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AFP Suncoast March Newsletter

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Message from the President



What's Your Reason?

It was a really long time ago so I don't remember exactly why I joined AFP. I will confess it wasn't a deep, philosophical decision. My organization was willing to fund it and it seemed like a good idea so I did it. I quickly learned the practical benefit of membership. [Read MORE...](#)

Capital Hill Update

2017 Board of Directors

Sara Leonard, CFRE ~ *President*

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Join AFP Today!

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) represents more than 30,000 members around the world working to advance philanthropy.

Join today - benefit today!

Click [HERE](#) for more info.

Job Bank

Welcome New Member

- Justine Burke - Metropolitan Ministries
- Debra Kent Faulk - Wells Fargo Philanthropic Services
- Joycelyn Mahone - University of Tampa
- Nancy Olds - Metropolitan Ministries
- Sally Schule - Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation
- Sherri Stitt - The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Maximizing Fundraising Event Fundamentals: A Necessary Evil presented by Trace Kingham

This month you'll hear from award winning event strategist, Trace Kingham, also the author of *STANDOUT: Place Your Business In The Spotlight With Results Driven Events*. Trace will share his Standout Strategies to help your organization reach and exceed financial expectations developed and tested over his 22-plus year career working with nonprofit organizations. In addition, Trace will share the fundamental problems most organizations face when planning events and overview his 7 strategic principles for generating higher return on investment directly and indirectly. Trace is one of the newest trainers with the NonProfit Leadership Center and will be expanding his AFP presentation into a 3-part series Standout Events for Non-Profits 101, 201 & 301 starting in August 2017.



Tuesday - April 18, 2017

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

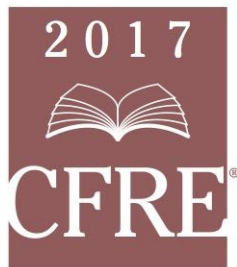
Join us at 11:00 for Member Orientation - prospective, new and current members are welcome!

11:45 LUNCHEON BEGINS

LUNCHEON PARTNERSHIP AVAILABLE.

Applied for 1 hour CFRE Credit

Whether you are seeking a job or have one to offer, the AFP Suncoast Job Bank is a perfect place to find opportunities. Currently we have postings for the following:



Approved Provider for
Continuing Education

[Associate Director of Community Engagement](#)

Saint Paul's School, Clearwater, Florida

[Planned Giving Associate Director](#)

Moffitt Cancer Center

[Director of Development Operations](#)

Greater Miami Jewish Federation,
Miami FL

[Regional Development Manager](#)

The ALS Association Florida Chapter,
Tampa

[Director of Development](#)

Tampa Museum of Art - Tampa, FL

[Associate Director of Development](#)

USF - Tampa, FL

[Senior Development Officer](#)

Ringling College of Art and Design
(Sarasota, FL)

Chapter members may post job listings at no cost; non-members may post listings for \$50/month. Visit the [Job Bank](#) for more details.

MEETING FEE

\$25.00 for Members

\$40.00 for Guests

Payments may be paid in advance or at the door.

RSVP DEADLINE - NOON ON FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A FIRM RESERVATION DEADLINE. Due to a large number of late reservations, walk-ups and venue restrictions - LATE RESERVATIONS AND WALK-UPS WILL NOT BE ACCOMMODATED. **No shows will be billed.**

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION!](#)



PLANET PHILANTHROPY

Planet Philanthropy 2017 is almost here! June 25-27 in Tampa at the downtown Hilton. Don't miss this great chance to come and learn with your counterparts from across the state in a fun atmosphere that is sure to bring

great learning and fun! We will have fun, fundraising training and friends. Come and meet new people, re-connect with old friends and learn a ton in a fun setting. Tampa has not hosted in a long time so let's show the state why we love it here!!!!

Mark your calendar now!!!!

Visit <http://www.planetphilanthropy.org/hotel>- Reservations are open!

CAPITOL HILL UPDATE FROM AFP IHQ

Michael Nilsen, Vice President, Communications and Policy for AFP International has shared several important developments that have occurred on Capitol Hill.

1. Johnson Amendment Sign-On Letter of Support.

AFP has been working with the National Council of Nonprofits and other organization to support the Johnson Amendment, which prohibits charities from engaging in electoral politics and raising funds for political candidates. While AFP International already has signed on to the letter, we encourage chapters to sign on as well. The deadline is March 31.

To sign onto the support letter, click here: <https://www.givevoice.org/community-letter-support-nonprofit-nonpartisanship>

You can see AFP's official position on the Johnson Amendment here: <http://www.afpnet.org/Audiences/MemberNewsDetail.cfm?ItemNumber=42417>

2. Trump Administration's 2018 Budget Blueprint

In mid-March, the White House released a Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Blueprint. While not a formal, detailed budget for 2018, the document provided a high-level overview of key spending priorities and included significant cuts to numerous federal departments and agencies. The Blueprint can be found here: https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/budget/fy2018/2018_blueprint.pdf

[The Nonprofit Times](#) noted that "President Donald Trump's first federal budget proposes deep cuts in discretionary spending to many departments that impact nonprofits while boosting financial support to defense, homeland security and veterans' affairs." These cuts included the elimination of the Corporation for National and Community Service, National Endowment of the Arts, and The Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) program, which provides funds to local food banks and Meals On Wheels.

AFP released its official position on the budget blueprint on March 17. You can find the full statement here: <http://www.afpnet.org/Audiences/NewsReleaseDetail.cfm?ItemNumber=42847>

3. Tax Reform

With healthcare reform likely concluded for the foreseeable future, Congress is, according to most sources, now looking at tax reform. It's still unclear how the charitable deduction and other giving incentives might be affected. We will keep chapter government relations chairs updated as debate begins to crystallize around certain tax plans, and will provide alerts if immediate action is needed.

4.State Bills-Rhode Island

AFP International assisted the Rhode Island Chapter in providing comments to the General Assembly about H. 5621, a bill that would have created unconstitutional and burdensome disclosure requirements for professional fundraisers and solicitors in the state. The chapter submitted comments opposing the bill to the Corporations Committee. During a hearing, it was decided that the legislation would be kept in the committee for further study, meaning it is likely done for the year.

Just as a reminder, if you hear about state bills or local proposals and/or regulations that are being considered, please do not hesitate to contact the AFP Public Affairs Department at paffairs@afpnet.org. We can assist in developing official comments, position statements, communications to members and other resources.

5. AFP Political Action Committee

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the opportunity for individuals interested in the future of philanthropy and the profession of fundraising to contribute to the support of candidates for Federal office who believe, and have demonstrated their beliefs, in the principles to which philanthropy and the fundraising profession are dedicated. The Committee is non-partisan and dedicated to the protection and advancement of the fundraising profession and philanthropy in its various forms.

AFP encourages all U.S. members to contribute to the PAC. Information about giving to the PAC can be found on the AFP website: https://reports.afpnet.org/portal_add/pac/makegift_pac_form.cfm.

In addition, there will be a PAC reception at the AFP International Fundraising Conference in San Francisco on April 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sierra J Room of the Marriott Marquis. Come by, learn about the PAC's work and make a contribution.

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