

## **GPA Chapters around the Country Celebrate #IGPD and #IGPW March 14-18, 2016**

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GPA established International Grant Professionals Week (#IGPW) to recognize and celebrate the work of all grant professionals. #IGPW 2016 is the second annual weeklong event designed to increase awareness and acknowledge the importance of the grant profession.

International Grant Professionals Day (#IGPD) is March 18, 2016. #IGPD recognizes and celebrates the work of grant professionals, who work as administrators, CEOs, consultants, managers, analysts, grant-makers, and writers.

GPA wants to rock social media next week with pictures, speakers, and short videos during the week. Use the hashtag **#IGPD** on social media. You can also participate in activities around the country through our GPA Chapters. Here's how a few plan to celebrate our special day.

- The Arizona Founding Chapter to host a professional development workshop.
- The Georgia Chapter will be hopping on #grantchat as a group to support International Grant Professionals Week to support this fun, engaging weekly twitter chat hosted by Jo Miller (grantchat.org).
- The Miami Valley Ohio chapter is presenting at the local AFP meeting, where members will promote GPA and International Grant Professionals Week/Day.
- The National Capital Area chapter will host an evening social in downtown Washington, DC and will share pics via social media to promote #IGPD.
- The Nebraska Chapter is hosting their Second Annual Granti Gras.
- New York's Mohawk-Hudson GPA Chapter will celebrate IGPW with breakfast for its members on Tuesday, March 15. Pictures will be posted and tweeted.
- The North Florida Chapter is going to celebrate at an evening social. Sharing their pics on social media to promote #IGPD and the grant professional community.
- The Northern Ohio (Greater Cleveland) chapter is volunteering at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank as a group. An excellent way to give back and spread the word of grant professionals.
- Oregon and SW Washington are promoting the national conference scholarship they provide and will award the scholarship on March 18.
- Southern Arizona is celebrating by offering a free workshop on March 10 and will hold a drawing for a GPA membership.
- The South Carolina will host a chapter face-to-face meeting.

- The Southeast Texas Chapter is celebrating the chapter's anniversary.
- The Western Pennsylvania Chapter will celebrate its chapter anniversary, and it will hold a book signing featuring a chapter member.

Let us know about your plans for International Grant Professionals Day and Week! We'd love to share your plans, photos, video, and other materials through the website and social media to expand the reach of this week as far as possible.

For more information, contact Kelli Romero, Membership Director, at [kelli@grantprofessionals.org](mailto:kelli@grantprofessionals.org) or visit the International Grant Professionals Day web page at [www.grantprofessionals.org/igpd](http://www.grantprofessionals.org/igpd).