

# The Society Pulse

**Upcoming Meetings**

- December 6, evening
- January 18, lunch
- February 15, evening

**Board**

- President - [Virginia Hessels](#)
- 1st VP - [Colleen Flage](#)
- 2nd VP - Vacant
- Treasurer - [Marcia Teague](#)
- Secretary - [Rhonda Rogers-Bardsley](#)
- Planner Director - [Erica Chatman](#)
- Supplier Director - [Kelly Aleman](#)
- Planner Director - [Sue Wagner](#)

**Committees**

- Finance/Registration** - [Marcia Teague](#), Candy Kaswinkel, Lauren Guidi
- Fundraising/Comm Svc** - [Virginia Hessels](#)
- Membership** - [Shelby Sowder](#), and Laurin Robinson
- Prog/Prof Dev** - [Stephanie McBride](#), Jo Ann Winn, Rhonda Rogers-Bardsley, Lynne Palmer, Nancy Fisher and Valkyrie Shah
- Scholarship/Awards** - [Candy Kaswinkel](#), and Valkyrie Shah
- Communications** - [Kelly Aleman](#), [Valkyrie Shah](#), Kaylee Brummett, Stephanie McBride and Amber Tison
- Elections** - Ann Koralewski
- Bylaws/Procedures** - [Colleen Flage](#)

**National SGMP 2018 Save the Date**

SGMP NEC 2018 will be in Norfolk, Virginia! June 5-7 2018 at the Marriott Norfolk Waterside, with both the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside and Hilton Norfolk The Main as hotel partners. More info can be found on [our website](#). Registration is NOW OPEN.

**Annual Holiday Social**

We look forward to seeing you at the **Sweetwater Branch Inn Wednesday, December 6th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** for our Annual Holiday Social. This registration is free. Lift Your Spirits!! Help SGMP raise funds to benefit its scholarship program by donating a bottle of wine (valued at \$10 or more) to be raffled during the Holiday Social. Donations (red & white) will be accepted at December meeting. For a donation of \$10, each participant will receive 1 ticket and have the chance to pull for a bottle or two of wine and other gifts. Each ticket drawn will have the amount of bottles the ticket holder can pull.

**Thank You for Sponsoring**

Thank you Florida Museum of Natural History for hosting our August meeting. Ann Koralewski, Director of Public Functions, UF Health Science Center, facilitated a very lively meeting on CMP Poker! Thank you Ann! Our Chef Brothers meal was fantastic and we thank Visit Ocala, HDG Hotels and Hilton Ocala for their sponsorship.

Thank you UF Orthopedics and Sports Medicine for hosting our September meeting on ADA Compliance. A very special thank you to Dr. Luz Semeah for speaking with us. Celebrations had a fantastic spread of delicious food that Visit Gainesville Alachua County graciously sponsored.

Once again Beth Miller Tipton dazzled us with her knowledge for our October meeting. Thank you Beth! A big thank you to UF Hilton for their sponsorship.

Our November meeting was a hit, and we thank Lise Cochran for a very informative presentation on Etiquette and Protocol. Our Adam's Rib Co fare was very much enjoyed and we thank Visit Daytona and Country Inn & Suites for their sponsorship.





### **Scholarships**

Please be sure to apply for scholarships to attend the next SGMP NEC in Virginia 2018!! Contact Candy with any questions and stay tuned for future emails.

### **Welcome!**

*Please welcome our newest members:*

Laura Shiver, AC Hotel

Kari Wells, UF Hilton

Jessica Ireland, UF/IFAS NRLI

Kelly Meahl, Mission Inn resort and Club

Robin Back, Drury Inn and Suites Gainesville

Emily Lake, Courtyard, Hilton Garden Inn, and Homewood Suites

### **Recent member certifications, awards, or recognition**

*If you have recently obtained any certifications, please let us know! We would love to share your accomplishments with our members. If you're interested in CGMP or CMP, please contact [Erica Chatman](#).*

### **Membership Anniversaries**

Congratulations to the following on their SGMP membership anniversaries in September, October and November!

Stephanie West—UF TREEO Center—20 Years

Mandy Stage—UF/IFAS OCI—19 Years

Carol Hinton—UF TREEO Center—19 Years

Ann Koralewski—UF Health Science Center—12 Years

Sue Wagner—WUFT-TV—10 Years

John Read—Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront—7 years

Valkyrie Shah—UF/IFAS Extension Administration—4 Years

Faye Refour—4 Years

Sam Pollack—Daytona Beach CVB—3 Years

Lauren McCain—UF—3 Years

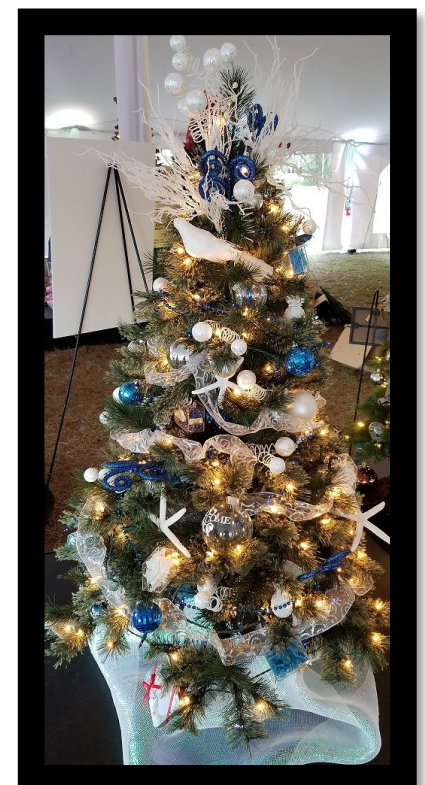
Kim Rollins—UF/IFAS Extension Administration—2 Years

Stephanie McBride—UF Office of the Provost—2 Years

Beth Garcia—Osceola County Government—2 Years

Laurin Robinson—McKibbon Hospitality—1 Year

Rodney Rackley—TRG Orlando—1 Year



### **Festival of Trees, 11/30 - 12/2/17 , Tioga Town Center**

A big thank you to Candy Kaswinkel, Virginia Hessels, Marcia Teague, Kelly Aleman, Stephanie McBride, and Laurin Robinson for helping decorate. Marcia and Laurin were kind enough to donate gift certificates to be included with the tree and wreath.

The chapter donated the wreath and tree to be auctioned off to benefit the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and UF Health Shands Children's Hospital.