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SAVE THE DATE

1/11: Membership Luncheon - Woodhaven Country Club - **new location!**

Recruit New Members!



Bring a friend to lunch and invite them to join AFP! Email [Christina Judge](#)

for membership info.

Helpful Downloads

Who's been an AFP



Happy New Year! The first decade of the 21st century is winding down but at AFP we are just gearing up! 2010 marks the 30th Anniversary of our Fort Worth Metro Chapter and the 50th Anniversary for AFP International. This is our year to shine and celebrate!

The message I want to share with you in 2010 is that this is the YEAR OF THE MEMBER! We want to recognize our devoted members who contribute so much to advance our profession, as well as their own nonprofit organizations, and we want to bring on board new members who can add to the depth of our knowledge and experiences.

You are an integral part of this organization and we are deeply grateful for your commitment, professionalism and friendship. We have about 200 members in our Fort Worth Chapter and I know I could call on any one of them if I needed something. I hope you feel that way too! Members are our greatest asset and strength. This year, let's celebrate each other, warmly welcome new members, and reach out to some who don't regularly attend the monthly meetings.

One way to do all of this is by networking! We are featuring a number of networking activities in addition to the monthly meetings where you and prospective members can mingle and share ideas. These "Happy Hours" are listed in our calendar section on the Web page and are offered simply as a way to say thank you, to celebrate you, and to spend more time with each of you because networking with you makes us all better fundraisers.

Make this year your best yet! See you Jan. 11 at Woodhaven Country Club!

Paula K. Parrish, CFRE
President

Special thanks to Liz Sisk

From the entire AFP Fort Worth Metro Chapter, thank you to Liz Sisk for her professional leadership as President the last two years. She led with poise, graciousness and fairness. Her patience, understanding, devotion and collegial rapport with everyone made her a wonderful president. She set the standards high for governance and leadership that inspire us all to be our best and give AFP our best. Thank you from a grateful Chapter, Liz!!



2010 Meeting Schedule & New Location

International Member for more than 10 yrs? [Go here to find out.](#)



Moved?

Changed jobs or moved? Go to afpnet.org and update AFP International.

Beginning in January, we will move to a **new location** for our monthly chapter meetings. [Learn more here>>](#)

[Download the 2010 meeting schedule including our new Happy Hours!](#)

Philanthropy Conference

**On Thursday, June 24, join us for
"Building Relationships: Securing the Future"
at the 2010 DFW AFP Philanthropy Conference**

What better theme for a philanthropy conference than "Building Relationships: Securing the Future." The 2010 DFW AFP Philanthropy Conference committee is working hard and lining up some very gifted speakers to fill out the SIX, yes SIX, development tracks to be offered this year. [Read more>>>](#)

The website is being updated at press time, so check in periodically at www.dfwphilanthropyconference.com to see what's new. [Download the registration form](#)

I'm an AFP member because...



... of its tremendous networking and continuing education opportunities, but more importantly because of the moral support I receive from others in my profession. While a member, I have been employed, laid off, sought new employment and employed once again. During each phase, I have found that the support I received from those who share my profession of fundraising has been invaluable. Also, whenever I have faced a difficult or challenging work situation, AFP friends have helped me by offering advice, resources, etc. I greatly value my membership in AFP. - **Karen Yarbrough, CFRE**, Director of Development, Christ's Haven for Children

... of the networking (the people are great!), and the ideas we gather from each other. - **Holly Hull Miori, MTS**, EMF Development Manager, Emergency Medicine Foundation

... I want to network with other fundraising professionals, stay up-to-date and current with the fundraising industry, take advantage of courses, workshops and, of course, be a part of the Fort Worth Chapter. - **Stephanie Melchert-Smith**, Director of Marketing & Development, Helping Restore Ability

... of the networking opportunities and support with like-minded associates whose goals are to help others. - **Amanda Stallings**, Executive Director, Gill Children's Services

Audioconferences at FIC

Your Vote Counts! Vote for the 2010 Audio Conference Calls

AFP Fort Worth is sponsoring the 2010 audio conference calls at the Funding Information Center. As a chapter member, there is no cost to attend, so don't miss your chance to get expert advice and tips from nationally known fundraising

experts.

In January you will receive an email with the 2010 audio conference schedule to vote for one topic per month (excluding January and June). You can submit your choices to Amy Walker via email at amy@thecec.org or you can vote at the January 11 chapter meeting.

Mark Your Calendars to Attend the First Audio Conference Call of 2010 on January 26

Presenter: Linda Lysakowski, ACFRE

Topic: Evaluation Tools That Can Strengthen Your Development Program

Linda will cover how to perform an internal assessment of your development program to identify strengths and weaknesses as well as how to analyze your infrastructure and human resource needs.

Location: Funding Information Center

Time: 11:30 am to 12:00 pm for networking, 12pm to 1:30pm conference call

Note: You're welcome to bring your lunch. Please note that this year FIC will not provide drinks and dessert.

Bits & Blurbs



Deadline for submitting articles for the newsletter is the **second Friday of every month**. We reserve the right to edit all content for accuracy, clarity and brevity.

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