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MPI DFW Current - May 2015

"Don't let what you can't do stop you from what you can do."

~ John Wooden

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MAY 28
REGISTER NOW



When: May 28, 2015

Where: Life in Deep Ellum, 2803 Taylor St, Dallas TX 75226

Time: 11:00 am - 11:30 am - Registration & Networking with JPA Raffle Prize viewing

12:00 noon - 1:30pm - Luncheon and Program

1:45 PM - Raffle Drawing (Do not need to be present to win)

Fees: MPI Member: \$35.00

Non-Member: \$45.00

MPI Student Member: \$24.00

Register to Rock TODAY!



You're invited to join us at the
The 13th Annual CMP & CMM Recognition Event

with Special Guest Speaker:

Karen Hughes

Former Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs
and counselor to President George W. Bush

When: Friday, June 12, 2015

Time: 7:45 am - Registration & Reception

8:15 am - Breakfast, Program & Presentation of 2015 Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award

10:00 am - Conclusion

Where: The Hall of State at Fair Park, 3939 Grand Avenue, Dallas, TX 75210

If you are a CMP/CMM Designee, Register **[HERE](#)**

All other attendees, Register **[HERE](#)**

Thank you to our Sponsors:



Updates From.....

COLLIN COLLEGE
STUDENT CLUB



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We had our 2nd Fund Raising Activity on April 22nd - The Earth Day. We were able to raise \$280 in 2 hours by selling lemonade!

There are Student Club banners hanging up on all three campuses. We also had MPI Table cloth and T-shirts printed. We are handing over T-shirts to all paid MPI members and encourage them to wear at the events.

We got nominated for New Student Organization of the Year Award as well!

A group of 6 students accompanied by Ms. Karen Musa, the Chairperson of Hospitality & Culinary Department will be attending WEC and the Future Leaders Forum in San Francisco!

Spring Time Renewal Drawing!

MPI Suppliers & Planners: Are you up for renewal this month?

Renew your MPI membership in May and you will be entered into a drawing for one of THREE great prizes.

The winner will pick one! Renew today!

- ½ off registration to WEC 2015 in San Francisco (Aug 1-4) or EMEC 2016 in Copenhagen (Feb 7-9)

- 2 complimentary tickets to RENDEZVOUS 2015 (Aug 3) at WEC

- Complimentary CMP Study Kit (valued at \$312)

Renew today!



JPA Scholarship Fund Raffle



Support the Chapter's Scholarship fund by buying a raffle ticket to win one or more of our fabulous prizes!
Contact any Board Member or email Roma Giordano at RGiordano@caesars.com

Prizes Include:

- A Weekend in Puerto Rico including airfare from Southwest
- Fort Worth Experience: Overnight stay at the Omni Ft. Worth, Billy Bob's Tickets and a Basket
- Las Vegas Experience: Caesars Palace stay, Dinner, Show and Limo Ride
- Jimmy Buffet Concert Tickets
- Kevin Hart Tickets
- Shania Twain Concert Tickets
- Dinner at Ruth's Chris.... and much much more!

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25
The raffle will take place at the May Chapter Experience
You do NOT have to be present to

Don't Miss out on the AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE coming up on June 25th! Register Today!

**MPI D/FW May 19, 2015 Volunteer
Appreciation Event**

Studio Movie Grill- Theater #4



The MPI D/FW Chapter would like to express gratitude to all of the volunteers during the 2014/15 term

by celebrating at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Event.

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Time: 5:30pm- Welcome reception in Theater #4

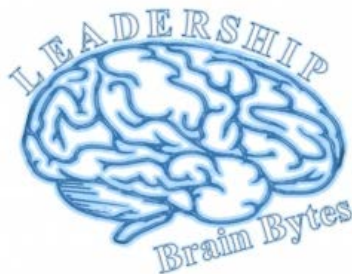
6:00pm-Instructions for group activity begin. Guests need to arrive by 6pm.

6:00pm-7:45pm Group Activity, Dinner, and Networking

7:45 pm - 8:00pm-Closing comments, group activity winners announced, event concludes

Location: 10110 Technology Blvd W., Dallas, TX 75220

Commitment - It Separates Doers from Dreamers:



People do not follow uncommitted leaders. The world has never seen a great leader who lacked commitment. Ed McElroy of USAir spoke of its importance: "Commitment gives us new power. No matter what comes to us - sickness, poverty, or disaster - we never turn our eye from the goal." What is commitment? To each person, it means something different. To the leader, it's all that and more because everyone you lead is depending on you.

The 21 Indispensable Qualities of A Leader - John C. Maxwell

Members
on the Move

Sponsor Spotlight





Jessica Teel at Hilton Bella Harbor

Was selected by Collison Media/Collaborate magazine for their annual 40 Under 40 publication. Jessica was the only person from the D/FW Area chosen, and 1 of 4 chosen in the State of Texas.



Maura Gast with the ICVB

Received The La Cima Legacy Award, which is given to recognize those individuals and/or organizations who are instrumental in pioneering and visionary achievements in the City of Irving, the Las Colinas Community and the La Cima Club. Due to Maura and her team, there were 3 million visitors last year to Irving for business and leisure.



Robert Ferguson, Former Board Member of Our Chapter

Recently accepted a position on the leadership team of American Express Meetings and Events. Robert is responsible for leading the MEETINGS EXPERT team and is growing that team from 50 to 100 people this year. On May 10, he will be marrying a former meeting planner, Jessica Schanbaum (currently on the board of HSMIA) and, along with their 3 1/2 daughter, Lily, they will be celebrating their nuptials with friends and family on a beautiful lakefront property outside of Granbury, TX.



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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!



5k Chairman's Challenge Recap:



The rain fell for 3 days before and also the day after, but the sun shone brightly on Saturday, April 25, 2015 for the MPI Chairman's Challenge 5K Run/Walk at Brookhaven College in Farmers Branch. Pre-event networking activities were filled with lots of conversation and laughter as attendees were happy to be soaking in the sun while accompanied by music sponsored by our very own Cameron Fox of iEntertainment as our DJ/Entertainer.

The run/walk commenced on time at 9:00 a.m. with 33 runners and walkers.

Once finished, the event ramped up with more jams and, of course, awards. In the men's category, 1st, 2nd and 3rd places went to Cahal Mowery, CMP, VP of Membership, Houston Area MPI (Greater Houston CVB), Scott Gentile (Marriott Woodlands Waterway Houston) and Cesar (son of Paige Mejia, Director of Membership). In the women's category, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers were Joy Gentile (Marriott Hotels), Lynn Bjostad, CMP (Premier Meeting & Event Management) and Wendy Wu (TEAMOMNI330). Teams and Team Captains included Helms Briscoe (Carol Benavidez, CMP CMM), Les Grande Dames (Dallas Area IAAP Members), TEAMOMNI330 (Erin Donohue), Team SPE (Elizabeth Fine, CMP) and The Breakfast Club (Amanda Wells, CMP, CTA). The Breakfast Club won the Largest Team Award and Helms Briscoe won the Team Spirit Award.

Awardees for 1st Place Men's, 1st Place Women's, Largest Team and Team Spirit Award had the opportunity to jump into the Cash Cube to catch as many USD bills as possible as they swirled around inside. The total catch was \$235 led by Carol Benavidez who caught \$91. All Cash Cube proceeds went to the MPI Foundation. The Cash Cube, the total catch and other post-event services were sponsored by Walt McKay III (EventSupport.com).

The event raised \$2,867 for the MPI Foundation and \$1,190 for the Chapter through registration fees. The single largest individual fundraiser was Martina Fundaro (Prague Convention Bureau).

Other individual donors included Alisa Caldwell, CMP (Ambit Energy), Marti Fox, CMP CMM, CPECP (Global Goals, Inc), Liana Graham, CMP (Celanese Corporation), Dee Jacobs, CMP (MPI Global), Walt McKay III (EventSupport.com) and The Breakfast Club (Amanda Wells and Jodi Shimmel)

The 5K Committee consisted of Co-chairs Elizabeth Fine, CMP (SPE) and Kayla Branstiter (Ambit Energy), and Committee Members Martina Fundaro (Prague Convention Bureau), Patty Phelps (ACCESS Destination Services), Chris Torsy, CMP (SPE), Betsy Troup (DMI Hotels) and Tony Cummins, CMP, CMM (The Meeting Department), Board Liaison to the Committee.

Do you have IDEAS or SUGGESTIONS to make MPI DFW BETTER? *Share Your Feedback!*

Coming Up with MPI Dallas / Fort Worth

May 2015

15th - Communications Committee Meeting

**19th - Volunteer Appreciation Event
Membership Committee Meeting**

28th - Chapter Experience

CMP Study Groups Spring 2015

June 2015

2nd - Leadership Committee Meeting

4th - Education & Events Committee Meeting

5-7th - Board of Directors Meeting and Retreat

18th - Membership Committee Meeting

25th - Awards of Excellence

26th - Communications Committee Meeting

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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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