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Newsletter of the South Florida Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration

Notes from the Editor

By: Tatiana Escobar

It is almost that time of the year again, and the ASPA South Florida Chapter didn't want to let the year end without letting our fellow members know the latest events and opportunities available to all of them.

The ASPA South Florida Chapter Board of Directors has been working very hard to provide members with valuable opportunities to network and to be current with the situation of local governments. Our organization continues to set the example in many charities by volunteering time and donations and contributing to various causes. Finally, ASPA continues to involve valuable practitioners as guest speakers of the luncheon series who provide an inside to many of the challenges faced by public administrators today. Don't miss out on our upcoming events!!

President's Holiday Message.



The holidays are upon us and ever so swiftly we are not only looking at the end of one year but the beginning of another and the promise of fleeting moments as we face the challenges of our time. In spite of this however, we continue to be energetic and optimistic as we accept these challenges and overcome them. I would like to extend to each and every member of the South Florida Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration best wishes for a very happy, healthy and peaceful holiday season, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. Let us use this time to celebrate our successes and regenerate for those that we must continue to work towards.

Our Best Practices Conference is approaching very quickly and before you know it April 23rd would be upon us. I am asking for your help to make this the best ever as we continue to raise the

performance bar for our profession here in South Florida. My fellow ASPA members, our Association needs you and your input because a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Join me in continuing to work towards those objectives. Have a happy, healthy and prosperous holiday season and all the best for 2010.

Sincerely
Glenn Joseph
President, ASPA South Florida Chapter

Upcoming Events

Local Events

We want to remind all of our members that our events are open to everyone interested in public service, so please feel free to share this calendar of events with your colleagues, students, and professors. Visit our new and improved website: aspaonline.org/southfla for additional information.

ASPA Annual Holiday Reception

December 12, 2009

Cost: Free to members although we request to bring an unwrapped toy to be donated.

11338 Miramar Parkway

Miramar, FL

954-437-0071 6:30-9:30 P.M. at L & L Market Bistro

Professional Development Seminar

January 8, 2010

Cost:

Miami Art Museum

101 West Flagler Street

Miami, FL 33130-1504

January Luncheon

January 20, 2010

Casa Juancho Restaurant

2436 SW 8th Street, Miami

12:00-1:30 Cost: \$15 includes salad, entree, sangria & desert

ASPA Annual Black History Month Celebration

February 21, 2009 12 – 5 pm

Cost: Free although we request you bring a dish to share

Historic Virginia Key Beach Park

Bring the family and spend a day at the park with your ASPA family

ASPA Annual Women's History Month Reception

March 11, 2009

Cost: Free

Miami-Dade County Main Library

101 West Flagler Street, Miami

ASPA honors outstanding women in our community

ASPA 4th ANNUAL BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE

Conference Theme: "PUBLIC SERVICE IN TRANSITION"

April 23, 2010 7am – 5 pm

Florida Memorial University,

Miami Gardens, FL. For more information please click [here](#).

National Level Events

Start marking your calendars; next year has many Conferences that might be of your interest.

Southern Political Science Association

January 7-9, 2010

Atlanta, Georgia

For more information and registration for this event please click [here](#).

ASPA Annual Conference - Invigorating Public Service for Change

April 9-13, 2010

San Jose, California

For all of you who participated in the past ASPA Annual Conference in Miami in March 2009, you know how enriching are the seminars directed to mix practitioners and academia to really find "Best Practices" in public administration. That opportunity will come again in San Jose, California April 9-13, 2010, don't miss it. [Registration](#) for the Conference, as well as for the [hotel](#) is already available.

Midwest Political Sciences Association Meeting

April 22-25, 2010

Chicago, Illinois. For more information on this conference please click [here](#).

Past ASPA Events

Southeastern Conference on Public Administration (SECOPA) 2009 Annual Conference

September 30 to October 3, 2009

Louisville, Kentucky

District IV ASPA Conference

October 1-3, 2009
Omaha, Nebraska

International Conference on Public Administration (2009 ICPA)

October 23-25, 2009
Chengdu, China

2nd Annual ASPA/ The Public Manager Conference

"Strengthening Trust in Government: Opening Dialogues, Building Collaborations"
November 2-3, 2009
Washington, DC

Consul General of Trinidad & Tobago in Miami Attends ASPA September Luncheon

By: Roslyn Alic-Batson



The Consul General of the Twin Island Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Ms. Laura Marie West attended the luncheon and gave greetings on behalf of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago. Expressing her gratitude for having the opportunity to attend this event at which a national of her country was being installed as President, she began by giving a brief overview of the country and extended an invitation to all in attendance to visit her Island Paradise. Ms. West provided a glimpse into the policy objectives with respect to the encouragement of business and trade while outlining her office's role as a

facilitator for this type of activity. Ms. West was gracious in expressing her gratitude for her inclusion in the program and also stated that she would remain available to support and assist opportunity should present itself.

Circuit Court Jurist Mr. Peter Adrien Presides Over Chapter Installation.

By: Roslyn Alic-Batson

The Chapter Installation of Officers took place on September 16, 2009 at Casa Juancho Restaurant marking the beginning of the Term of Office for the new Administration. The Installation Officer was the Honorable Peter Adrien Circuit Court Judge for the 11th District of Miami-Dade County. In his post Installation Address he charged the members of the new administration to continue the delivery of service that the chapter has become known for and, he volunteered his services whenever needed to continue our thrust towards Best Practices.



The monthly luncheon meetings of the Chapter continues to be our best opportunity at which we can encourage overall general participation from the constituencies we serve. Our task is to generate the required participation and in so doing encourage our luncheon visitors to join ASPA and help us to reach our goal.

Susan G. Komen – Race for the Cure

By: Roslyn Alic-Batson

Our President Glenn Joseph and Corresponding Secretary, Roslyn Alic-Batson participated in the walk “United for the Cure” on October 14 to support the Susan G. Komen Race For the Cure which took place in downtown Miami. They walked with D’Limers Group, lots of money was raised for breast cancer research and a good time was had by all.



Broward County Administrator Bertha Henry Speaks to Chapter

By: Bill Solomon



On October 22, 2009, the South Florida Chapter held its monthly luncheon meeting at Tropi-Bleu Restaurant in Miramar. This location was chosen to enable our members that reside and work in the northern portions of Miami-Dade and Broward County to attend. Our luncheon speaker was Ms. Bertha Henry, the Broward County Administrator. Ms. Henry presented a wonderful, down to earth perspective on the realities of the public service and life as a County Administrator. She is a hands-on manager who has been known to become a “secret shopper”. Ms. Henry has gone incognito to departments that provide services to Broward

County customers and watched to see that staff is providing excellent customer service. Ms. Henry hopes to become more involved in the South Florida Chapter and she will urge staff to join us at future meetings.

We also had a special guest, ASPA Vice-Presidential candidate, Tom Liou. If you haven’t voted in the ASPA elections, please cast your vote. Our speaker will be. We hope to see you there.

Radical Changes in Us Southern Command Revealed at the ASPA November Luncheon

By: Ray de Arrigunaga

At the ASPA luncheon at Casa Juancho on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, it was revealed that massive internal and philosophical changes were taking place within the Greater Miami-based United States Southern Command, whose Headquarters is located in the City of Doral. Our guest speaker was US Army Colonel Norberto Cintron, USSOUTHCOM Command Engineer, responsible for all command-related construction and civil engineering projects within USSOUTHCOM’s area of responsibility, which includes all of Central & South America (excluding Mexico) as well as the Caribbean Islands, excluding Puerto Rico & the US Virgin Islands.



Under the Pentagon's Unified Command Plan, US military operations are conducted by 10 different military organizations spread throughout the world. For example, current combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan are conducted by the US Central Command, which has its Headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida. US Pacific Command has its Headquarters in Honolulu, Hawaii, and is responsible for all military operations in the Pacific, which includes all of Southeast Asia, Australia, New Zealand, China, India, Japan and all of the other Pacific Islands.

Other geographically oriented organizations include the European Command, responsible for military operations in Europe and Russia; the African Command, responsible for military operations in Africa, excluding Egypt; and, the Northern Command, responsible for military operations in the US, Canada and Mexico.

The remaining four organizations are functionally oriented and can conduct military operations independently anywhere in the world, or as supporting forces to the six geographically-oriented commanders, as cited above. These four include the US Special Operations Command, the US Transportation Command, the US Joint Forces Command and the US Strategic Command.

According to Colonel Cintron, in USSOUTHCOM, the emphasis is changing from military combat operations to one focused on nation building, humanitarian assistance and civilian security. The thought is that by providing US military assistance in these areas, the requirement for combat operations, over the long term, will be greatly diminished. USSOUTHCOM has gone so far as to internally re-organize itself from a combat-oriented focus to one involving partnerships with NGOs and other civilian agencies, to include foreign assistance organizations within the US Government, such as the US Agency for International Development, and the Peace Corps.

The long term philosophy is predicated on the assumption that the US military has an enormous reservoir of skills which can be utilized not only in combat operations, but in nation-building and humanitarian efforts as well. In many countries in Latin America, only those countries' military has the capability to perform in a similar fashion. Therefore, USSOUTHCOM's efforts are being focused on working with the host country's military to enhance the overall quality of life of its civilian population as well as its security.

In the long run, it makes sense to expend these efforts in these areas and to consider combat operations only as a last result. By taking these preventive measures now, it is hoped that combat operations may never have to be employed, and that the overall quality of life of the civilian population will be greatly enhanced.

This philosophy is evolving as a result of "lessons learned" by the US in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is anticipated that the new, US African Command will pattern itself after USSOUTHCOM.

Kudos

Congratulations Ingrid!

Our very own ASPA Board Member Ingrid Stuart was the recipient of the Joyce Galya Scholarship Award presented at the National Philanthropy Day 25th Anniversary Celebration on November 18, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Miami. The event was hosted by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Greater Miami Chapter. The AFP is a professional service organization that fosters education, professional growth, and ethical practices in the management of philanthropy in Miami-Dade County.



Job Listings & Internships

ASPA's online career center at PublicServiceCareers.org aids members' career development at all levels, and offers the most comprehensive and useful information about careers in the field.

The new site has been launched in partnership with the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) and the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). It has been created to strengthen the visibility and identity of the public service career sector, and to provide a resource on the web, which will aid career development at all levels.

There are also internship opportunities to get a first hand approach to the public sector. Miami-Dade County is offering these programs. They are directed to undergraduate or graduates college students. If you are interested or know someone who is please click [here](#).

ASPA Membership Benefits

Wondering what ASPA can do for you? ASPA can help you build a more secure future with a wide variety of insurance options. Because of your ASPA membership, these plans are offered to you at affordable group rates. For additional information about the various plans, click on the link or contact Selman and Company at the number below.

Disability Income Insurance

Disability income insurance can help protect you and your family.

NEW! Auto & Home Insurance - Group Savings Plus®

Group Savings Plus®, provides real money savings with a superior combination of products, service and convenience.

Accidental Death & Dismemberment

An Accident Protection Insurance plan can help protect you from the unforeseen expenses caused by a covered accidental death or injury.

Group Term Life Insurance: 10 year level premium

ASPA is pleased to provide you with a term life insurance plan that will allow you to provide a safety net in the event of your untimely death. By planning ahead, you can provide for your family's future.

Group Term Life Insurance: 5 year age-banded rate

Carefully chosen life insurance coverage can help ease financial strain and provide money your spouse and dependents need for a secure future.

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This plan is complementary coverage designed to cover additional medical expenses not normally covered by your regular health insurance.

Hospital Income Insurance

The benefits payable under this plan can help ease the financial difficulties of a hospital stay so you or your loved one may focus on getting well.

Cancer Protection

Cancer Protection Insurance is designed to help protect members and their families against potential financial losses associated with the treatment of cancer.

Long Term Care

Long Term Care Insurance allows you to remain independent of government assistance and from relying on loved ones to provide your care.

Guaranteed Issue Term Life

A new term life insurance program exclusively for our members 45-75 years of age.

Contact: Selman & Company

Address: 6110 Parkland Blvd

Cleveland OH 44124-4187

Phone: 800-556-7614

Member Benefits

1. Networking-Interactions with professional public managers not only provide the basis for lasting friendships, but offers opportunities for informal consultation with skilled professionals on matters of public concern.
2. Professional Development-A series of luncheon speakers and professional development seminars on cutting edge topics enable you to develop critical technical, ethical and leadership competencies.
3. News and Views-ASPA membership is one way to keep your finger on the pulse of what is happening in your community.
4. Advancing Public Service-Learning about best practices provides the opportunity to better serve the citizenry of Miami-Dade County and other parts of South Florida
5. Conference Participation-Supplementing ASPA's national and state conferences on public

administration is the inauguration of a South Florida conference with informative presentations from professional practitioners and academics.

6. Visibility Among Peers - ASPA's South Florida chapter rewards excellence in public service with annual awards, scholarships, internships and other forms of personal recognition for outstanding performance.

7. Community Service-Chapter efforts are designed to provide outreach and special assistance to needy segments of our community.

8. Liaison with Educational Efforts-The chapter has established linkages with higher educational institutions to encourage students to consider careers in public service.

9. Public-Private Partnerships-The ASPA chapter is cultivating close relationships with nonprofit and private sector service providers in recognition of the changing face of the public service profession.

New Members

Every quarter we welcome our new members

Jeaneen Clauss	Rene Lazaro Hernandez	Nancy C. Solomon
Stephen Farinas	G. Eulanda James	Lauren Villalba

Board Members

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Bill Solomon

New Ideas

As an organization that values interaction between academia and practitioners, ASPA South Florida Chapter would like to invite you to share your ideas to improve public administration either by e-mail at aspasouthfla@yahoo.com or by attending one of our programs and talking to any of the board members.

How to Join

Future members can easily join by attending one of the many events planned at fill out an application form onsite or online by filling the application posted at [ASPA APPLICATION](#)