



Visions



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Are You a Noun or a Verb?

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The President's Note...



Dear Atlanta Chapter Members.

I would like to tell you a story about one of my sisters (I have three). Peggy is always sending me the kind of e-mails that you are supposed to pass along to so many

friends; you know - the kind that try to make you feel guilty if you break the chain. I don't like these and usually read them and then hit delete. However, recently she sent one that I did respond to, or at least I sent it back to her and my niece and nephew who also sent it to me, because I thought it was an interesting way to get to know a little more about our family.

The subject in this e-mail was "Me In Three." It asked various questions to which you were to give three answers. One question was "What do you most look forward to?" My answer was any day I get to see Amanda, Matt, Brandon and Alex, and I put that answer in all three slots. I guess I have a one-track mind - grandkids. However, my sister's answer was a bit more serious; while she also listed grandkids or, more specifically, the new twins that are on the way, she also listed that she is looking forward to receiving her master's degree.

If you had known Peggy when we were kids you would never have thought a master's degree would be in her future. She was not a good student and found school to be a struggle from day one. Yet she managed to get a job teaching pre-school, which eventually led to teaching elementary school in a private school environment. After many years of perseverance and struggling, she finally received her bachelor's

degree and teaching credentials about 10 years ago. She is actually a special education teacher and teaches in a juvenile detention center. Now she is working on getting her master's degree. I think that is quite an accomplishment for someone who struggled to get through high school. Oh, and did I tell you that she is my older sister and will be at least 60 when she gets her master's degree?

I think that Peggy can be an inspiration to all of us. We are never too old, and it is never too late to pursue our career goals, no matter what the challenges. IAAP is an excellent resource to help you accomplish your goals. In April we will celebrate Administrative Professionals Week, and I encourage each of you to reflect on what this time means to you. Is it a time when you want accolades for all you do, or is it a time when you want to reach out and learn something new and put a plan in action to push your career forward? Perhaps this will be a time for you to reflect upon the benefits of your membership in IAAP and how you will use that membership to support your career objectives.

As we continue our journey on this Pathway to Excellence, it is through our continued perseverance regardless of the struggles we face that we will individually and as a chapter find our strength to continue to pursue Excellence In Action - Leading the Way.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our APW event on April 24.

Respectfully,
Cathy Fox CPS/CAP



Milestones



*Happy
Birthday to...*

Betty Jackson..... April 19

Anniversary congratulations to...

Linda Ellis CPS..... 11 yrs.

Cathy Fox CPS/CAP 15 yrs.

Pat Farrell 35 yrs.

Barbara Housley CPS 35 yrs.

If your birthday should appear here and you have not seen it, please contact Margaret Cross-Shelnutt CPS, Corresponding Secretary, so she can update your entry in our roster. Thanks!

2008-2009 Programs

April 2009

APW Breakfast & Seminar
Breakfast Motivational Speaker
Sharita Robinson
Educational Speaker Greg Creech
“Technology Bytes and It Bit My Funny Bone”
2 Recertification Points Awarded
7:30 a.m.

Marriott Century Center Hotel
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Registration information



May 18, 2009

“Business Savvy”
Tim Zimmerman, Orkin
Recertification Points Requested

June 15, 2009

New Officer Installation

IAAP's mission is to be the acknowledged, recognized leader of administrative professionals and to enhance their individual and collective value, image, competence and influence.

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Georgia Division

When is the last time you checked the Georgia Division website for new information? Make it a point to visit at least once a week—there is always something new to see.

Don't delay—do it today!

www.iaap-georgia.org



Officers' Election

The Nominating Committee has been elected. Their charter is to present a slate of officers for election at the April meeting for the 2009-10 year:

President-Elect
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer
Director

The 2008-09 President-Elect will succeed to the office of President. The 2008-09 President will automatically succeed to the office of Director.

The qualifications for office are to preferably have been a member of the chapter for at least one year. A candidate for the office of President-Elect preferably shall have served as a member of the Board of Directors at least one year prior to nomination. The duties for each office are outlined in the *Chapter Bylaws, Article III, Officers, Qualifications, Nomination and Election, Term and Duties, Section 5.*

Serving as a chapter officer is a privilege and a responsibility. I urge you to take advantage of the leadership opportunity of serving as a chapter officer. Let the Nominating Committee Chair know if you are interested in serving in any office, and say "yes" if contacted by the committee. You will be enriched, both personally and professionally.

Dot Murphy CPS/CAP

K's Corner

Noun or Verb

Recently I participated in the Atlanta Women's 5K road race on a beautiful Saturday morning. The race took place in and around Candler Park in Atlanta. I was there about 6:45 a.m. to pick up my race packet which included my race or bib number. This is necessary in road races to account for all runners. It also gives the time keepers the ability to determine the most efficient runners. This could be called winners and placers of the race. Just as a side note I came in fourth in my age group.



After picking up my number and taking the other "stuff" to my car I returned to the start line which was at Mary Lin Elementary School overlooking the Candler Park Golf Course. From this overlook I was privileged to see a beautiful sunrise between 7:00 -7:30 a.m. It was breathtaking, as was the race. All along the race route there were houses in all stages of repair or upgrading as were the yards surrounding these homes. I counted these goings-on as a blessing for most of the route as I admired the beginning of newness. About a mile into this three-mile race a runner stumbled and fell. She hit her head and the runners around her immediately stopped and sprung into action to get her out of the way of the other runners, to get medical assistance for her and to stay with her until medical help arrived. I continued on the race route and finished in what I thought a reasonable time - 39 minutes and 19 seconds. Then I gathered my tee shirt, a couple bottles of water, a bagel and headed home, as I had things to do that beautiful Saturday.

I showered, dressed, packed and drove to Montgomery, Alabama to spend the weekend with my daughter. On my drive to Montgomery I noticed how pleasant the drive was this time. Not only was it a beautiful, sunny day; I was energized from my run earlier in the morning. All along the highway I could see signs of spring in the blooming trees. There were dogwood and redbud trees in South Georgia and South Alabama in bloom along the way. I not only enjoyed the earth waking from the winter but I began thinking about spring. I do love spring. Don't you? This helped make my trip pass with some pleasantness.

I was also thinking of what I was going to write for Visions. I wanted to get this done before Ann contacted me asking, "where is your article?" So I began trying to think how I could incorpo-

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rate spring into my article. So here goes.

What is spring? It is a noun and a verb. Did you realize this?

The noun "spring" is **a leap, a sudden movement, elastic quality, a source or fountainhead of something.** Wow! I can see our chapter as a spring. Can you? We have such wonderful members who are able to use their elastic quality and snap in so many directions. We have all taken a leap such as when we accept an office, a committee chair, or committee membership and in doing this we have all grown into what and who we are today.

The verb "spring" is **to rise, leap, move, or act suddenly, to be released from a constrained position, to come into being, rise, or arise within a short time to rise or extend upward.**

So how has our chapter been the verb spring? We came into being when the chapter was formed and have been rising to many challenges for many years. Many of our members have been the verb spring as they have studied for the CPS or CAP exams, taken the exams coming into the ranks of being certified. Many members tell of how they were unable to do certain things like speak before a group before their time in Atlanta Chapter so I think chapter membership has released them from the constraint of not speaking in public. I think we all have and continue to be the verb spring as we rise and extend in all directions. We all grow upward as we rise to the occasions that demand our participation.

Now that you have the definitions of spring as a noun and a verb tell me, "What are you, a noun or a verb?"

I think we all need to think about our "nounness" and "verbness" as we approach our nominations and election of new officers and in planning what committees to chair and activities that we will be a part of for the new IAAP year. If you have been elected to an office, accepted a position as a committee chair or joined a committee, you must take this very seriously. Ask questions from the members who have already served in the position you have agreed to fulfill. You also have such a vast arena of IAAP members in the Georgia Division Chapters to ask for their experiences. You are not the first one to be in whatever position you have taken on, so do not be the first one to NOT ask for help, for suggestions, for directions about the area you are working in.

Determine as soon as you accept a responsibility for the Atlanta Chapter IAAP's new year what you are going to be a Noun or a Verb.

Ask me what I am going to be.

K Meekins



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**Newsletter Deadline
April 29, 2008**

Visions is a monthly publication of Atlanta Chapter IAAP. Submissions may be made to the Editor by the last Wednesday of each month for publication in the next issue. Newsletter Committee members are:

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Calendar of Events

- April 22 Administrative Professionals Day
- April 24 Breakfast and Educational Seminar
Motivational Speaker Sharita Robinson
Educational Speaker Greg Creech
"Technology Bytes and It Bit My Funny Bone"
2 Recertification Points Awarded
7:30 a.m.—Registration
8:00 a.m.—Breakfast/Speaker
10:00 a.m.—Seminar
Marriott Century Center Hotel
- May 4 Chapter Board Meeting - Location to be announced
- May 18 Chapter Meeting — "Business Savvy" Tim Zimmerman, Orkin
Recertification Points Requested
- June 12—14 Georgia Division Annual Meeting



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