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Hello SGMP Louisiana members and friends!

Do you feel it? Air is slowly being pumped back into our industry. New Orleans hotels are booking business. Restaurants have opened to inside dining. Outdoor events are taking place. These are all ~~good~~ great things for our state.

In a year of craziness, we still have so much to be thankful for. I am thankful for the friendships I have built through SGMP. I remember my first meeting nearly four years ago where I found myself sitting at a table with a bunch of strangers. I am so bad at social situations. I felt so awkward. But, SGMP meetings are welcoming. Our members are engaging. I left feeling excited about the organization and chapter. Today I call SGMP Louisiana my professional home and all of you my friends.

In November I pose a challenge to each of you. Every week this month choose one person you have met through SGMP and reach out. Whether it is an email saying hello, dropping off cookies, or inviting them for coffee, our connections keep us thriving. Whether you met at a chapter event or NEC, there are SGMP colleagues who are special to you. Let them know!

As you enjoy a holiday meal with your family and friends take time to savor the moment as much as the food. Again, we have so many reasons to be thankful.

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