

December 2014 Monthly Newsletter



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“A goal without a plan is just a wish.”

- Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

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 ...

It's a Wonderful Life!!

I am truly blessed to have you as my extended family.

Lifelong friendships and business relationships have been formed directly because of MPI and I am truly grateful.

I wish you happiness and joy during this magical time and all the best in the coming year.



Merry Christmas from my family to yours,

- Amanda Wells, CMP
Chapter President, 2014-2015



A special thanks to this month's sponsor:



Join us in giving back this holiday season:



Reverse Food Truck

The Reverse Food Truck, an outreach of NorthPark Presbyterian Church, seeks to reduce food insecurities in Dallas by collecting donations, both non-perishable and monetary, for our community partners like Vickery Meadow Food Pantry, just across I-75 near Meadow Road.

Rather than serving food, our food truck does the opposite!

Think of it as a food drive on wheels.

Bring a can or two of healthy food to drop off!



Any Soldier®

Freedom isn't free! Just ask Any Soldier...

**We count ourselves lucky when we have a thriving network of friends and family to support us
...but not everyone does!**

Any Soldier is a non-profit that supports those without a strong network by distributing letters and goody boxes to our soldiers who protect our freedom every day. MPI DFW Chapter is going to invite each member to write a New Year's letter to one of the men or women.

We will have the stationary and envelopes at the luncheon, we need you to bring:

(1) Postage Stamp

(OPTIONAL) 3x5" or smaller picture of your hobby, your dog

 **Don't Miss Out!!! Register Now!** 

In Memory of Mr. Ron Trammell



Ron Trammell, MPI D/FW's first President and retired vice president of special events for Mary Kay Inc., died Tuesday, August 19, 2014, with his wife, Marcelle, at his side. He was 67 years old. To honor Ron's many dedicated years in the field of events and meeting planning, his family and friends are creating an endowment at the University of North Texas to support students in the College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism pursuing a career in special events.

Support the Scholarship!

Tis the season... Are you up for renewal this month?

Renew your MPI membership before 2015 starts and you will be entered into a drawing for one of three great prizes. The winner will pick one!

- 1/2 off registration to WEC 2015 in San Francisco (Aug 1-4) or EMEC 2015 in Poland (Feb 1-3)
- 1 year extended membership
- Receive 6 complimentary tickets to any chapter event (up to \$300). Can be used for six tickets to one event, one ticket to six separate events or any combination. Must be used by January 2016.

RENEW TODAY!

WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

Becky Brown, CTA - Courtyard by Marriott, Dallas
- Allen at the John Q. Hammons Center

Jessica Craycraft, HSMIAI - Joule Hotel

Tammy Davila - Zale Corporation

Gloria Ford - Sam's Town Hotel & Casino

Brooke Gunn - VideoPlus L.L.P.

Jodi Ann LaFreniere Ray, CCE - Meeting
Professionals International

Denise Mope, HSMIAI - Joule Hotel

Keva Scott

Joseph Tuazon

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

Stay up to date with the



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



Need Something?

Check out the Supplier Marketplace and **BUY MPI!!!**

Support Our Charity of the Quarter!

**January Chapter
Experience:**

State of the

Industry Talk

January 22nd, 2015

(More details coming soon)



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on Instagram @GenesisWomensShelter

If you know someone who needs help please call 214.946.HELP (4357)

Transportation Summit Recap:





Dates to Remember:

December

- 18th** – Chapter Experience
- 18th** – Membership Committee Meeting
- 30th** – Communications Committee Meeting

January

- 9th-10th** - Board of Directors Meeting - Mid Year Retreat
- 10th** - CMP Study Day January 2015
- 15th** - Chapter All Committee Meeting
- 19th** - Membership Committee Meeting
- 22nd** - 2015 January Chapter Experience

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.

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