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# Tool in' Around

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Greetings Everyone!

Welcome to this month's issue of "Toolin' Around." Our last building project, the FLAN hosted on November 14 by the Lake Buena Vista Chapter, had 44 builders in attendance. This was the first FLAN hosted by Lake Buena Vista and they did a wonderful job. We discussed membership drives, recruitment & retention ideas, advertising suggestions, member motivation, member interaction during meetings (with guests and other members), fundraising ideas, succession planning, and the benefits of IAAP to each member. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the next FLAN which will be hosted by the City Center Chapter in Tampa on February 27, 2010.

The Avery Great Results program is the next project in our building year. Take your tools out and follow the instructions you received via email from Headquarters and Candy Puls CAP, Florida Division Vice President. If you did not receive an e-mail about the Avery program please let us know. Remember - every chapter that enters is a winner. Each chapter that submits an application and is not the recipient of a cash prize will have a donation made on its behalf to the IAAP Research and Education (R&E) Foundation. **Application deadline submission is February 1, 2010.** You just need to spend a little time completing the application - no cost to you or the chapter. What an easy way to make a donation that will benefit our organization and in turn - you! By submitting an application, you have achieved one more point toward your Chapter of Excellence. The money donated by Avery to the R&E Foundation goes to improving educational programs for all of us. Submit only one application per chapter; revisions or additions will not be accepted. Applications can be submitted via e-mail ([ahouse@iaap-hq.org](mailto:ahouse@iaap-hq.org)), fax (816.801.1356), mail (PO Box 20404, Kansas City MO 64195-0404) or overnight carrier (10502 NW Ambassador Drive, Kansas City MO 64153). Any questions concerning the 2010 Avery Great Results Chapter and Division Achievement Awards Program can be directed to Amy House at [ahouse@iaap-hq.org](mailto:ahouse@iaap-hq.org).

If you would like more information on the R&E Foundation, contact Debbie Carter CAP, who is the Florida Division committee chair. She has done extensive research and would love to share. HQ recently sent a PowerPoint presentation to Chapter Presidents to help promote the R&E Foundation.

A big thank you to "The Subcontractors". They asked Linda Freese to deliver a Christmas present to me when we met for dinner on the 15th. I'm getting so many darling sterling silver tool charms to add to my necklace. I love the "Helpful Handy Manny" tree ornament too. You can never go wrong with snowmen gifts either. I never know where you'll show up next!

Please note the upcoming Florida Division events:

- February 27, 2010 - FLAN, hosted by the City Center Chapter (Tampa)  
Location: Open Door Baptist Church, 7405 N. Harney Road, Tampa, FL 33637
- March 27, 2010 - Spring Seminar, Ocala Hilton
- June 25-26, 2010 - Florida Division Annual Meeting, hosted by Bartow & Lakeland Chapters  
Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 3839 Don Emerson Drive, Lakeland, FL 32811

Don't forget the fundraiser fun event initiated by the First Coast Chapter:

- May 10-15, 2010 - Cruise to Nassau & Key West, departing from the Port of Jacksonville

Many of you haven't logged into the new IAAP community website yet. This is the "tool" we are using for communicating. After the first of the year the notification e-mails will not be sent by board members through regular e-mail; you will get notification through the Florida Division eGroup only about news and updated documents in the library. The only way for that to happen is to log in and complete your profile; so please go to the IAAP web community and build your profile.

In closing, show your "Power of Commitment" by striving to grow daily. Every day of your life you should be open to new information, even the type of information that might not appeal to you initially. As a master builder, learning requires your patience and maturity.

Happy Holidays from my family to yours.

Until next time - Grab Your Tools and Keep Building!

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