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NAPO-LA Calendar

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| January 26 2:45 pm Board Meeting | February 15 Registration Deadline: |
| January 26 6:00 pm Check in | POLA Teleclass |
| 6:15 pm Chapter Meeting | |
| January 31 Sign up Deadline: for | February 18 POLA Teleclass |
| Welcome to LA table | February 23 12:30 pm Board Meeting |
| Email Janet Fishman to join | 6:15 pm Chapter Meeting |

President's Message

Putting a Price Tag on our Professional Growth: A Plug for Education and Conference

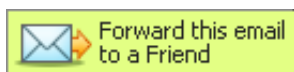
Regina F. Lark, Ph.D, CPO®, CPO-CD®

When I entered the Organizing profession I was lucky that I could see the amazing potential of this work. One of the biggest lessons I've learned this far on this journey is to continually invest in my personal and professional growth. When I first began, I read "how to" books on starting a home-based business. Then I got more serious about my goals and invested in working with a business coach. Another big lesson learned: this was a good idea! Growing a business from scratch isn't easy, as we all know, and I give all of my NAPO friends and colleagues big kudos for taking that leap of faith!

Learning about business and understanding my numbers provided the structure I needed to call myself a business owner. But in order to nourish my business over time, and to grow it as I imagined, I knew education would be the key to sustainability.

Now, as then, I look for education everywhere, like right here in my own backyard of NAPO-LA with our regular POLA classes. In February, NAPO-LA Professional Organizers Learning Academy (POLA) will launch its first teleclass. Acquiring education just can't get any easier! Taught by Ramona Creel, veteran Organizer and new NAPO-LA member, [What Every Organizer Should Know About Breaking down the Brain: The Mental Side of Professional Organizing](#) no doubt provide students with useful tools and strategies for our client work. POLA, managed and led to great success by Jean Furuya (Organizing Jean) has been the force behind educating NAPO-LA members and our visitors. We have learned so much through the vision of the POLA committee; and some members apply their classes to continuing education credits for various certifications and re-certifications.

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Our own backyard will be awash with education this April when [NAPO2015 Conference](#) comes to Los Angeles! Beginning on April 16th, we're fortunate to have access to three days of presentations, workshops, and keynotes, all of which are designed to help us grow and enhance our businesses into whatever we believe they can be!

Are you registered? Have you chosen your education action plan for conference week? Are you thinking strategically about your approach to the workshops? might you be interested in a broad spectrum of information and want to attend a little bit of everything?

I confess that I didn't attend Conference during my first year as a PO. I thought I could not afford what seemed like a very steep price tag. What I discovered when I finally did go (in year two as a PO) was that I cannot afford to not go to conference! Consequently, this will be my fifth NAPO conference. After each one, I spend a few days going through pages of notes and ideas, and then choose those that make most sense. I can say without hesitation that when I apply the tools learned at Conference, the structure of my business is more solid, and my client base and my bank account grow.

Attending Conference empowers me to evolve my business in ways that can keep up with what my mind and heart visualize.

Aside from the awesome education, Conference provides innumerable opportunities to hang out and party with my NAPO pals who are coming from around the world! And I really love meeting new people; I think all Organizers do!

I'm happy to chat with you about making the most out of this wonderful opportunity - email or call: regina@aclearpath.net or (818) 400-9592. And I look forward to seeing all of you there!

NAPO-LA January Chapter Meeting

Leadership Forum Leaders Are Made-Not Born!

Speaker: Krista Clive-Smith

Leadership isn't only about rank and position on an organizational chart-it's about creating a following, having influence, and helping to guide and inspire others to greatness, regardless of title or formal authority. And the great news is leaders are MADE, not born!

When: January 26, 2015
check in 6:00 pm program starts 6:15 pm

Where: The Olympic Collection Conference Center

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Nadine Levy
Management 180

11301 West Olympic Blvd
in West LA (cross street is Sawtelle)
The usual meeting room is on the second floor

Who: NAPO-LA members only for this meeting
Professional business attire requested

Cost: Free for Level 1, 2, and Associate members
Please [register](#) so we have an accurate headcount
\$25 for Level 3 members and visitors

Parking: \$6 in the underground parking
Limited street parking is available after 6:00 pm

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Golden Circle News

Who: New Golden Circle Chairs: Standolyn Robertson and Ann Gambrell

What: Golden Circle Meeting

When: February 21, 2015 at 1pm PST

818.585.4828

Coordinators & Committee Chairs

See a complete list [here](#)

Chapter Photo Albums



December DTWC De-Clutter Day

See our archived pictures [here](#).

Membership

NAPO-LA Chapter Membership

[Welcome to our new members!](#)
[See who they are here.](#)

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Where: TBD, A private home or restaurant

You're Invited

All eligible Golden Circle members are invited to join the Los Angeles Area Golden Circle. More information is available on the NAPO National website or email Standolyn@thingsinplace.com.

What are the requirements?

- You must be a NAPO member for a minimum of one year. Chapter membership is not required.
- You must provide documentation to substantiate your activity as a professional organizer for a minimum of five years. All documents must include your business or employer's name and display a date that is five or more years prior to your application.

How do I apply to Golden Circle?

A Golden Circle application form can be found by logging into NAPO.net, POINT-Member Section, (click) Get Involved (dropdown), select Golden Circle and the application link is in the last paragraph. This form can be printed, mailed, emailed or faxed, with appropriate documentation, to NAPO Headquarters.

Upon approval of documents submitted, a Golden Circle pin and certificate will be presented to new members, and the Golden Circle POINT Community can be accessed.

NAPO-LA News & Volunteer Opportunities

News from NAPO HQ

- Current Growth Goals for fiscal year (10/1/14 - 9/30/15)
 - Overall goal is 4050 (currently at 3859)
 - Goal for NAPO Members to join a Chapter is 50% (currently at 41%)

NAPO-LA Chapter News

- A wonderful time was had by all at our second de-clutter day in December at the Downtown Women's Center! And... as it turns out, our DWC connection, Latoya Hawthorne, has the gift of organization and plans to join NAPO as a graduate student member soon!
- Check our new "[Welcome NAPO to LA!](#)" web page! Susan Culligan (Director of Communication/Technology) assembled the ideas and inspired a lot of people to create this beautiful site! We wanted to help NAPO visitors to LA navigate our beautiful city and Susan took it to the next level. Please join me in thanking Susan for the countless hours spent on this task.

- Thanks again to Tanisha Porter, Cary Prince, Esther Simon, Milena Kazarian, Janet Fishman, and Laura Ellis on their committee work to Welcome NAPO to LA!
- You may not be able to see it, but the [NAPO-LA website](#) has moved to new server, Wild Apricot! Susan Culligan has spent hundreds of hours transferring data and creating our wonderful new website in time for [NAPO2015!](#)

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers for Staffing Opportunities at NAPO Conference: Don't miss the opportunity! LAST CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF HOSPITALITY WELCOME TABLE AT NAPO CONFERENCE.

Please contact Janet Fishman **by January 31**. Conference is here in Los Angeles April 15 - 18. Would you like to meet NAPO members from all around the world? Do you like to show people a good time? The annual NAPO conference will be held in our own backyard at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel downtown Los Angeles. Staffers will share information with visitors about our city and chapter. If you're interested please contact Janet Fishman at (213) 30389 or janet@janetfishmanorganizer.com if you would like to volunteer for this activi

NAPO-LA
Professional Organizers Learning Academy

POLA PRESENTS a TELECLASS

**What Every Organizer Should Know About
Breaking down the Brain:
The Mental Side of Professional Organizing**

[Register Me!](#)

When: Wednesday, February 18, 2015
Registration will close Sunday, February 15

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Where: Teleconference - Conference number will be sent prior to day of clas

Cost: NAPO-LA Members \$20 - Non-Members \$30

No refunds for POLA sessions.
If you are unable to attend this class the fee will be applied toward another POLA class within one year's time.
For more information: contact pola@napola.org

ICD NEWS



\$39.00 Live ICD Teleclass Opportunity

Reduced price until March 31, 2015

ICD is offering a special price reduction from \$79.00 for live teleclasses for or \$39.00 each! Members of the public and professional organizers who are not ICD subscribers can have access to classes that they have not had access to previously. This special promotion is only through March 31, 2015 and is for I teleclasses only. This quarter, these classes are offered on Monday evenings at 8 pm EST. This is especially useful for any CPOs needing continuing education credits or anyone getting ready to take his/her CPO exam who wants further education. It's a great way to test the ICD waters and see the outstanding presenters and content ICD offers each week with its teleclasses

First Quarter ICD Teleclasses (Mondays from 5 - 6 PM PST)

ICD is offering an outstanding and diversified list of teleclasses for the first quarter listed below.

- Practical Zen Brain Hacks for Organizing Your Life (ADD-475)
- Distracted Executives: Gifted With a Glitch (ADD-480)
- Organizing Paperwork for the Special Needs Child (SLS-315)
- Downsizing the Homes of Seniors With Too Much Stuff: Tips & Strategies for What Works Best (AGE-380)
- Productivity 2.0 - Getting Things Done (GTD) with ADHD: Strategies, Apps & Other Tools to GTD with ADHD (TMP-240)
- Digging Too Deep: How to Avoid Becoming Your Client's Amateur Therapist (MH-)
- The Aging Brain: New Trends in Thinking (AGE-131)
- Keeping It Safe: Navigating Through a High Content Environment (HRD-475)
- The Six Pillars of Time Management (TMP-245)
- Mid-Life Transitions for Women with ADHD (LT-245)

ICD Connect

ICD Connect is a new format for subscribers to connect that is similar to NAP Point. Subscribers will receive emails with information, instructions, and invitations to Connect. We are very excited for this new format of communication and the Ambassadors are the first to know!

Clutter Support Group

CD CLIENTS - SUPPORT GROUP FOR L.A. CHAPTER MEMBERS

If you are working consistently and on an ongoing basis (at least one year or more) with chronically disorganized clients, you are invited to participate in an informal support group.

To RSVP or for further information
email Jean Furuya at Jean@TheOfficeJeanie.com or call (310) 316-1753.

NAPO-LA Neighborhood Groups

Many of the Neighborhood Groups hold informal bimonthly meetings through the Los Angeles area. A benefit of chapter membership, these offshoots of NAPO-LA offer education, networking and support. Check below for the group nearest you and contact the Facilitator for information on the next meeting.

If you'd like to volunteer as a Facilitator for one of the open groups, please contact the Neighborhood Group Volunteer Coordinator Milena Kazarian at milena@chicandcheaporganizing.com.

Pasadena/Glendale/Burbank Facilitator: [Nonnahs Driskill](#)

Hollywood/West Hollywood Facilitator: [Leslie Haber](#)

San Fernando Valley Facilitator: [Janet Fishman](#)

Simi Valley: [Heather Furlong](#)

South Bay: Available

Westside: Available

The Pasadena/Glendale/Burbank neighborhood group met in January and practiced our phone intake procedures on each other. It was CRAZY helpful! Join us at our next meeting Monday, March 9th at 6:30 pm in Burbank (at Hol Martin's home).

All napo-la members in the area are invited. There is a \$5 food fee for dinner.
Topic: tools of the trade: electronic and physical

Please contact Nonnahs Driskill for specific addresses and other questions.
NAPO@GetOrganizedAlready.com. 323.646.3694

San Fernando Valley Neighborhood group: In this New Year, one of the first presenters will be a speaker from ArtKive about organizing children's artwork you are new to NAPO-LA and live in the San Fernando Valley, please contact Janet Fishman at janet@janetfishmanorganizer.com to be added to the mailing list for our gatherings.

Hollywood/West Hollywood Neighborhood group met in mid-November at the Coffee Bean at the Farmer's Market/Grove.

It was the first get-together since the group's revival. It was a great opportunity to get to know one another, discuss any relevant matters with our businesses and brainstorm on topics for following future meetings.

Those of you in the Silverlake, Los Feliz, BH, or other Hollywood-adjacent areas are welcome.

If you are interested in participating in the group, please contact Leslie

at AnOrganizedLife1@gmail.com for more information 213 507 1389.

Membership

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

November New Members

VJ Blue
Holly Frantz, Organized Living by Holly

November Meeting Stats

Membership: 103
Members: 46
Visitors: 1

December New Members

Rita Carton, [A Better Place For Everything](#)
Bailey Gaddis, [Serene Living Spaces](#)

December Meeting Stats - dark for the holidays

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