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## **NAPO-NY's 7th Annual Get Organized (GO) Month Recap**

### **Professional Organizers launch a medley of inspiring events**

New York, NY (March 17, 2011) GO Month in New York City

GO Month is a national initiative in January created by the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO) to educate individuals and businesses about the benefits of organization. NAPO members share their expertise through a variety of programs, workshops and events. And what a month it was! Here are some of the exciting events NAPO-NY chapter members initiated:

- In November, NAPO-NY members Elizabeth Quincy, Karen Guccione, Kate Burt, Petra Tabry, Audrey Lavine, Collette Shine, Lynda Galanis, Sondra Lender, Christina Hoover, and Katy Carr volunteered to declutter and organize a not-for-profit center in Brooklyn providing services to crime victims. With an overflow of donations, thirty-five bags and boxes of clothing, household and personal care items were donated to a women's shelter. Arts and crafts, holiday decorations, promotional literature and materials, small furnishings, office supplies and old files were organized immaculately. The staff was delighted with their new clear, open spaces, part of which is planned for yoga classes for staff and clients. The center is now a calm and welcoming place to work and receive services.



- On December 23rd, Sheila Delson, CPO-CD presented at a local Kiwanis Club in preparation for GO Month. Attendees shared organizing challenges and participated in an interactive problem-solving session. Each one made a commitment to complete a challenge goal by the end of January.

- On December 28th, Sarah Stitham, CPO assisted Director Nancy Campbell and volunteers at the Woodstock School of Art to archive memorabilia making it available for the public to view in the school's library. Stitham commented "We really get the importance of the school's place in local history. The school's past is a treasure trove of anecdotes and events from Woodstock's legendary art community. It will be great to have that available to the public."

- On January 6th, Margaret Langston, Collette Shine, and Karen Guccione presented “Clutter and Organizing: Three Views” to an enthusiastic standing-room only crowd of 90 participants at The Manhattan Adult ADD Support Group. The presentation focused on three aspects of the organizing process: simplification, implementing technology and overcoming emotional obstacles. MAADD’s founder Paul Jaffe reported that the dynamic trio made the hit parade of favorite presentations since the group started in 1996.

- On January 16th, Sheila Delson participated and co-sponsored as an exhibitor in a woman's all-day seminar and expo in Poughkeepsie called “New Year, New You” attended by 360 women. The focus for her booth was National GO Month. Sheila created a classy-looking Tickler File and every 15 minutes demonstrated how to use it and its multiple benefits. The booth was crowded the entire day as word spread.

- On January 21st, sixteen members of NAPO-NY shared their talents with the Literacy Partners staff at their headquarters in midtown Manhattan. They worked together to reorganize the teaching materials in a large classroom, re-categorize the books in the library, facilitate enhanced filing procedures, streamline supply closets and utilize the space in the IT department more productively.

- In January, NAPO-NY member Sarah Stitham and interior designer, Laura Angelini launched “The Ultimate Room Makeover Contest” in Woodstock, NY. Contestants entered by describing how transforming a room in their home would transform their life. On January 28th the winner was announced. Laura and Sarah mapped out a plan with the winner, selected paint colors, designed the room layout and gave them organizing options. Sponsors supplied materials and professional services. Friends and family rolled up their sleeves and had a blast while the room was magically transformed from ordinary to extraordinary.

- NAPO-NY organizers in Long Island (POLI) helped to set up the donation and distribution areas for The Mary Brennan INN in Hempstead, NY a subsidiary of The Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN) a not-for-profit organization providing food, shelter and long-term housing to families and individuals seeking assistance. NAPO-NY organizers Nancy Borg, Vickie Faber, Linda Goldfarb, Tara Kenavan, Alice Price and NAPO-NY’s Immediate Past-President, Diana Soll, worked with The Mary Brennan INN’s dedicated staff and committed volunteers enabling the volunteers to begin distributing donations to guests days earlier than they had anticipated.

**About NAPO-NY:** NAPO-NY is the New York chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers, the world’s premier professional community dedicated to serving the interests and development of professional organizers. Founded in 1987, NAPO-NY is over 100 members strong and boasts a diverse array of organizing consultants, speakers, trainers, authors and manufacturers of organizing products who provide organizing services to individuals, families and businesses throughout the New York metropolitan area.

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