



The Fine Print

The Newsletter of the Maryland Public Purchasing Association, Inc.
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE –
George F. Dietsch, CPPO**

As your President, I've had the opportunity to meet many new people in Maryland Public Purchasing. I also had the opportunity to represent our fine organization at the National Institute of Government Purchasing forum and the regional conference hosted by the Pennsylvania chapter. The meetings that I attended allowed me to focus on national purchasing problems bringing resolution in an open dialogue forum to many similar tribulations. As an organization, our support of NIGP reaps benefits tenfold. We should not lose sight of the ability to network with our peers.

To those board members, I give my heartfelt thanks and appreciation. The board has worked diligently in seeking to balance their own workload with the responsibilities associated with taking care of MPPA business. The board has been focused on issues relative to the success and betterment of our membership. I hope that they will continue to provide their time and effort in helping make our organization become bigger, better and more informed in all areas of importance. Maryland Public Purchasing Association can be proud of dedicated service that their members provide serving on various committees. All committee chairs, volunteers and directors thanks for all your work.

I congratulate the incoming president and board members and I look forward to working with them in the coming year. The association needs assistance from our membership to maintain a strong organization. I ask each member to make an attempt to attend our general membership meetings and to try and find some time to take an active part in MPPA. You learn and earn the respect of others when you give back.

I wish all a very Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year.

*"WE TURN, NOT OLDER WITH YEARS, BUT NEWER EVERY DAY."
Emily Dickson*

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Debbie Meehan, Facilities Chair

WHEN: Saturday, January 22, 2005
From 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: The Bowman Restaurant
9306 Harford Road
Baltimore, MD 21234
Phone: 410-665-8600

COST: \$29.00 per person (members/guests)

DRESS: Business Casual

FOOD: Menu served will be the "Deluxe Hot Buffet". We will offer a "Cash Bar".

ENTERTAINMENT: Music by "Norm and Carlos".

NOTE: Rick Grimm, CPPO, CPPB - Chief Executive Officer of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) has again graciously accepted the invitation to be in attendance to perform the installation ceremony.

Reservations and Payment are due no later than **Friday, January 14, 2005**. Please send your reservations and checks made payable to MPPA, Inc., c/o Deborah L. Meehan, CPPB, Chief Procurement Officer, Baltimore County, Maryland Purchasing Bureau, 400 Washington Avenue, Room 148, Towson, MD 21204-4665. Should you have any questions, you may contact Debbie at telephone 410-887-4637 or via e-mail: dmeehan@co.ba.md.us.

MEMBERSHIP

Darla H. Herbold, CPPO

"Did You Know" that under Darla's Chairmanship of the Membership Committee, MPPA has added an average of 36 new members per year between 2001 and 2004.

MPPA warmly welcomes the following professional purchasing practitioners who were accepted into membership by the MPPA Executive Board:

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RECOGNITION REPORT

Pam Jones, CPPB, MBA, CPM

Announcements

Please remember, if you'd like to forward information to be published (e.g., recent certification, promotion, etc.), please contact me at pam.jones@montgomerycountymd.gov or Tom at thomas.savoie@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Awards

Reminder—the recipients of the *Zemansky and Distinguished Service Awards* will be announced and presented their awards at the Installation of Officers and Directors Reception/Meeting in January.

Please begin gathering your documentation early if you are interested in being considered for the *Buyer or Manager of the Year Awards* for next year. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else deserving, an application for candidacy will need to be submitted; more information will be provided in the February/March Newsletter. Application submittals (electronically) will be due sometime in March to my attention for submission to the Board. To get an early start, you can review the criteria, directions, and entry forms on NIGP's website at <http://www.nigp.org/chapter/AwardProgram.pdf>.

Promotion

Congratulations Debbie! **Debbie Meehan** was recently promoted to the position of the Chief Procurement Officer for Baltimore County

New Certification

CONGRATULATIONS to the following individuals:

New CPPB/CPPO (September/October) report from NIGP)

Kevin Driscoll, CPPB, Procurement Specialist I, City of Baltimore Purchasing Bureau (October). *Kevin sent the following e-mail relating to this achievement to the Editor of "The Fine Print". His announcement has not been edited and is being printed as received: "The first time I was recognized for any achievement, other than being known as "Double dribble Driscoll" on my seventh grade basketball team, Sister Paula wrote on the chalk board after I was accepted into Towson Catholic High as "The eighth wonder of the world." I only wish Sister Paula was still around to see the ninth wonder...Kevin Driscoll – CPPB, I am honored to be part of this society of purchasing professionals." Congratulations, Kevin, Procurement Specialist I, City of Baltimore Purchasing Bureau--you may want to forward a copy of this newsletter to Sister Paula!*

Maryland Rawlinson, CPPB, Procurement Specialist I, City of Baltimore Purchasing Bureau (October)

Re-Certified CPPB/CPPO (September/October) report from NIGP)

Carol Dakin, CPPB, Buyer, Wicomico County Board of Education (September)

Robert Garvey, CPPB, Contract Specialist, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) (September)

Gail Tutko, CPPB, Procurement Section Chief, Maryland State Highway Administration (September)

Moysey Krupnik, CPPB, Electrical Engineer III, City of Baltimore Purchasing Bureau (October)

Irene Hoffman, CPPO, Chief of Procurement, Maryland Environmental Services (October)

Dual Re-Certifications CPPB/CPPO (September/October report from NIGP)
N/A

William L. Schull, CPPB, C.P.M. - Purchasing Agent for Anne Arundel County Purchasing, is pleased to advise that Ms. Rebecca Zimmerman, C.P.M. received her CPPB on 11/24/04. Becky is a Buyer II with Anne Arundel County's Purchasing Division. Congratulations to Becky on this accomplishment!

2005 ELECTION RESULTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

President:

Stephen J. Ports, CPPB

Vice-President:

Mark Pemberton, C.P.M.

Treasurer:

Donita L. Hood, CPPB

Secretary:

Maureen Flickinger, CPPB (Carroll County Purchasing)

DIRECTORS

Mike Haifley, CPPO, C.P.M.

Debbie Meehan, CPPB (completion of resigned member's position for 1-year term)

Janet Wormack, CPPO

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Rich Shelton

If anyone would like to have us look into a class they would like to attend that isn't on the proposed schedule, they can call Mary or Rich at 410-386-2181. When Montgomery College confirms a date for the certification test and review classes in 2005, the membership will be advised.

PROPOSED SEMINAR SCHEDULE* FOR 2005

(Location: Carroll Community College)

March 16, 17, 18, 2005 3 Days	Sourcing the Public Sector
April 13, 14, 15, 2005 3 Days	Developing and Managing RFP's in the Public Sector
May 4, 5, 6, 2005 3 Days	Contract Administration
July 6, 7, 8 2005 3 Days	Introduction to Public Procurement
August 3, 4, 5 2005 3 Days	Legal Aspects of Purchasing
September 14, 15, 16 2005 3 Days	Planning, Scheduling and Requirement Analysis
September 27, 2005 1 Day	Alternative Dispute Resolution
October 5, 6, 2005 2 Days	Project Management for Workgroups
October 7, 2005 1 Day	Adding Value to the Procurement Process
November 2, 3, 2005 2 Days	Contracting for Services
November 4, 2005 1 Day	To Be Determined
*Pending NIGP approval	

The following e-mail was received by the Editor from a retired fellow MPPA member (previously employed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission) and is being printed with her permission:

Merry Christmas to all my good friends in Maryland Public Purchasing!!

*Hello Karen,
I think of you often and hope each of you is well and happy. I survived 3 hurricanes without a bruise or shingle off of the house. And, for that I am very thankful. They tell me we are getting a new Florida Flag and it will be a Blue Tarp! No kidding they are still fixing roofs around here.*

I am working 3 days a week for Armstrong Builders in Summerfield FL. They are building a gated community named Stonecrest. They keep me busy as their receptionist and it is fun to meet and greet people.

For fun I have been taking keyboard lessons for the past year and just started taking ballroom dancing. The studio I dance with is very competitive and I hope to be able to compete this summer. It is a great way to get exercise and have fun at the same time.

My family is doing great. All are well and happy and I am joining them in MD for Christmas. I'll be there 12/19-12/29. It will be wonderful to be home for Christmas.

Keep me posted about what is happening with MPPA. I miss you guys.

Merry Christmas with love and hugs,

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aka

Theresa de Grasse

OBITUARY

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend by the name of Common Sense who has been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such value lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm and that life isn't always fair.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge).

His health began to rapidly deteriorate when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place.

Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student; but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Finally, Common sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, she spilled a bit in her lap, and was awarded a huge settlement

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason.

He is survived by two stepbrothers, My Rights and Ima Whiner.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still know him pass this on, if not join the majority and do nothing.

HOW CAN YOU LIVE ON WITHOUT KNOWING THESE THINGS?

Many years ago, in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

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The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

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Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.

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Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

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Coca-Cola was originally green.

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It is impossible to lick your elbow.

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The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska

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The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...)

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

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The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400

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The average number of people airborne over the US any given hour: 61,000

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Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

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The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

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The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

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Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David

Hearts - Charlemagne

Clubs - Alexander, the Great

Diamonds - Julius Caesar

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If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

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Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?

A. Their birthplace

Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested?

A. Obsession

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?

A. One thousand

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

A. All invented by women.

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey

Q. Which day is there more collect calls than any other day of the year?

A. Father's Day

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase..... "goodnight, sleep tight."

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month ...that we know today as the honeymoon.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts...So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down." It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's"

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

~~~~~AND FINALLY~~~~~

At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow!