

SGMP

Louisiana Chapter

Quarterly Newsletter - Jan/Feb/March

2010

**SGMP LOUISIANA
CHAPTER IS 3 YEARS OLD**

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF
THE MEMBERS THAT ARE
A PART OF THIS
WONDERFUL CHAPTER**

SAVE THE DATE

March 11, 2010

“Government Meeting Tool Box/ Cost Effective Meetings”

Cambria Suites - Baton Rouge

April 8, 2010

“Emergency Preparedness & Crisis Communications”

Holiday Inn - College Drive Baton Rouge

Financial Statement

Bank Balance

\$5,367.73



SGMP Yarn Drive

Cancer Action Center is the Society of Government Meeting Professionals special charity for our National Conference in May 2010.

This non-profit organization is local, with three offices providing services to the Kansas City Metro area. They provide rides for patients to doctor visits, chemo therapy and radiation. They also provide financial assistances to those in need. They provide a hand-made comfort item to each new cancer patient that walks through their doors.

At each of the monthly meetings, your SGMP board will be collecting skeins of



Cindy Saito

Wife, mother, creative image writer

“Someone told me to go to Cancer Action, you're in for a surprise. They were right.”

[Read the full story here](#)

yarn that you so generously donate. Please don't forget to bring your yarn! The more yarn collected, the more blankets the Cancer Action Volunteers can make!

In addition to the Yarn Drive, financial donations are needed. Let's make a

commitment to SGMP's National Charity. We need each Chapter's financial support to make this fundraising endeavor a huge success.

If you have any questions, please call Mindy Lallier at (913) 491-0123.

If you plan on attending SGMP's National Conference in May, you may bring your yarn or ship it to:

Mindy Lallier

9001 W. 110th Street

Overland Park, KS 66210



Attendee/Exhibitor Registration Now Available

SGMP members are welcome to register as attendees, as well as, exhibitors for the 2010 National Education Conference and Trade Show in Kansas City, MO from May 19-22, 2010.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to engage in education and networking with fellow SGMP members and government meeting leaders.

Go to sgmp.org for online registration and detailed information.

SGMP Social Network

SGMP is proud to announce the opening of the SGMP Social Network. SGMP, in partnership with the association management system, Avectra, has created an online social network.

SGMP's Social Network is most similar to Twitter in the restriction of characters in a single comment. We have created a small number of groups that headquarters thought members might use for discussion. With this system, you can create your own profile and upload a professional photo. You can also link to your professional Twitter and Flickr or Picasa accounts. To access this new tool, one you login, just click on "Connect & Share" and create your new Username for the SGMP Social Network.

In order to find another SGMP member, click on the search box and search the network member list by name. Once you both "follow" each other, you will be able to send personal messages. All other messages are public and are subject to review.

If you have not logged in to the new Members Only area, do so now. If you need help with your password or logging in, please contact Mike Downard at membership@sgmp.org.

Why belong to SGMP Louisiana Chapter?



- Information on the latest techniques and services available to ensure successful meetings
- Education in areas of meeting planning
- Networking opportunities
- Attending the National Conference, monthly educational programs, newsletters and chapter affiliation

- Professional contact with other government planners and suppliers knowledgeable in government contracting
- The people and friendships you create

Scholarship Opportunities to Attend National Conference

The scholarship application for the 2010 National Educational Conference in Kansas City, MO on May 19-22, 2010 is available on sgmp.org.

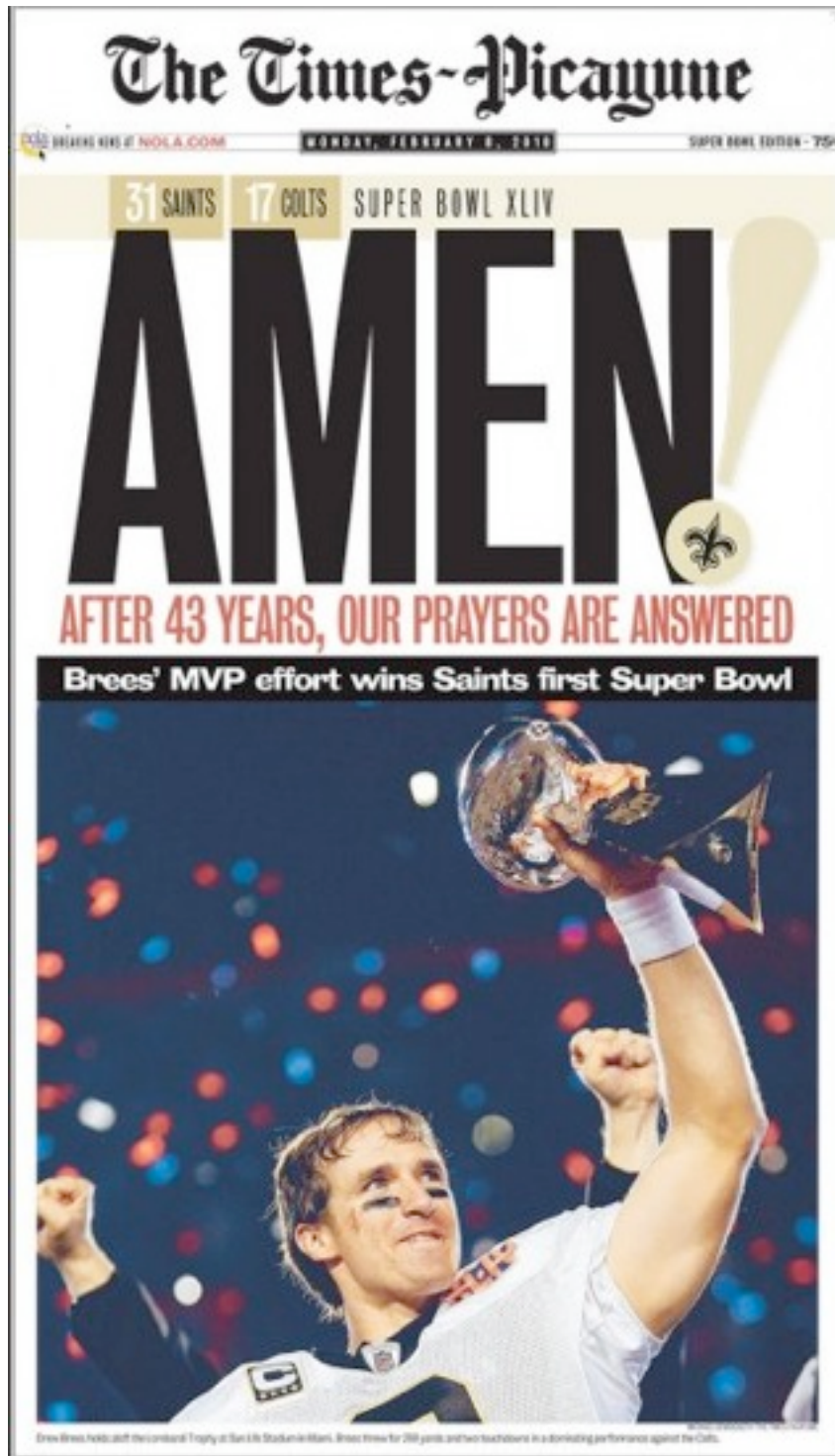
Thank you

We can't express our gratitude enough to the hotels that hold our monthly educational meetings.

Thank you Radisson in Baton Rouge for hosting January's Meeting and Thank you Hampton Inn & Suites in New Orleans for hosting February's Meeting.

Congratulations New Orleans!

Your city has been selected to host the 2012 SGMP National Conference



**Congratulations to our beloved New Orleans
Champion Saints. Thank you for an amazing
2009-2010 season.**