



Dear Central Florida ASPA Member:

Happy Thanksgiving! I would first like to thank all of you that were able to join us for last week's luncheon. We had a great turn out for this event, and we were privileged to have Mr. Dean Sprague, City Manager for the City of Maitland, speaking on innovative strategies for localities amidst budgetary constraints. Mr. Sprague's optimistic and energetic approach to the current property tax reform budget cuts provided a fresh and much needed point of view for public administrators in the state to adopt. If you were not able to attend this lively presentation, we have uploaded a copy of Mr. Sprague's PowerPoint presentation on our website, and urge you to take a look at it. http://www.aspaonline.org/centralflorida/ASPA_11_15_07.ppt

There are a number of exciting events coming up that our Central Florida Chapter is hosting in early 2008, and I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of some of these. First, we hope that you will join us in January for our monthly luncheon at the Citrus Club in downtown Orlando. Our guest speaker will be Ms. Kathy Russell, Director of Governmental Relations for the City of Orlando and a member of Mayor Dyer's office. The issue of property tax reform will go before the voters on January 29, 2008, and this meeting is sure to provide the latest information on the issue for local government practitioners, academics, and students.

In partnership with the University of Central Florida, the Central Florida Chapter of ASPA is again co-sponsoring two terrific conferences for practitioners and students alike in early 2008. On February 1st we will be co-hosting the 7th Annual Non-Profit Conference at the Rosen College entitled the "Changing Face of Nonprofit Management." On March 28th our ASPA Chapter will co-host the 2nd Annual Conference for Public Administration will be held at the Fairwinds Alumni Center focusing on "Innovation in Government". We are currently accepting papers and proposals for this event, and more information may be found on our website. For more information on these events, please visit our website events page at: <http://www.aspaonline.org/centralflorida/events.html>

2008 is going to be a great year for public administration, with a number of opportunities for educational and professional development. If you would like to become more informed on events and opportunities our Chapter is working on, we urge you to become a member of our listserve today. The Chapter listserv is a great way to stay up to date on new developments within our organization, and to connect you with other students and professionals in Public Administration. To sign up for our listserv, please visit our link at: http://aspaonline.org/mailman/listinfo/centralflorida_aspaonline.org

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season. We hope to see you in 2008!

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