Message from the President

Dear Members,

In this Holiday Season, Southeast Florida Chapter members are more mindful than ever of the many benefits and blessings we enjoy as we approach the New Year. Chapter members in Palm Beach County last year understood from experiencing Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne what Broward County agents would learn this year from Hurricane Wilma, that we take many things for granted. The photographs by Chapter Photographer/Historian Ann Debra Diaz appearing in this issue give a pictorial frame of reference for this year in Chapter history.

Due to Hurricane Wilma on October 24, 2005 plans for the 8th Annual Reverse Trade Show fundraiser scheduled for November 3, 2005 were postponed. Roof damage at the Broward Convention Center made it necessary to reschedule the event to Thursday, February 9, 2006. Vice-President Keith Glatz and Vendor Registration Chair Pam Thompson quickly communicated the revised date to over 350 Agency exhibitors and vendor representatives. Keith’s extraordinary program, “Imagine the Possibilities”, originally planned for November 3, 2005 will be presented in its exciting entirety on February 9, 2006. You do not want to miss this event!

Undoubtedly the best accomplishment this year was the NIGP Best Large Chapter Award presented to Southeast Florida NIGP Chapter members at the 50th NIGP Annual Forum in Anaheim, California. It was wonderful to have such a large contingent of Southeast Florida Chapter members on stage at the Forum accepting this award! Awards Committee Chair Mike Walker spent much time assembling documents and putting together the Award Application and Past President Kirk Buffington’s leadership in 2004 was celebrated throughout the application. Competing for the Best Large Chapter Award has now become an annual exercise begun by Past President Yasmin Teja in 2003 when the Chapter earned NIGP’s Runner-up Best Large Chapter Award. Each year the Chapter builds on its successes.

In 2005, the Board of Directors established several goals. One of those goals, a credit card payment program, was realized in June after much research and work by Chapter Treasurer Richard Ewell. Credit Card Payment Solutions was approved at the June chapter meeting and payments for seminars, memberships and Reverse Trade Show vendor registrations were being processed by early July.
Message from the President - Continued

Two contests for Chapter members were approved by the Board of Directors and winners announced in June. The first contest for an updated Chapter Logo resulted in the beautiful logo appearing above. The winner was Rick Andrews of the City of Fort Lauderdale who received a $200.00 check for his First Prize entry. The second contest, "Disney, NIGP and Me", awarded Richard Ewell a trip to the Annual Forum - a credit to his many years of service to the Chapter.

Southeast Florida Chapter members again won distinction at the 38th Annual FAPPO (Florida Association of Public Purchasing Officers) Conference held at the Radisson Riverwalk Hotel in Jacksonville in early May. Nora Laudermilk, Purchasing Manager for the City of West Palm Beach, earned FAPPO's most prestigious award, the George H. Wolf Distinguished Past President Award. Four member agencies also earned the FAPPO Award of Excellence in Public Procurement: City of Hollywood, School District of Palm Beach County, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority and Broward County Purchasing Division.

In July, the Southeast Florida NIGP Chapter began discussions with the State of Florida Department of Management Services to enable Southeast Florida Chapter members to attend State of Florida Certification classes in the Southeast Florida area. Dr. Bud Roon was persuaded to come out of retirement again to conduct these classes and on November 15-17, 2005, the Southeast Florida NIGP Chapter hosted the first State of Florida Certification Seminar to be held outside Tallahassee.

The Chapter year culminated in election of an outstanding group of 2006 Chapter Officers: President Keith K. Glatz, CPPO; Vice-President Joel Mariani, C.P.M.; Secretary Anne Lodato, CPPB and Treasurer Holly Raphaelson, MBA, C.P.M., CPPB.

In this past year, Chapter Officers Keith Glatz, Richard Ewell and Anne Lodato spent many dedicated hours accomplishing goals which will benefit the Chapter in years to come. Committee Chairs gave freely of their time to accomplish the many tasks required to run an NIGP Chapter: Joel Mariani, maintaining the Chapter website; Yasmin Teja, publishing newsletters and organizing seminars; Spencer Shambray, updating the Membership List and mailing certificates; Marilyn Cahill and Janice English, arranging times and places for Chapter meetings; Windol Green, arranging Hollywood locations for Chapter seminars; Gail Dixon, reviewing and approving dispersal of scholarship funds; Mike Rath and Herb Hyman, developing an outstanding slate of Officer candidates; as well as those Committee Chairs already mentioned above. Thank you for your contributions to the success of the Southeast Florida NIGP Chapter this year.

To all Chapter members, thank you for your support of the Chapter this past year and best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Karen J. Walbridge, C.P.M., CPPB, President
Southeast Florida Chapter of NIGP, Inc.
Election of Chapter Officers – 2006

On November 1, 2005 Nominating Committee Co-Chairmen Mike Rath and Herb Hyman submitted a 2006 Chapter Officer slate of four outstanding candidates to the Chapter membership.

According to Chapter By Laws, Vice-President Keith K. Glatz, City of Tamarac Purchasing Manager, ascended automatically to the Chapter Presidency. Joel Mariani, Broward County Purchasing Supervisor, was nominated as Vice-President. Anne Lodato, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Senior Contract Specialist, was nominated as Secretary to serve for the second consecutive year. Holly Raphaelson, City of Sunrise Purchasing Specialist, was nominated as Treasurer. At the December 2 Chapter Meeting, these candidates were unanimously elected and are pictured here.
The 8th Annual Reverse Trade Show – “Imagine the Possibilities”!
- NEW PLANS

Had things gone as planned, I would be writing an article telling about what a success the 8th Annual Reverse Trade Show turned out to be, but that mean lady "Wilma" blew that thought to pieces! Yes, the hurricane took its toll on our November 3, 2005 plan, but that hasn’t stopped us from making the 8th Annual Reverse Trade Show even bigger and better!

First of all, we had to postpone the Reverse Trade Show from our original date, for a number of reasons, including the fact that the Broward Convention Center had suffered some damage during the storm, and many of us were still busy manning our entity’s respective Emergency Operations Centers on that date.

The GOOD news is that the 8th Annual Reverse Trade Show will still go on, this time on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2006! We will be at same location – the Broward Convention Center in Ft. Lauderdale, with the same schedule of events as originally planned. All of our originally planned speakers will be with us as well, so you only need to make the appropriate change to reflect the new February 9th date.

The only other change will be in the area of sponsorship. Vendors now have until January 13, 2006 to submit a sponsorship ad for our annual directory.

All-in-all, our new date should make our Reverse Trade Show better than ever, and we will now be able to permanently move the show to this time of year, which is often less hectic than the late fall for many of our members.

If you have any questions about the 8th Annual Reverse Trade Show, or if you need any brochures for your office, or to include with purchase orders, please contact Keith Glatz, CPPO, at (954) 597-3567.

So, we look forward to seeing all of you at the 8th Annual Reverse Trade Show, on FEBRUARY 9, 2006, as we imagine the Possibilities!
8th Annual Reverse Trade Show

Imagine the Possibilities!

BROWARD COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER
1950 EISENHOWER BLVD
FORT LAUDERDALE FL, 33316

February 9th, 2006
10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

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Place an advertisement for your company in the Southeast Florida Purchasing Professionals Trade Show Directory and see your business name prominently displayed on trade show Recognition Signage.

The 60+ page spiral bound resource directory has laminated covers for year-round use and lists all agency representatives attending the Trade Show as well as the 2005/2006 SE FL Chapter of NIGP Membership. All government and business attendees will receive a free copy.

Your company benefits, and net proceeds provide professional and educational development for NIGP Chapter members. Ads are due JANUARY 13th, 2006.

Send ads to Leeta Hardin at Leeta.Hardin@copblf.com or contact her at 954-786-4098.

Show your support for the organization that makes this gathering possible - place an ad in the Directory!

Receipts provided for tax-deductible purposes upon request. Consult your tax preparer for eligibility.

DIAMOND SPONSORSHIP: $2,500
- Opportunity Limited to Three Vendors – First Come, First Check Received Basis
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Way to go Angelo……

Purchase of Battery-operated Portable Traffic Lights Helps Coral Springs after Wilma

By Jonathan Del Marcus - Staff Writer

When Hurricane Wilma’s winds damaged countless street lights throughout South Florida, the City of Coral Springs’ purchase of innovative, battery operated, portable street light assemblies made the difference in its ability to get traffic moving as quickly and as safely as possible.

“Due to Hurricane Wilma, we lost electricity and power at most of the intersections, and the city had a need to conduct traffic in a safe manner. We were using police officers to direct traffic. However, they were putting their lives in danger, especially at night because of the dimly lit intersections,” said Roxanne Sookdeo, purchasing agent, Financial Services Department, City of Coral Springs.

“The day after the storm, Angelo (Angelo Salomone, a purchasing administrator with the Financial Services Department, City of Coral Spring) came in with a brochure that the city’s public works director, Dwight Weddington, had seen from a company called IST International in Cincinnati, Ohio,” Sookdeo recalled. “I did some research online and then contacted the company. They had one complete unit available. I gave Angelo the information, we contacted the chief of police, and we got the go-ahead to purchase the one traffic light.”

Coral Springs purchased one traffic light assembly from IST International for $10,300. After monitoring its performance for a few days, the city purchased another 10 units with solar panels to recharge the batteries for $99,638. Within days, the city received six of the 10 it had ordered.

“We were really happy with their performance. The biggest thing we saw were that the traffic lights allowed us to put our resources elsewhere and to deploy our officers where they were most needed, and they allowed us to remove our officers from the intersections at night where they were at risk of being injured,” said Duncan Foster, police chief, City of Coral Springs’ Police Department.

The city will be filing a claim for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency of $87,000 of the total cost of the 11 units, Salomone said. When and if FEMA pays the claim, the city’s actual out-of-pocket cost could be as small as approximately $12,000, he said.

“Although they are expensive, we believe that in the long run they will prove themselves beyond a doubt and be worth their weight in gold. We think they’re a very worthwhile investment,” Foster said.
CHAPTER/CO-OP PARTNER FOR STATE ATTORNEY PROBE INTO CHEMICAL PRICES

Co-op members for several years have experienced shrinking vendor bases, increasing prices and decreasing service in the chemicals industry (i.e. chlorine, quicklime, hydrofluorosilic acid and sodium hypochlorite). These chemicals are required components for city and county water systems as well as other areas. On October 7, 2005 Co-op members met with two State Attorney staff members to discuss the impact of this disturbing trend to Southeast Florida agencies. The Southeast Florida NIGP Chapter facilitated this State Attorney visit by reimbursing $300.00 of their travel expenses.

A recent message to area purchasing agencies from the Florida Attorney General’s Office – Antitrust Division indicates that the concerns of South Florida Co-op members were considered substantive. This November 22, 2005 message from the State Attorney’s Office indicates that an investigation is beginning. To facilitate this investigation, the State Attorney’s Office is requesting receipt of contract documents for the chemicals noted above from all area agencies for a period of five years from 2000 - 2005.

The Florida Attorney General’s Office – Antitrust Division emphasizes that they are ready at any time to discuss issues of concern with public purchasing agencies. Corinne Hunter, Research Associate, and the other members of the Attorney General’s staff can be reached at (850)414-3300 or at corinne_hunter@oag.state.fl.us
Another first for the Southeast Florida NIGP Chapter has been facilitated by the Chapter’s first President, Dr. E.R. “Bud” Roon. In July, the Southeast Florida NIGP Chapter began discussions with the State of Florida Department of Management Services about bringing State of Florida Certification classes to southeast Florida. Dr. Bud Roon was persuaded to come out of retirement again in order to teach classes in the southeast Florida area.

Many purchasing agents have expressed interest in obtaining the State of Florida Certification and on November 15 – 17 the Southeast Florida NIGP Chapter hosted the first class outside of Tallahassee at the Coconut Creek Community Center. Class attendees numbered 39 and they appear in the accompanying photos. Dr. Roon teamed with Russ Rothman of the State of Florida Department of Management Services for this very informative class.

We appreciate Dr. Roon’s willingness to assist the Chapter with these important State of Florida Certification classes. In order to become certified as an instructor, Dr. Roon was required to travel to Tallahassee four times between July and November to participate in the State’s training program.

Including the above first State of Florida Certification class in southeast Florida, Yasmin Teja, 2005 Pro-D Chair, scheduled and facilitated a total of seven classes with 145 participants. An eighth class was scheduled for November 1 – 3 but had to be re-scheduled due to hurricane damage at the Anne Kolb Nature Center.

In September, Yasmin and Karen Walbridge met at the offices of Broward Community College with members of the Pro-D Committee (Alex Denis, Linda Jeethan, Rick Torres, Alicia Kalish, Ronnie Escano) to set the schedule of seminars for 2006. A tabulation of Chapter Surveys which had been solicited and received earlier in the year was reviewed to ensure that the Pro-D Committee selected seminars which reflected Chapter members’ needs. The 2006 Seminar Schedule is included with the newsletter. The Introduction to Public Procurement (LEAP Series) which had to be postponed due to Hurricane Wilma is now scheduled for January 24 - 26, 2006. It will be presented at the Fern Forest Nature Center in Coconut Creek and already has 11 registrants.

A CPPB Exam Review Seminar was scheduled for January 18 at the Anne Kolb Nature Center by popular demand of Chapter members. Legal Aspect of Purchasing (LEAP Series) scheduled for February 7-9, 2006 at the Anne Kolb Nature Center already has 12 registrants. On April 12, a Power Series Seminar is scheduled for Chapter members who indicated a need for instruction on how to procure construction services. The seminar entitled “Contracting for General Construction Services” will be presented by Larry Barden, CPPO, C.P.M., at the Tigertail Lake Center of Broward Community College. Yasmin and the Pro-D Committee have produced a great Seminar Schedule for 2006 addressing the stated needs of Chapter members.

At the December Chapter Meeting at the Margate Community Center, Yasmin announced that she is handing the Pro-D torch to Ronnie Escano of the Broward County Purchasing Division. Ronnie is already in touch with Lauren Gaffney and the Seminar Staff at NIGP and is looking forward to chairing this important committee for the Chapter.

Remember that registering for classes is easier than ever now because Chapter members can make payment by either MasterCard or Visa credit cards!
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

STATE OF FLORIDA CERTIFICATION –
A FIRST FOR SOUTHEAST FLORIDA

CLASS WITH
BUD ROON
&
RUSS ROTHMAN
Since 2004 when the Southeast Florida NIGP Chapter increased its budget for the Scholarship Fund from $2,000.00 to $5,000.00, the Chapter has tried to assist more members in their pursuit of professional education and certification. The Chapter has had a continuing mission to serve members with subsidized educational seminars and assistance in gaining professional certification.

This year three individuals qualified for Scholarship Funds totaling $1300.00. With $5,000.00 in the budget, we wish that we had been able to help more Chapter members. Reimbursed individuals have utilized the funds to achieve professional certification or re-certification.

There seems to be a misconception about the purpose of the Chapter Scholarship Fund because, in 2005, Scholarship Committee Chair Gail Dixon received requests twice for reimbursement of college tuition and textbooks. It is necessary to point out that the Southeast Florida NIGP Chapter Scholarship Fund was never intended to reimburse individuals for college expenses. Most public agencies have employee benefit packages which include college reimbursement from which Chapter members can make requests for assistance if they choose. College expenses normally involve thousands of dollars and are therefore a good deal more than the Chapter can afford. The Southeast Florida NIGP Chapter intended its Scholarship Fund to assist Chapter members with seminar expenses which would further their eligibility for certification or re-certification.

By this, we hope to dispel any misconceptions about what can and cannot be reimbursed from the Chapter’s Scholarship Fund in order to avoid the unhappy situation of members counting on our Scholarship Fund to pay college expenses. Where college expenses are concerned, these benefits need to be obtained through the member’s public agency employee benefits program.
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City: ______________________________, FL. Zip: _________________

Telephone: (        ) _______________ Facsimile: (        ) _______________

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Date of Course: _______________________________________________

Payment arrangements must be made in advance.

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Ronnie Escano, CPPO, C.P.M., CPCM                    Telephone: (954) 357-6286
Broward County Purchasing Division                    Fax:            (954) 357-6280
115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 301                   E-mail: rescano@broward.org
Fort Lauderdale, FL  33301                            

Credit Card payments are also accepted:
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For State of Florida Certification Classes please complete the State of Florida Certification Class Application.
On October 18, Town of Davie’s Town Administrator, Chris Kovanes, was suspended by the Town Council after council members learned that he allegedly used GEO Inc., a shell company, to bill and collect money from Davie for mapping and geographic services that were not performed.

Prior to the Town’s suspension of Kovanes on October 18, Herb Hyman as the Town of Davie’s Purchasing Manager had noted more than passing interest on several occasions by Town Administrator Kovanes in procurements issued to a particular company, GEO Inc., often himself picking up payment checks issued by the Town of Davie to that company. In his capacity as Purchasing Manager, Herb Hyman advised the Town Administrator of Davie’s procurement policy emphasizing its open and competitive requirements. After processing an RFP to which GEO Inc. responded and to which Kovanes named himself as an Evaluating Committee member, Purchasing Manager Herb Hyman alerted the Town’s Budget and Finance Department Director.

After research into GEO Inc. revealed Kovanes as owner of the company, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement was notified and began their own investigation. On November 23, Kovanes was arrested and charged with grand theft, organized fraud and money laundering. On December 2, Kovanes was arrested again and charged in a separate scheme allegedly using a friend’s business to obtain money from the Town of Davie.

Herb’s notification of Town officials to the actions of Town Administrator Kovanes could have involved risk to Herb’s career. At that point, Herb Hyman did not have the benefit of the full-blown FDLE investigation which would come later. As a procurement official, however, Herb put into practice the NIGP Code of Ethics which states:

“…. (a) person employed by a public sector procurement or materials management organization… identifies and eliminates participation of any individual in operational situations where a conflict of interest may be involved; (and) keeps the governmental organization informed, through appropriate channels, on problems and progress of applicable operations by emphasizing the importance of facts.”

In so doing, Herb exemplified the NIGP Code of Ethics by demonstrating that he “…is governed by the highest ideals of honor and integrity in all public and personal relationships in order to merit the respect and inspire the confidence of the organization and the public being served”.

PROFILES IN COURAGE - HERB HYMAN
City of Tamarac Purchasing Division

Back Row (L to R): Steven Beamsderfer, C.P.M., Buyer; Keith Glatz, CPPO, Purchasing/Contracts Manager; and James Nicotra, CPPB, Senior Procurement Specialist.

Front Row (L to R): Roxana Milliani, Purchasing Coordinator; and Nichola, Purchasing Clerk.
With a combined office staff of five purchasing professionals, the City of Tamarac Purchasing Division exemplifies the City’s motto “Committed to Excellence …Always”. Of the City of Tamarac Purchasing staff, all who are eligible for professional certification have attained that distinction. In addition to regular duties for the City, Purchasing staff members support and participate in activities of the Southeast Florida NIGP Chapter and the South Florida Governmental Purchasing Co-operative. The City of Tamarac serves as lead entity for the Co-op’s Quicklime Contract as well as the Office Supplies Contract.

The City of Tamarac Purchasing Division processes solicitations and projects for more than $26 million annually involving commodities, services and construction. This level of activity is necessary to keep pace with the demands of this 40-year old city which the White House has designated a “Millennium Community” deserving of the U.S. Conference of Mayors “Livability Award” and the National Arbor Day Foundation’s annual “Tree City USA” designation thirteen times.

The City of Tamarac’s 56,000 residents will soon enjoy the Purchasing Division’s contributions to two noteworthy City projects: a new 30,000 sq.ft. Community Center and a new $6.2 million Library.

Soon after assuming his position with the city two years ago, Purchasing/Contracts Manager Keith Glatz was tapped as Vice-President for the Southeast Florida NIGP Chapter. Although Keith was new to this area, he was already known to local members of NIGP as a Certified NIGP Instructor since 1995. Keith will assume the Chapter Presidency in 2006.
Purchasing Agency Feature
City of Greenacres

The City of Greenacres Purchasing Division staff

(L to R) Lynda Venne, CPPB, Purchasing Administrator
and Alyssa Milo, Purchasing Assistant.
Purchasing Agency Feature
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The City of Greenacres Mission Statement “Continually improve the quality of life by providing the best and most cost efficient public services and facilities to exceed the expectations of city residents and businesses” is certainly embodied by the City’s two-person Purchasing Division. Lynda Venne and Alyssa Milo provide the City of Greenacres with an efficient team of purchasing professionals who manage to accomplish the City’s many procurement projects as well as contribute to the Southeast Florida NIGP Chapter and the South Florida Governmental Purchasing Co-operative.

The City of Greenacres Purchasing Division is part of the City’s Finance Department and is projected to complete over $4.5 million in procurements in Fiscal Year 2005 including procurement card transactions.

The City of Greenacres in central Palm Beach County was founded in 1923 by Lawrence Carter Swain and was officially incorporated in 1926 as “Greenacres City”. Within two years of its incorporation, Greenacres City was virtually wiped off the map by hurricanes in September of 1926 and 1928. The City however survived these devastating storms and the temporary loss of City status when, in 1945, a group of disgruntled residents presented a petition to the State Legislature resulting in revocation of the City Charter for a period of two years. With a land area of 5.3 square miles and a beautiful location, the City of Greenacres continued to grow and today enjoys a population of more than 30,533 residents and takes pride in its sense of community, 11 neighborhood parks, 9 schools, impressive landscaping programs, and other innovative programs that give it distinction as “A Great Place To Be”.

Purchasing Agency Feature
City of Boca Raton

City of Boca Raton

Front Row (l to r): Mala Doodhai, Part-time Office Assistant, 7 years; Marilyn Prater-Rivers, C.P.M., Buyer, 1 year; Kimberly Jones-Smith, Purchasing Technician, 1 year; and Lynn Kunkel, CPPB, Senior Buyer, 14 years.

Back Row: Carol Thomas, CPPB, Purchasing Manager, 10 years; Robert Bolinski, CPPB, Buyer, 10 years; Diane LoPresti, CPPB, Buyer, 10 years; and Marie Cohen, Part-time Secretary, 6 months.
The City of Boca Raton Purchasing Division has earned the Florida Association of Public Purchasing Officers (FAPPO) Excellence in Public Procurement and Outstanding Purchasing Department Awards four times – in 2000, 2002, 2003 and 2004. These statewide awards indicate the professionalism with which Carol Thomas, CPPB, Purchasing Manager and her staff of six purchasing professionals approach their tasks. All staff members directly involved with procurements who are eligible for certification have achieved professional certification.

The City of Boca Raton Purchasing Division has an operating budget of $2.5 million and supports nine City Departments comprised of 66 Divisions. In addition to this purchasing responsibility, the seven-person Purchasing Division procures approximately 98% of the products, services and construction for the Beach and Park Tax District which is a separate taxing authority comprised of seven Divisions.

In Fiscal Year 2004/2005, the Boca Raton Purchasing Division completed 23 Construction Bids, 38 Bids for Commodities and General Services, 11 RFP’s, 3 LOI’s and 74 RFQ’s. The City of Boca Raton procurement requirements stipulate competitive quotations at a threshold of $3,000.00. For procurements $25,000.00 and up, competitive bids are required as well as City Council approval of those bids.

Significant projects completed by the Boca Raton Purchasing Office in recent history are:

- Construction contract for the largest water treatment (membrane plant) plant in U.S. history at $49.7 million.
- Construction contracts for five new Fire Stations and renovation of three other Fire Stations.
- Construction contract for the Western Library including state-of-the-art technology and an in-house cafeteria.
- Construction of new dog park.
- Contract for several beach renourishment projects.

Although the City has grown considerably in the past ten years (annexed twice), the number of full-time staff in the Purchasing Division has remained the same with an increase of only two part-time positions (a File Clerk and Secretary each working 20 hours per week).
Dear CO-OP Membership,

This past year has been very challenging on every level yet each one of you have stood tall and met the challenge. Your support and enthusiasm for the CO-OP has been remarkable.

There is no time more fitting to say thank you and to wish you a Happy Holiday Season and a New Year of health, happiness and prosperity.

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Congratulations to all the Chapter Members!
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Annual Membership Dues for the year 2006 (January through December) are now due in the amount of $25.00 from all regular members.

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