Please

To ensure that the Chapter has accurate records for meeting attendance, please sign in at the Registration table, each time you arrive at a meeting. For Certified Professional Organizers, to earn credits for attending presentations, the Chapter utilizes the registration sign-in sheets as proof of attendance.

Note your Calendar

Hold October 7th - National Conference Call

NAPO National is planning a conference call for all NAPO members, for October 7th. The official invitation and details pertaining to the call will be distributed to all NAPO members in the next several weeks. The primary topic will be the new strategic plan for the Association. Mark your calendar and make an effort to attend the call.

NAPO-CT **September** Meeting

Title: How to Find a Stud
Speaker: Betsy Krobot of Betsy K Home Choreography and
Jen Burke of JKB Organizing
Date: September 17, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to noon



Have you ever had a client who needed help beyond traditional organizing? A wire shelf in the closet or hooks in the laundry room would put the finishing touch on those spaces. The client has pictures propped against the wall or a box for a shelving unit with 'some assembly required'. Do you have the tools and know how to finish the project or would you feel intimidated? Don't!

Organizers Betsy Krobot and Jen Burke will give us all the 'tools' we need to feel confident in offering these services to our clients. Why bring in a handyman when we can do the work ourselves? We will cover everything from the top 10 items for every Organizer's toolkit, to using drills and drillbits, electric screwdrivers, various types of hammers, nails, levels and even, how to find a stud!

NAPO-CT **October** Meeting

Title: Photo Organizing – Tapping into this New Niche
Speaker: Cathi Nelson of Personal Photo Organizing by Cathi
Date: October 15, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to noon

Almost overnight film photography was replaced with digital cameras and people gained the ability to snap hundreds of photos in an instant. The result is a consumer who is overwhelmed with the sheer number of

photos now clogging their computers. In addition, the photographs that were once printed are often still in boxes, bins and bags. The average person feels guilty and anxious that they have not done anything with their photos. Cathi will share how a Professional Organizer can be of great assistance in this critically needed area.

NAPO-CT November Meeting

Title: Open Spaces
Speaker: TBD
Date: November 19, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to noon

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NAPO Dues Notice

According to National NAPO policy, if your National dues lapse for 30 days, your membership date with NAPO will be reset to the date you rejoined. NAPO-CT will adhere to the same policy. If National membership expires, chapter membership automatically expires. It is your responsibility to keep both national and chapter membership current. Notify NAPO-CT Membership Director if you have any changes in your contact information.

Meeting Schedule for 2011

Jan 21	Chapter meeting and luncheon Board - Strategic Plan update	9:00 am – 1:00 pm 1:15 – 2:30 pm
Feb 18	Chapter meeting Board meeting	9:00 am – Noon 12:30 – 2:30 pm
Mar 18	Chapter meeting New Board Welcome meeting	9:00 am – Noon 12:30 – 2:30 pm
Apr 15	Chapter meeting Board transition	9:00 am – Noon 12:30 – 2:30 pm
May 20	Chapter meeting Board meeting	9:00 am – Noon 12:30 – 2:30 pm
June 17	Chapter meeting	9:00 am – Noon

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