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MPI Middle Pennsylvania Chapter Holds 15th Anniversary Celebration Event

HERSHEY, PA (June 5, 2023) – Meeting Professionals International Middle Pennsylvania Chapter (MPIMP) gathered to celebrate its members at the 15th Anniversary Celebration, held May 25, 2023, at the Wyndham Gettysburg. The event included a virtual silent auction, live entertainment, and award presentations.

Members bid on more than 60 items in the online auction that brought in more than \$15,000 for the chapter's scholarship fund. Donated items included gift baskets, activity passes, hotel stays, and more.

The chapter awarded five members for their outstanding achievements during the 2022-2023 year. The evening's awards included:

Outstanding Volunteer of the Year: Rebecca Kim, Wind Creek Bethlehem

Rebecca jumped right into helping our chapter. She has a huge heart and wants to see the industry grow. She actively participates in MPIMP committees and embodies the spirit of volunteerism, chairing events, hosting events and always looks to build our chapter up with sponsorships, solicitations, and more.

Over this past year Rebecca has increased her involvement and has done a good job for the chapter as well as in her professional career. Her growth over the past year has been noticeable. She is an excellent and consistent contributor to committees and events, bringing fun, excitement, and is a breath of fresh air to MPIMP!

Planner of the Year: Stacey Thomas, Pennsylvania "PA" Bar Institute

While Stacey prefers not to be in the spotlight, she easily balances her responsibilities with the PA Bar Institute using this work platform to also evangelize the benefits of MPIMP to whoever will listen. She is an active member of the Communications Committee and is always willing to jump in and support our chapter with any project suggested her way. Stacey regularly connects with our new members and creates amazing new member spotlights highlighted on our social media pages.

Supplier of the Year: Sariah Powell, Caesars Entertainment Corporation

As Vice President of Special Events, Sariah's leadership skills have allowed the committee to spearhead and oversee the planning and execution of numerous successful events. Her gift of engaging the committee members ensures that committee meetings and events run smoothly and efficiently. The volunteers on the committee look-up to and admire Sariah for her strong management skills, relationship building and excellent communication skills.

Sariah took over the leadership of the Special Events Committee after several years of little to no events taking place and has navigated many challenges and worked hard to help put protocols in place to help the committee find its ground again.

Young Professional Rising Star: Rebecca “Becky” Ferris, PA Association of Mutual Insurance Co.

Becky is one of the first people I met through MPIMP at one of my very first education meetings and she greeted me with her brilliant smile. She’s been involved and actively participates in many of the events that MPIMP has held and joined committees to learn from her peers. She recently volunteered to chair our May Celebration this year. I think Becky is a great candidate for this award! Becky is very giving of her time and talent. One thing that stands out from 2022 -- For the August Mixer, Becky took the initiative to handmade welcome keychains for all prospective members.

Recruiter of the Year: Cyndy Cosner, Hershey Entertainment & Resorts

Always a diplomat for the Chapter, Cosner brought three new members into the fold. She is enthusiastic about promoting our events and has been instrumental in growing our membership to nearly 149 professionals.

About Meeting Professional International (MPI) & MPI Middle Pennsylvania Chapter

MPI is the largest and most vibrant global meeting and event industry association. The organization provides innovative and relevant education, networking opportunities and business exchanges, and acts as a prominent voice for the promotion and growth of the industry. MPI membership is comprised of approximately 20,500 members belonging to more than 80 chapters and clubs worldwide. The 140+ member Middle Pennsylvania MPI Chapter (MPIMP), established in 2008, empowers its members to increase their strategic organizational value through education and networking opportunities. For more information, visit <http://www.mpimiddlepa.org> and follow us on [Facebook](#).

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