

2009-2010 President's Report Elgin Chapter

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The 2009-2010 Elgin Chapter IAAP year has been fun, educational and eventful as the chapter hosted IDAM 2010 in Elgin, IL. IDAM 2010 Co-coordinators Pat Pollmann, CPS and Ruth Felske, CPS, committee chairmen and chapter members, honorary member, planned and assisted with the event throughout the 2009-2010 year. Chapter members, members companies, honorary member have donated door prizes, cash-checks, baskets (the items for the baskets), vases-silk flowers, food, obtained sponsors and their enthusiasm...passion so that IDAM 2010 was a memorable event for everyone attending.

Elgin Chapter continues to support the Elgin Crisis Center with donations throughout the year. Each month the donations are listed in The Tower Newsletter. When the meeting RSVP is sent via e-mail to the members, a reminder is included regarding the items needed for the Crisis Center. The Crisis Center services people who are victims of domestic violence, the homeless and supports the local hospitals with contributions to victims of various emergency (crisis situations). Victoria Prestia, president of Elgin Chapter, volunteered for the Elgin Community Crisis 23rd Annual Benefit Auction on March 13, 2010: setting up silent auction display tables and decorating the tables for the attendees. The Crisis Center's Annual Benefit Auction raises money for the Elgin Community Crisis Center each year.

Elgin Chapter and Elgin Community College continue to work together to bring the administrative professional into the classroom. The idea is to assist students who are educating themselves to begin in the workforce or those who are in the workforce and want to stay current. The chapter is proud that our members work with these students whenever they are called upon. We enjoy the opportunity provided to the members by ECC. Reviewing student's resumes for accuracy at semester finalization gives students and chapter members an opportunity to network and exchange ideas.

Elgin Chapter continues to educate the administrative professional by awarding two scholarships in 2009-2010. Two \$300.00 scholarships were awarded to deserving students working toward their college degree. The chapter offers excellent speakers at their regular meetings and recertification points. The speakers continue to educate members with presentations that include understanding and working with the four generations, helping the workplace be more productive and the paperless office. All chapter members are given the opportunity to attend the monthly speaker presentation, prior to the regular business meeting, at **no charge**.

More than half of Elgin Chapter members are certified and recertification is an ongoing experience yearly. Members assist each other with review and new members are notified when and where the certification exam takes place. The certification chairman updates everyone with a regular column in the Chapter's monthly newsletter (The Tower Newsletter).

Power of Commitment has been the motto for Elgin Chapter IAAP during the 2009-2010 year. The chapter is a professional chapter with dedicated members, mentoring new members, volunteering for committees and Elgin Chapter is on the IAAP Web Community.

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