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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



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NIGP CGC Newsletter – 2nd Quarter 2020 (June)

President's Message

To our NIGP Coastal Georgia Chapter (CGC) Members and Potential Members! I hope you all are safe and doing well! The COVID-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on our personal and professional lives. Many of us are making sacrifices and living a new and different life everyday. While working remotely and social distancing may seem to be our new norm, being supportive and fostering social connections have never been more important. Commiserating with one another could make working remotely feel more natural and allow new opportunities for connection and engagement.

In these extremely challenging and difficult times, our Chapter needs to stay strong, support each other, think creatively, work collaboratively, and stay engaged through virtual communication. Loyal and dedicated members like you are the foundation to our successful Chapter. Thank you for your contribution to our success! As procurement professionals, we are all in this together and member engagement is extremely important.

Amid the global disruptions related to COVID-19, I would like to say thank you to all of our members for your hard work and perseverance during these difficult times. Our upcoming chapter meetings appear to be going in a new direction. We value our Members input and welcome any suggestions for activities and creative ideas for our future meetings to include networking, educational, and learning opportunities that would be beneficial to our members.

Thank you again for all that you do! As we transition into a new era, I feel confident that we will prevail and come out strong! I sincerely appreciate our members and hope to see you all again soon! I encourage you to stay connected with us and look forward to your participation in our upcoming virtual meeting on June 17, 2020.

Ginger Adkinson, CPPB
President, NIGP Coastal Georgia Chapter

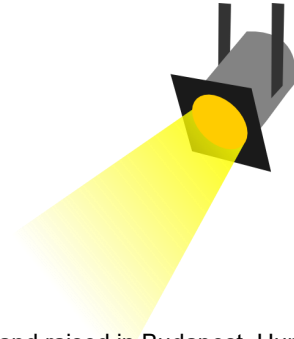
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

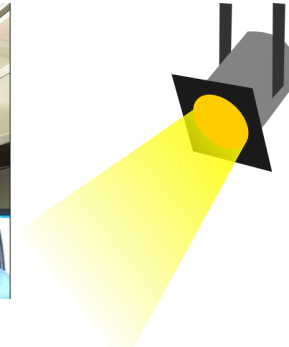
Judit Crawford, Engineering Department
Assistant Manager of Project Controls Georgia
Ports Authority



1. Are you native to Savannah? No. I was born and raised in Budapest, Hungary. I got married to a US soldier, and moved to Germany, then to the Savannah area in 1998.
2. How long have you been involved in the profession? I have been working in my field a total of 23 years, including 4 years in Hungary. I have been working in the engineering and construction business for 19 years.
3. What aspect of your career do you enjoy most? My favorite part of my job is watching the design development of the projects and then how they are being built, and of course the before, during, and after pictures! It is amazing how much a construction site can change in a week or a month. I take part of the design review, the contracting process, the construction management, and the close-out, so I handle the project from start to finish.
4. What challenges do you experience in your career? Working with consultants and construction firms can be challenging as paperwork can be a hassle and tedious for some people. It can be a breeze, or it can put a stop to construction.
5. What are your future goals? Increase my professional knowledge, improve work processes, lead and teach others.
6. How do you enjoy spending your free time? I like spending time with my family, pets, and plants/orchids. Love cooking and baking, I enjoy traveling, and getting some DIY projects done at the house.
7. Tell us one thing about yourself that people might find surprising. People immediately notice my accent when they first meet me. They usually find it surprising I am Hungarian, as I don't have a strong Eastern European accent. Many are interested in how it was growing up in a communist country under the Soviet Union's rule.

Roger Roriex

Purchasing Agent, Savannah Chatham County Public School System



1. Are you native to Savannah? I am not native to Savannah, Georgia. However I was born in the State of Georgia. My Father was a part of the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Stewart. So in essence I have lived all over in this country and overseas. What I consider as my hometown is Flint, Michigan. Only because my Grandmother, Aunts and Uncles would keep me during the summer months and during the time my parents were assigned to another country.
2. How long have you been involved in the profession? Over 10 years, which consist of 6 years in the United States Air Force and 4 years with the Savannah Chatham County Public School System. I also was an Budget Analyst for 5 years with the SCCPSS.
3. What aspect of your career do you enjoy most?. The part I enjoy the most is the interaction with vendors and public. I am very much a people person that enjoying to serve our customers and staff.
4. What challenges do you experience in your career? The greatest challenge for me was adapting to the civilian world. How most companies conduct business and adjusting to employees interacting with each other. This challenge was much different than the military. I just never experienced people saying, "It's not my job". In the military we worked as a team and we just made it happen.
5. What are your future goals? I have already achieved most of my goals, such as retiring for the United States Air Force; which I served 24 years. Also attaining my Master's degree (MBA) in 2014. My main goal is to retire for good in 5 years from the Savannah Chatham County Public School System.
6. How do you enjoy spending your free time? I am an outdoors person, so I spend my time playing golf and fishing. I also enjoy doing landscaping and yard work, I believe I should always be moving or doing something.
7. Tell us one thing about yourself that people might find surprising. People might be surprise to learn that I was an avid fisherman in bass tournaments with the FLW(Fishing League World).

New Members



New Members

Judit Crawford, Assistant Manager of Project Controls
Engineering Dept. Georgia Ports Authority

Roger E. Roriex, Purchasing Agent
Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

*“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

JUNE 17, 2020

Virtual Coastal Georgia Chapter of NIGP

Topic: Coastal Georgia Chapter NIGP - 2nd Quarter Meeting (Area 4)

Time: **Wednesday, Jun 17, 2020 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

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



How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your area of work?

With the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, most of us have faced many challenges procuring various goods and services on an emergency basis – such as masks, gloves, thermometers, wipes, sanitizers, services, etc. We are also managing day-to-day activities of ongoing projects in all sectors and must address new challenges posed due to the pandemic – such as broken supply-chains, workers not being able to report to work, and restrictions and delays that affect delivery of goods.

In our June meeting we would like to have a discussion among our members to discuss some of the challenges you all may have faced during this pandemic, and how it has impacted your organization.

The topic of our June meeting will be “Emergency Procurement – Personal Protective Equipment (PE)”. We would like to discuss our roles in procurement before, during, and after an emergency event as follows:

- How is your organization managing and conducting the new challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic?
- Are your areas working remotely or were you able to continue working from the office? (business as usual)
- Did your department have to procure large quantities of PPE supplies?
- If so, what was the biggest challenge?
- How would you prepare for the upcoming flu season to avoid large purchases?
- Do you have any new vendors you would like to share with others to help procure supplies for their organization?
- What new process has your organization implemented to fight the spread of this and future pandemics?
- Would anyone like to share a story, maybe something that you learned or any experiences you encountered with vendors, management and/or employees that happened during the pandemic that you could share with the Chapter?
- Other questions or comments?

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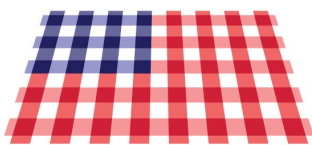
Date: Saturday July 18, 2020 starting at 9:00 am –12:00 pm

Group Volunteerism

2651 Causton Bluff Rd. Savannah, GA 31404

The task: packing emergency food boxes that is distributed to our 21 county areas. Please wear group t-shirt, closed toe shoes and appropriate clothing for safety reasons.

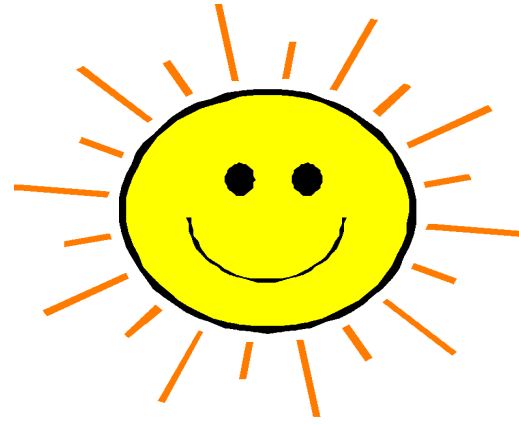
RSVP will be sent to members prior to event for headcount and preparation.



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Words of Inspiration



At a time like this, your local NIGP Coastal Georgia Chapter is here for you, and we all need to be there to help and encourage each other. You are a significant part of our chapter. On behalf of our entire team, our hope is that you, your family, and friends stay safe. We look forward to reconnecting again soon. We will push through these challenges with grace and positivity.

Reach for the higher ground, every day, in every decision.

Big and small, our choices add up to the life we live.

Be someone who encourages and uplifts.

Share your story.

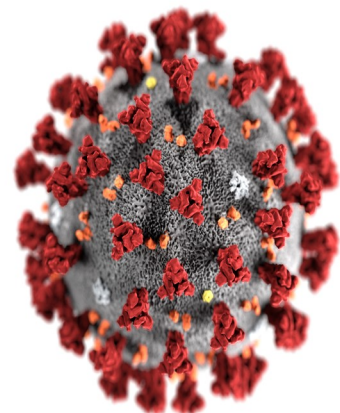
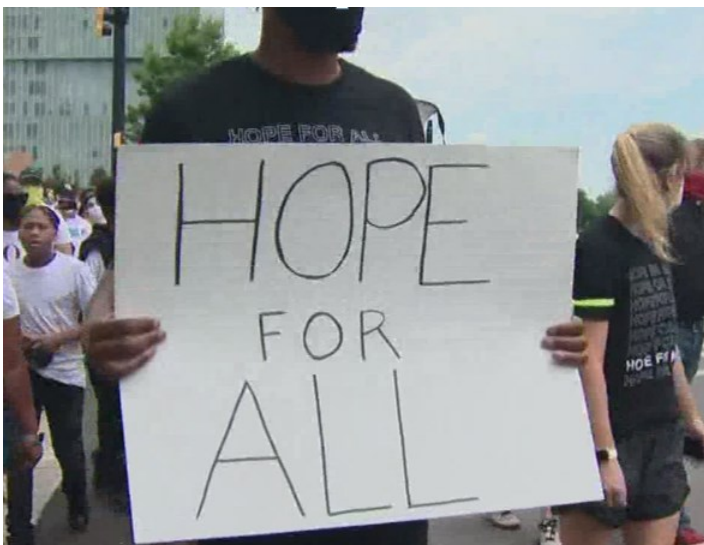
Trust in what you feel.

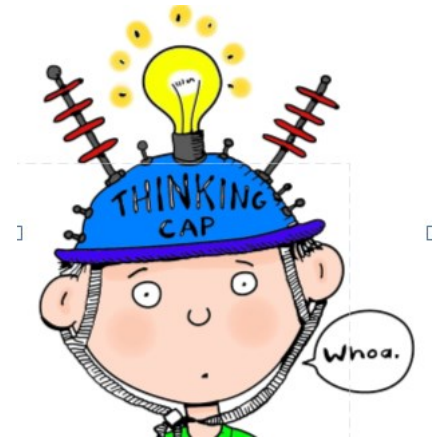
Follow your heart.

Live the dream in you.

Then you inspire someone else to live on their higher ground.

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Procurement Terms

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contract prequalification specifications sourcing
responsive warranty surplus solicitation
requisition vendor proprietary invoice debarment
addendum bidding

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Professional Development

Professional Development Webinars:

Below are some upcoming scheduled FREE webinars being offered through NIGP.

If interested in taking advantage of this great opportunity.

Here is a link to register. <https://www.nigp.org/home/your-learning-journey/education/webinars>.

Jun

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Webinar - Mitigating Supply Failures During Future Widespread Emergencies: An Interactive Discussion Involving the Attendees & Facilitators

Dates: 16 Jun, 2020

Jun

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Webinar - Administering Change: Solutions to Managing Remote Work Environments - Part 1: The People

Dates: 23 Jun, 2020

Jun

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Webinar - Facilitating Strategic Outcomes Through Enhanced Relationships with Suppliers and Internal Stakeholders

Dates: 30 Jun, 2020

Jul

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Webinar - NIGP's New Certified Procurement Professional Program is a Proven Pathway to Invest in Your Long-Term Career Growth

Dates: 08 Jul, 2020

Jul

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Webinar - Beyond COVID - The Long-term Impacts on Procurement

Dates: 16 Jul, 2020

Jul

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

Dates: 22 Jul, 2020

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

1st Qtr.

- Joy Kerkhoff
- Roger Roriex
- T. Jayne Phillips
- Ginger Adkinson
- Johnnie Coker
- Monifa Johnson
- Lisa Lansford
- Ylonda Fate
- Kisha Mitchell
- Davida Banks
- Brandy Booth
- John Porter

2nd Qtr.

- Ann Cannon
- Sabrina Scales
- Joe Tommie
- Judit Crawford
- Katrina Hagan
- Bethany Burnett

