

November 2014 Monthly Newsletter



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“There are some people who live in a dream world, and there are some who face reality;
and then there are those who turn one into the other.”

- Douglas H. Everett

MPI D/FW educates and prepares its members for their changing roles in the greater business world. The association validates relevant knowledge and skills while simultaneously demonstrating a commitment to meeting excellence. Record five-time winner of "Chapter of the Year"

A Message from the President ...



Happy Fall!

It is my favorite time of year... there is a chill in the air, the trees change color, time seems to go by a little slower, and the food, oh the food!! It's a time of change; the year is coming to a close and we prepare to wrap up 2014 by giving thanks and celebrating with friends and family.

I am very thankful for the honor of leading this Chapter this year. I have so much passion for this organization and I am grateful every day for the opportunities my involvement in MPI has given me.

This is a very exciting time for MPI D/FW. So much has been accomplished in the past few months, I can't wait to see what lies ahead! Please allow me to share with you some of the great things the Board and Committees have been up to:

The first MPI Student Club in Texas is starting at Collin College and is sponsored by MPI D/FW! We are so proud of these students and are excited to encourage and lead the future of our industry!

Our chapter Experiences are igniting the fire in our Chapter members! Members are getting involved and engaged and that's what we are all about. Last month, we had a 20 year member volunteer on a committee for the very first time. She was driven to get involved because she believes in the vision and dedication of leadership development. It's never too late to engage! You can give as little as an hour of your time and reap so many rewards in return!

The Education and Events team is planning 90 days out, has improved inter-department communication and is having a TON of fun planning the monthly Experiences. The team wants you to be engaged and excited when you leave an event. That's an Experience!

The Finance Team works tirelessly behind the scenes to secure Sponsorships and manage the chapter's finances. It is my pleasure to tell you that our finances are strong, our reserves are solid and we are investing in our future as well. We have Sponsors lining up to host future Experiences and that's a sign that we are moving in the right direction!

With Communications, we continue to improve the ways we communicate and engage with you. Our weekly emails are driving more concise content and reminders of Chapter happenings; our monthly newsletter is being revamped by our new Editor and the Chapter website is being reviewed and prepped to be updated in 2015. The update will allow mobile browsing and will be tablet compatible. Stay tuned!

The Leadership Department developed an amazing Roundtable event in October that resulted in record attendance and rave reviews. Plans are already underway for Emerging Leaders 2015! RISE Award Nominations will begin soon, so be on the lookout for information on how to honor your fellow members. The CSR committee is working with several organizations to offer our members an opportunity to give back to the community. We will continue to build awareness of Human Trafficking throughout the year, however, we will also be supporting other favorite charities as we are able.

And, lastly, the Office of the President has been busy as well! President-Elect Cummins has been working on Bylaws and Policy and Procedure reviews, Grant Applications, and so much more! Past President Kieckhafer is working with the Past President's Council on new ways to involve the PPC in chapter activities, leadership initiatives and opportunities for the Chapter to show our appreciation.

As you can see, we are making a difference and it's a thrilling time to be a member of, and involved, with MPI D/FW. Change is hard, and can be overwhelming, but if we all work together for the common good, great things can, and will, happen.

It is an honor to serve you,

Amanda Wells, CMP

Chapter President, 2014-2015



When:

November 20, 2014

Where:

Marriott
DALLAS/FORT WORTH
AIRPORT SOUTH



Peter LaSorsa is a former Green Beret and an expert on travel safety. Having lectured in over 50 countries, he uses a combination of Special Forces training, travel experience and legal

Coming Next Month...



Support our Charity of the Quarter!



Baby, Baby, I love you....

training to develop unique methods for traveling safely.

\$35.00 Members

\$45.00 Non- Members

\$24.00 MPI Student Members

For this price, you are able to join us all day, just the Luncheon, or any portion thereof!

Register NOW!

Many times a woman leaves an abusive situation with little ones in tow.

They come to Genesis for shelter and counseling. Genesis tries to provide the necessities

And this includes baby care needs...specifically Diapers and Diaper Genies.

MPI DFW Chapter has committed to buy (2) Diaper Genies and we would also like to add diapers

Drop a dollar in our Diaper Genie at the Transportation Summit and/or bring a pack of diapers.



Meetings

Mean

Business



The D/FW Chapter is participating in this exciting initiative! Registration information is coming soon! If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, please contact the event Chair, Kayla Branstiter at kbranstiter@ambitenergy.com

NOVEMBER

SALES BLITZ

SOLD OUT!

The November Sales Blitz which brings together planners and suppliers with face-to-face appointments over a 3-day period, November 10-12 has sold out. This is a limited participation event and the slots go quickly.



Check out this

MPI Article

by Tim Sanders on
how to show the



Need Something?

Check out the Supplier Marketplace and BUY MPI!!!

Thank you to our Chapter planners and suppliers
who are supporting this

value of
your meetings.

Members on the Move



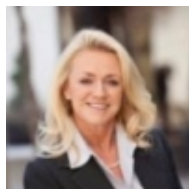
Melissa Logar, CMP

joined Blue Cross/Blue Shield as Meetings &
Special Event Manager. Melissa previously was
with PricewaterhouseCoopers.



Kimberly Twomey

was named Account Executive with Hello! Texas
Destination Management Services. Kimberly
formerly was with ClubCorp.



Sponsor Spotlight

... A special thanks for your support

Erin Donohue

Omni Hotels Global Sales,

announces these recent awards presented to Omni:

Harris Poll Equitrend -
2014 Luxury Hotel Brand of the Year.

Travel & Leisure - One of the Top 10
Hotels for Business Travel.

Forbes - One of the 10 Best
Travel Companies to Work For.

CAREER CENTER

Great News! The Career and Resources page on the MPI D/FW.org website has changed. You can now directly access the MPI International Job Board from here.. Looking for a job? Looking for new team members? Go to the MPI Career Center.



Mentoring is a gift to touch someone's life and career with advice, support and connections that are valued forever. At MPI we realize that and aim to support the idea of creating learning experiences for other people.

Ask yourself today "why would I need a mentor" or "why should I be a mentor".

We want to help you answer those questions.

"Throughout your life various people will play a major role as they positively impact and help guide you as a mentor. They will influence you, share important knowledge with you and help your career growth. I am a firm believer of being both a mentor and a mentee. We all have knowledge to share and but always something to learn."

Colleen A. Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP, CPC, CTA, CPECP

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Jack Bunning - Dallas Historical Society

Hilda Carrillo - Rovia

Heather Daniel - M&M The Special Events Co.

Tony Hernandez

Chasity Lemich - The Highland Dallas

Jessica Marbut - Plano Centre

Walt McKay III - Event Support Group, Inc.

Jill Morgan-Frost - Bell Helicopter

Jill Muth, HMCC - Hilton

Marianne Nelson, DOS - Hilton Shreveport

Jane Elizabeth Secchi - Ferraris Italian Villa

Valarie Thompson - Collin College

Duy Tran - Collin College

Ivy Tuazon - Collin College

Lokman Doby Yim - Collin College



Join me, Take the “I Recycle” Pledge, Marti Fox, CMP, CMM

**All during November, the cities in our North Texas area are sponsoring events
or promoting the services and access points for us to clean out and recycle,
beyond what goes into your blue can service.**

Give your “garbage” another life. When you recycle:

Your plastic shampoo or water bottle could become a park bench

Your cereal box could become a game board

Your food can could become a bike

**Look up your city services on-line and find out what activities they have planned or
where you can rid your garage of chemicals, paints and other items.**

**Support recycling in our community and take the [America Recycles Day Pledge](#).
After you pledge, go a step further...share this information with your family and friends...
maybe even volunteer to make a “recycle run” for your neighbors!**

Encourage them to [take the pledge](#) with us.

**Together, we can reduce material going to landfills and by recycling, give our
“garbage” another life.**

Learn more at:

Dates to Remember:

November

18-20th – [Sales Blitz](#)

20th – [Chapter Experience](#)

December

2nd – [Board of Directors Meeting](#)

4th – [Past President & Board Members Breakfast](#)

4th – [Education & Events Committee Meeting](#)

9th – [Leadership Committee Meeting](#)

10th – [Communications Committee Meeting](#)

18th – [Chapter Experience](#)

18th – [Membership Committee Meeting](#)

AmericaRecyclesDay.org

Recycling is the easiest thing we can all do to improve our community,

conserve natural resources, and create green jobs.

GET INVOLVED!!!

If you missed MPI DFW Chapter's 2011 Recycling plant tour,

you'll enjoy this [video](#) on a Local city's recycling plant

– see how it is done!

Do you have *IDEAS* or

SUGGESTIONS

to make MPI D/FW

BETTER?

Share Your Feedback!

ABOUT MPI

MPI—founded in 1972—believes that meeting and event planners serve a critical role in the success of business, and is committed to giving its members the very best in professional development, business opportunities and a vibrant industry community.