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Dear Members and Friends:

The end of March is already closing in. For this year's charity fundraiser, MOCAP is holding an on-line auction. This will benefit the local American Red Cross. The auction has started and we are excited to share the opportunity to get great deals with our members and their families and friends. Please check it out.

Also, its election time. The MOCAP Chapter is looking for leaders for 2022-2024. The nomination period started, March 18th and runs through April 1st. This is a very rewarding experience and a great way to get to know more of your fellow chapter members!!

Please check your email and the website to find the nominations form and the campaign rules. You can nominate yourself or another eligible fellow chapter member, and the form needs to be returned to me by 5:00 P.M. April 1st. The Campaign rules include a link to the polices about nominations and elections. Lagina Fitzpatrick has graciously agreed to be the elections chair this year.

Please reach out to Lagina with any questions.

The April meeting features Meeting Planning Jeopardy hosted by Lagina herself! If you haven't attended a meeting for a while we would love to see you back!

Sincerely,

Tina Dillon, Chapter President





SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Meetings

March/April— On-line Charity Auction Begins March 14, 2022, at noon and ends Friday, April 8, 2022 @ 11p.m. Please share the ink: the link is open to everyone: friends, family and the public.

Link to the Auction: <https://www.32auctions.com/sgmpmocap2022auction>

The on-line auction is currently live, please check it out. The minimum bids have been reduced giving our members and their friends & families big savings on these excellent packages. Proceeds benefit the local **American Red Cross**.

April 14— Program: Meeting Planning Jeopardy!

Speaker: Lagina Fitzpatrick, Lake Area CVB

Host: Department of Natural Resources Bldg ,Roaring River Conference Room, 1730 E Elm St. Jefferson City MO

Sponsor: Lake Area CVB, Lagina Fitzpatrick



May 12— Program: Chef Presentation, Courtyard by Marriott

Speaker: Chef Jeff to Talk About Food & Beverage at Your Meetings

Host: Courtyard by Marriott, Columbia Mo

Sponsor: Columbia CVB, Terra Crane



June 9—Chapter Awards & Supplier Appreciation Program

Location: North Jefferson City Pavilion (Pending)

Please complete the form if you have supported MOCAP.

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Membership Report

The March MMR report from SGMP shows the MOCAP chapter is holding at 24 planner members, 11 supplier members and 6 retired members totaling membership of 41.

Need to update your membership information

It's as easy as logging on to www.sgmp.org. You can update your contact information, renew your membership and even ask for an invoice to be sent for payment. You can also download the membership change form and submit directly to SMGP.

March

Treasurer's Report

We are currently at a balance of \$16,543.00 this includes a CD of \$1006.24.

Are You Digitally Secure? Find Are You Digitally Secure? Find Out!

By, Lela Kosteck Bunch

One of the most helpful educational sessions at the SGMP NEC 2021 Conference was “Are You Digitally Secure? Find Out”. This workshop covered the core competency Technology and the presenter was James Spellos. It was the session I was most interested in—first because of the topic covered and second because of the presenter James Spellos who has presented on various technology topics in the past and is very knowledgeable in that area.

Mr. Spellos started out by reminding us that **everything** we do on the web leaves a trace. He indicated that when you have your browser in privacy mode, it isn't really that private. He strongly advised against using Internet Explorer as it is outdated and is not secure enough to protect your data. He further stated that IOS 15 will allow you to spy on apps that might be spying on you, but when it first came out, there were problems. As a result, Mr. Spellos advised **never** to get the first version of anything, but instead to give it a chance to have the bugs worked out.

Regardless, he stressed that **security** is more important than **privacy**. Mr. Spellos indicated that you can feel relatively safe going to a website starting with **https://** as the **s** stands for secure. Nevertheless, he cautioned that you can fall victim to any number of attacks which access your information. Your best defense, he said, is to encrypt your information. One type of malware is phishing where you are sent a supposedly harmless email with a hyperlink. The minute you tap on that link the phisherman at the other end can gain access to your information (your passwords,

to do is never click on a website that is not familiar. Mr. Spellos warns, “**Always think before you click**”.

After Mr. Spellos sufficiently terrified us by telling us some of the negative malware there is just laying in wait to access our data, he gave us directions on how best to protect ourselves and our data.

1. Make sure your antivirus software is up-to-date; in addition, he recommended to also download windows and other program updates.
2. Make sure you have an adequate anti-malware program on your computer, your phone, your tablet, or whatever.
3. Make sure you use a virtual private network (VPN) that can encrypt your data so that no one else has access to it. This, he said, is critical if you are using an unsecured Wi-Fi network.
4. Make sure you use a password manager. Believe it or not, he said, the most commonly used password is 12345678. (Over 2 ½ million people use this password!) With a password manager, the program generates a unique password for whatever program/device you are trying to protect. That way you don't have to keep track of all your passwords and change them periodically. Mr. Spellos indicated that you might not think of it, but he also recommended that you change your router password as well as there is a website available that lists all the router brands and their generic passwords.

Use two-factor authentication. Mr. Spellos strongly recommended using this whenever possible, even though it is not necessarily convenient.

As for your phone, Mr. Spellos recommended making sure that your hotspot is secure. He also suggested downloading Malwarebytes for your phone and your tablet.

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