

Coastal Georgia Chapter NIGP

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



COASTAL GEORGIA CHAPTER
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President's Message - 4th Quarter 2020

NIGP Coastal Georgia Chapter Members:

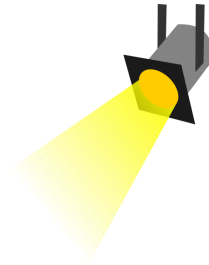
Happy Holidays! I hope you all are doing well. What a challenging year it has been! With all that has happened over the last nine (9) months, some of us may be glad to see 2020 come to a close. With many restrictions still in place, we strive to continue to offer virtual meetings and activities to our awesome members. Covid-19 health concerns continue to drive the need for automation across the entire procurement profession. As we continue dealing with the unprecedented changes and disruptions to our work schedules and family lives, an important part of moving forward is capturing lessons learned from our experiences. Because of you, our Coastal Georgia Chapter has remained successful! I want to thank you all for staying engaged and continuing to participate in our meetings and activities. You all have been amazing, and I am so grateful for all of you!

We are gearing up for our last quarterly meeting for 2020, and your Officers and Committee Members have proposed some fun virtual Christmas Party ideas that we hope you will participate in and enjoy! You will find information on our upcoming meeting and other events and volunteer opportunities within this newsletter. We hope you will join us for what we hope to be a fun and memorable occasion for all!

Positives, Negatives, Advantages, Disadvantages ... We would love to hear from you! Tell us how things are going, and some of the challenges, both positive and negative, that you are facing or have faced personally and professionally? How are those challenges affecting you? Is there anything that we can do to help support you? Please share your stories with us, as it may be helpful to some of our members as they learn to adjust to the challenges we have all experienced. We would love to have our members feedback.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting! Stay safe and take care!





Joy Kerkhoff CPPB/CPPO
Retired

1. Are you native to Savannah? No, I was born in Dayton, Ohio but have lived in Savannah for 26 years. We moved here for my husband's job.
2. How long have you been involved in the profession? 41 years! 5 years in the private sector, 36 years in government.
3. What aspect of your career do you enjoy most? During my full time career, I loved writing bids and RFP's. It must be the English teacher in me (My original career!) coming out! In my retirement career, I enjoy the teaching process. The sharing of knowledge and information with those just starting in government procurement is very fulfilling.
4. What challenges do you experience in your career? Technology-learning to use it to my advantage and making it work when glitches occur - very frustrating!
5. What are your future goals? I would love to travel more- my bucket list includes the Grand Canyon and the northern Pacific coast.
6. How do you enjoy spending your free time? I love doing puzzles- jigsaw, Sudoku - and playing cards.
7. Tell us one thing about yourself that people might find surprising. I am adopted and reconnected with my birth family in 2012!

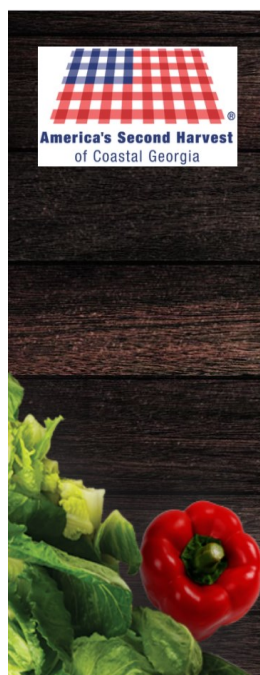


COASTAL GEORGIA CHAPTER COOKBOOK

Please share the love. Coastal Georgia Chapter of NIGP would like to gather some of your most enjoyable recipes and put together a cookbook that would be distributed to all the chapter members.

Email recipes and photos (optional) of your dish no later than **11/30/20** to: Tamela Wright twright@gaports.com

Great Job CGCNIGP !!! We raised \$526.00
Virtual Food Drive
America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia Food Bank



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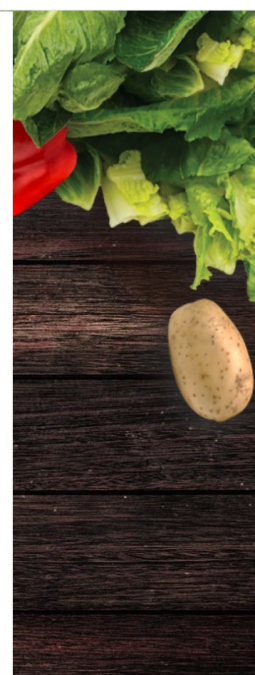
\$526.00
RAISED
 GOAL: \$202.00

HOSTED BY COASTAL GEORGIA CHAPTER OF NIGP

The Coastal Georgia Chapter of NIGP is hosting this virtual food drive to give back to our community. During the past few months we all have made some adjustments in our own lives and we are eager to be a helping hand for others that are in need. Our Chapter recognizes the efforts of America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia and to know that many of the programs are ran entirely on volunteers. So many families within the 21 counties depend on food donations and we are so happy to help.

SHOP VIRTUALLY
 TO DONATE FOOD

OR **DONATE NOW**



RECRUITMENT



******IF INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING ON THE
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CONTACT AN OFFICER
FOR MORE DETAILS**

*“Membership with this chapter
creates a distinctive and
invaluable networking resource
for creative solutions and support
for the unique challenges faced
within Procurement. “*

Recruitment

Tell others about the benefits of becoming a member of The Coastal Georgia Chapter NIGP!

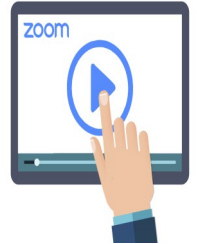
Many CGC members of NIGP enjoy the chapter's quarterly meetings and the opportunity to network with other local professionals in the field. Membership with the CGC also provides a wealth of educational opportunities. As a member of the CGC, you will also gain access to quarterly newsletters that highlight major events and procurement news.

The CGC is affiliated with the National Chapter of NIGP but operates independently. National membership is encouraged, however; members of the local CGC can participate regardless of their membership status nationally.

Visit our website at <https://cgcnigp.com/> for membership information, to view learning opportunities, and check out events!

**tell
someone!**

UPCOMING EVENTS



December 11, 2020

Virtual Coastal Georgia Chapter of NIGP Christmas Party

Topic: Coastal Georgia Chapter NIGP - 4th Quarter Meeting (Area 4)

Time: 12:00 p.m. –1:30 p.m.

(Members can log on as early as 11:45 a.m.)

****Prior to meeting you will receive an e-mail with the link to RSVP and join Zoom Meeting**

We will be having a virtual Christmas Party and lunch will be provided for each entity.

Christmas Tune Game will be played after our meal so brush up on your Christmas songs to participate!!

SECRET SANTA

Purchase a gag gift (between \$5 - \$10) for the person whose name you've drawn. Wrap the gift and type a label with the person's name on it, not to be opened until the virtual Christmas Party. One representative from each entity will collect the gifts and meet at a central location prior to the Christmas party to distribute the gifts. Each representative will take the gifts for their entity back to be opened during the party.

Secret Santa Generator App will be used to draw names the Only information needed would be there name and email address for those that would like to participate.

Collaborative Playlist for CGC NIGP

**During the Christmas Party we will be playing everyone's favorite Christmas songs while we are having lunch.
see attached instructions**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coastal Georgia Chapter has sponsored five (5) wreaths for GAWAWA - Warriors Walk and we would like members to volunteer for the wreath laying ceremony at Ft. Stewart, GA click below to register.

<https://wreathsasscrossamerica.org/pages/15669/Overview/?relatedId=159500>



[GAWAWA - Warriors Walk](#)

Gulick Ave & 6th St

Fort Stewart, GA 31315

Start: 12/19/20 at 12:00 pm

End: until wreaths are placed

Participant Limitations: No limitations, please bring as many family and friends as possible.

Also, for the wreath placement at Warriors Walk , please feel to bring as many family and friends with you to share Wreaths Across America Day, even if you did not specifically register them. This cemetery is able to accommodate all that show up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Wish List

Coastal Georgia Chapter will be sponsoring two (2) young children from Casa: \$5 from each member to sponsor one (1) child. Coastal Georgia Chapter will then match this sponsorship for the 2nd child.



Stay Connected



Facebook: Coastal Georgia Chapter NIGP



Website: <http://cgcnigp.com/>



Email: coastalchapternigp@cgcnigp.com

Professional Development

Upcoming Webinars

Content Corner: How to Maximize Training Budgets

Workforce development in a recession. Get tips on how to access professional development on a limited budget.

FREE to All

Contact Hour: 1 | 2PM - 3PM (ET)

[NOVEMBER 19](#)

You are Certified by the UPPCC. Congratulations! What is Your Next Journey?

Learn how you can apply for the NIGP-CPP certification via an abbreviated online application and prepare for the modular exam that will focus only on those topics not covered in the UPPCC exam.

FREE to All

Contact Hour: 1 | 2PM - 3:30PM (ET)

[DECEMBER 2](#)

Content Corner: NIGP-CPP Q&A

A special question and answer session around our new NIGP Certified Procurement Professional (NIGP-CPP). Get answers to all your burning questions.

FREE to All

Contact Hour: 1 | 2PM - 3PM (ET)

[DECEMBER 8](#)

*COASTAL GEORGIA CHAPTER NIGP WISHES
YOU THE BEST ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!*



Robin Maurer *October 25*

Lynn Strickland *October 27*

Zikiya Miller *December 13*

Tamela Wright *December 13*

Dawoud Stevenson *December 16*

Andrea Bossart *December 20*

Kathleen Watson-Scott *December 21*

Dwayne Bailey *December 31*



What's Happening

INFORMATION NIGP

New Logo and Website

NIGP has a whole new look, but our mission remains the same. They have changed their logo and updated their website. Please visit <https://www.nigp.org> and see their new look. See their notification below.

We're excited to present our [revamped website](#). It's a project that's been over a year in the making and (like everything we do) was inspired by you. You and your learning journey. Every detail, every nuance is for you and about you.

This new digital experience is another example of how we are reimagining public procurement learning and recognition as we elevate the profession and accelerate your performance.

We hope you enjoy your 'new' learning journey. We are proud to share this with you and even more proud to have you as a member of NIGP. Let us know what you think

NIGP'S DIGITAL PATHWAYS REBATE PROGRAM

One new way that we are offering additional support to our chapters is through an expanded chapter rebate program which affords the chapters the ability to earn the 10% rebate for any chapter members that attend NIGP's digital Pathways offerings through June 2021. All chapters will receive 10% of the gross registration fee for any member indicating their home chapter at the time of registration through December 31, 2020 for selected NIGP digitally offered courses scheduled through June. All we ask is that you help market the courses to your members. A link to our online digital course calendar can be found on our [website](#). We suggest adding this calendar to your chapter website, mentioning it in your newsletters and teleconferences, etc. in order to gain maximum financial benefit for your chapter.

NIGP-CPP Certification

Have you thought about getting certified but you're not sure where to begin?

Registration is now open for November 2020 and February 2021 testing.

Certification is a proven method for public procurement professionals to invest in your career success. Since we launched the NIGP-CPP in February, hundreds of your peers in procurement have already applied for certification. And, 118 individuals have attained the new NIGP-CPP certification with many more expected after November 2020 testing. What's holding you back?

The [NIGP Certified Procurement Professional](#) (NIGP-CPP) certification program was designed to assess all the critical competencies needed for today's evolving public procurement professional. The NIGP-CPP opens doors of certification to so many more procurement professionals because we made it relevant, flexible and offers multiple paths to realize your aspirations.

The NIGP-CPP Certification is designed for mid-to-executive level professionals and offers choice, flexibility and most importantly, multiple eligibility paths to certification based on education and years of relevant work experience.

The NIGP-CPP is based on the Public Procurement Competency Framework and complements existing certifications. One of the main differentiators is that the NIGP certification shifts the focus from gaining knowledge to assessing the full scope of your capabilities to include technical competencies, leadership and behavioral skills.

The NIGP-CPP opens doors to many more procurement professionals because we removed the barriers holding many of you back from getting certified, including requiring a bachelor's degree. [The two-module comprehensive exam](#) is available to those not currently certified by UPPCC (Pathways A-E), while current CPPO and CPPB certificates take only one-module (bridge) of the exam (Pathway F).

According to Don Buffum, NIGP Certification Chair and also one of the first recipients, *"NIGP-CPP is a symbol of the value we bring to our communities. It's something to be proud of. It recognizes what we do, the solutions we come up with, and the positive impact we have on the profession by applying our unique skillsets, experiences and expertise to the best of our abilities."*

It's not just what you know that's important, but how well you apply that knowledge in your every day work that enables you to be most effective. To learn more about the NIGP-CPP, download the [revised NIGP-CPP Handbook](#).

We encourage you to consider NIGP-CPP certification and be a part of the NIGP-CPP certified community.

As someone who has several years of public procurement experience and no certification through the UPPCC, you are the ideal candidate for the NIGP-CPP through Pathways A – E.

Pathway A

- Graduate degree related to public administration, public policy, supply chain, procurement, or economics
- 2 years (24 months) relevant full-time work experience involved with procurement (public or private, purchaser or seller) within the past 10 years

Pathway B

- Bachelors or higher degree (any discipline) and a graduate level certificate in public administration, public policy, supply chain, or procurement
- 3 years (36 months) relevant full-time work experience involved with procurement (public or private, purchaser or seller) within the past 10 years

Pathway C

- Bachelors or higher degree (any discipline)
- 4 years (48 months) relevant full-time work experience involved with procurement (public or private, purchaser or seller) within the past 10 years

Pathway D

Two-year post-secondary diploma (or) associate degree (any discipline) (or) a [NIGP Public Procurement Associate Designation](#)

- 6 years (72 months) relevant full-time work experience involved with procurement (public or private, purchaser or seller) within the past 10 years

Pathway E

- No Post-Secondary Diploma
- 8 years (96 months) relevant full-time work experience involved with procurement (public or private, purchaser or seller) within the past 10 years

Whatever we can do to help you find your eligibility path towards certification, please let us know at certification@nigp.org.

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