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Passing of the Charter

By Dale Ponder, CPPB

Can you believe that the Chapter is now into it's third year of existence? I recall the days when there were four of us, sitting around a conference table at the City of Yuma talking about how we could bring a



Past President, Larry Weeks (right) hands incoming President, Dale Ponder the Chapter's Charter

local NIGP chapter to Yuma. Three years later, and you have entrusted me with the awesome responsibility to take what Rocky and Larry have done to date, and build off of that. I think now is the time to thank both of them for the hard work and dedication that they have put into chartering and leading the Chapter.

I am excited about what is in store for this Chapter, but we cannot do it alone. Being a part of this chapter does require some involvement from each of you. I realize that these economic times are hard, and some of us are seeing the effects directly and personally. Some of you may have spouses, friends or family members that have been directly affected with the downturn of the economy, either locally, nationally or both. With that said, there are some opportunities that we will try to continue to offer each of you a "low cost" or "no cost" alternative to make sure that you have the tools necessary to properly equip you during these times. Now, perhaps more important than ever, is the time for us to make sure

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Newly Elected Chapter Officers

ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN!!

The Desert Southwest Chapter installed their new officers at the annual membership meeting.

This meeting took place on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at the Olive Garden at the Yuma Palms. The following officers were installed in their respective capacity:

President—Dale Ponder, CPPB
Crane Elementary School District No. 13

Vice-President—Robin R. Wilson, CPPB
City of Yuma

Treasurer—Kimberly Ann Polyhronakis
Crane Elementary School District No. 13

Recording Secretary—Peggy Hayes, CPPB
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Education Secretary—Lynne Ford
Yuma Educational Materials Management Consortium

Membership Secretary—Stacey Lopez
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Past President—Larry Weeks, MBA, CPPO, CPPB
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that the tax dollars (which also include OUR tax dollars) are spent as efficiently and effectively as possible.

My goal for this year is to make the Chapter even more fun and entertaining, yet meaningful to you and your organization. As with most things, if it's a chore, it's not fun. So, let's try to have some fun during these tough times. Since I work in an elementary school district, I'll leave you with what my 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Borders always said, "it takes a greater number of facial muscles to frown than it does to smile." [Note: There is some debate about how accurate this statement is, but I'll leave that up to you.] 🌱

Buyer of the Year Recipients Announced

By Dale Ponder, CPPB

The 2009 Buyer of the Year recipients were announced on April 30, 2009 at the Annual Installation Dinner. This year's dinner was held at the Olive Garden in the Yuma Palms, where approximately 20 people attended. The attendance was comprised of Desert Southwest Chapter members and their spouses.

Robin R. Wilson, CPPB, Vice President of the Chapter and the Chair of the Awards Committee requested nominations from the membership in early April. The committee met and it was determined that this year, the Chapter would offer both a Buyer of the Year and a First Runner-Up Buyer of the Year award for the Chapter.

The **First Runner-Up for the 2009 Buyer of the Year** went to **Kimberly Ann Polytronakis**. Kim is employed at the Crane Elementary School District No. 13 as the Purchasing & Warehousing Coordinator. Earlier in the evening, Kim was installed as the Chapter's Treasurer, and will serve a 2-year term in that capacity. Kim is a charter member of the Chapter and is excited about her new duties as the Treasurer. Kim stated that the award came as a surprise to her, but was grateful that someone took the time to nominate her for this great honor.



The award recipient for the **2009 Buyer of the Year** was **Peggy Hayes, CPPB**. Peggy is employed as a Buyer for the City of Yuma.

Peggy is a Charter member of the Desert Southwest Chapter, serving as the Chapter's first Recording Secretary. Also, earlier in the evening, Peggy was once again installed as the Recording Secretary, accepting the nomination to serve another 2-year term in this position. Peggy was also surprised to receive this award, later stating to Robin, "it was so loud in here [Olive Garden], I could not even hear you." Congrats to both of you! 🌱



From the Kitchen of Peggy

By Peggy Hayes, CPPB

Cheesy Chicken Surprise

4 boneless/skinless chicken breasts
1 cup fat free sour cream
½ cube fat free cream cheese
1 red bell pepper
1 yellow/orange bell pepper
1 sweet onion
¼ cup Crumbled feta cheese (tomato/basil works nicely)
¼ cup fat free shredded cheese (cheddar or mozzarella)

Dice chicken into 1" cubes. Chop peppers and onions into bite-size pieces. Put peppers and onions into deep sauté pan and spray with fat free margarine or light cooking spray. Cook on high for about 5 minutes stirring as needed. Add cubed chicken and mix with vegetables. Cover and simmer on med/high for 15 minutes (or until chicken is cooked) turning frequently. Drain off excess juices and add sour cream and cream cheese. Mix well. Sprinkle crumbled feta and shredded cheese over top of mixture. For more flavor add salsa to the chicken and vegetables after draining. If desired, season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve over whole wheat pasta, whole wheat tortilla or in a pita. Serves 6

Curious about the surprise? The surprise is that it is almost completely fat free, yet tastes great! 🌱



General Announcements

Ashley Wilson, daughter of Rob & Robin Wilson will graduate from Yuma High School in May. She will be attending the University of Arizona in the Fall.

Congratulations to the following for their nominations for the 2009 Circle of Excellence Annual Awards at the City of Yuma. **Robin R. Wilson, CPPB** was nominated for the Wave of the Future Award for her Job Order Contracting Project. **Peggy Hayes, CPPB** and **Robin R. Wilson, CPPB** were nominated for the Professional Development Achievement Award for the completion of the S.O.U.L. Series (Supervisor Academy).

Larry Weeks, MBA, CPPO, CPPB was one of four to receive a "Best Practices Award" from the Arizona Association of School Business Officials. Larry's award comes for the design and development of AZPurchasing.org (formerly YEPA.us).

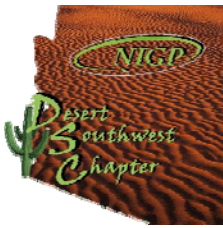
Charlie and **Nadine Caudill** will be celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary on July 18, 2009. The couple plans on celebrating this memorable occasion in San Diego, CA, where the July temperatures will be slightly cooler than Yuma!

Areal Poston, granddaughter of Charlie and **Nadine Caudill** will be graduating from middle school on May 26, 2009. Areal lives and attends school in Phoenix, AZ.

Tyler Cerka, son of **Frances Cerka** qualified to participate in the 100 meter dash, the 200 meter dash and the 4x100 meter relay in the 2009 Arizona State Track & Field Championships. Tyler did not make the finals, but was selected to be on "The Sun/Yuma Rotary Club 2009 All-Region Boys Track Team". Congratulations Tyler!



Dale Ponder, CPPB (right), Chapter President presents the Chapter's Past President, **Larry Weeks, MBA, CPPO, CPPB**, with the 2009 Distinguished Service Award on April 30, 2009



The DSW was granted its Charter on May 1, 2007. We have many members and are always looking for more professionals to join us. Current members come from many different organizations in the Yuma area, including City of Yuma, Crane Elementary School District, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Yuma Educational Materials Management Consortium, Arizona Department of Corrections, Arizona Western College, Bureau of Reclamation, Yuma County, Yuma Union High School District, Department of Defense, Department of the Navy and the Somerton School District.

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Purchasing and Warehousing Professions in very important ways. Being a member of a local chapter will afford you the opportunity to meet other people in these fields. It also opens up wonderful new opportunities in the pursuit of education dealing with Purchasing and Warehousing in the Government sector. DSW conducts seminars right here in Yuma on a variety of subjects related to the profession thus avoiding travel expenses. In partnership with the Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council (UPPCC), NIGP offers a certification program for anyone interested in pursuing a career in Purchasing. They are the Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) and the Certified Professional Public Officer (CPPO). More information can be found at <http://www.nigp.org>.

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Buyer of the Year



Peggy Hayes, CPPB



Kimberly Ann Polyhronakis

If you have an idea, a story or an event that you would like to publish in an edition of *The Heat Wave*, please email them to dswnigp@dswnigp.org.

Also, if there are any suggestions or comments that you have regarding this publication or the chapter, please email them to dswnigp@dswnigp.org. Your input is important to the officers, and it should be noted that without your valuable input, the

Chapter cannot succeed to it's fullest potential!

The Chapter's website is a valuable tool that you can use to assist your purchasing experience.

At dswnigp.org, you can find items at the local and national level. There are “Purchasing Ponderings” where you can find purchasing articles that other procurement professionals wrote. You can view the history of the chapter, and download the latest edition of NIGP Buy Weekly.

Please take the time to view the website and offer us your feedback. It is appreciated!