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President's Letter

#GMID 2016

Let's celebrate!

What will you be doing on April 14th this year? My hope is that you will be celebrating with your industry peers around the globe as we embrace and support Global Meetings Industry Day (GMID). If you are not familiar with GMID and its significance to our industry, click here to read more [about GMID](#) or here to see [10 reasons to take part in GMID](#).

Want to be part of the action this year? There are several ways you can take part of this growing annual day of industry activities right here in D/FW or at the center of action in Austin, TX.

Fort Worth Dine-Around

Boogie on over to Fort Worth for a fun night sponsored by the Fort Worth CVB and MPI D/FW. Join us as we visit Fort Worth's fantastic venues, grab a steamed hat of our very own, network with the best of the best, and make new friends along the way. Learn more and [register here](#). Registration limited to the first 50 registrants.

TEMM Silent Auction & Luncheon

Celebrate GMID with members of the D/FW Chapter who will be attending and supporting the Richland College's Annual Travel, Exposition and Meeting Management Silent Auction and Luncheon. This year's event date was moved to April 14th in recognition of GMID and our very own President-elect Sherry DeLaGarza, CMP, CMM will serve as the Emcee this year. [Learn more and register here](#). Registration closes April 11.

Rally and Press Conference at The Capitol

Join MPI President & CEO, Paul Van De Venter, other executive-level industry leaders and Teas association member at the Texas State Capitol for a GMID Rally and Press Conference. This will be the first of many similar events of its kind for years to come as GMID continues to grow and expand.

[Learn more and register here](#).

Be a part of GMID 2016 and be **ALL IN!** It's events like these that make our industry what is today and what is will be for years to come.



Tony Cummins, CMP, CMM
Chapter President

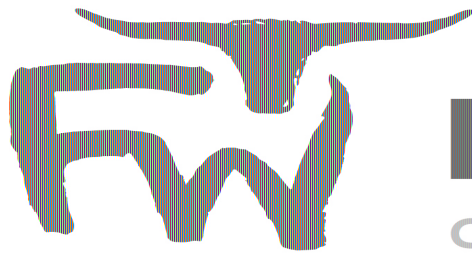
April 2016 Chapter Experience: Save the Date! CMP/CMM Recognition Breakfast



When: April 28, 2016

Where: George W. Bush Presidential Center

Time: 8am - 10am



FORT WORTH

City of Cowboys and Country

Grab your boots and lets boot scoot and boogie on over to Fort Worth for a fun night sponsored by the Fort Worth CVB and MPI. This is a an event you do not want to miss!

Intimate and Exclusive!

Join us as we visit Fort Worth's fantastic venues, grab a steamed hat of our very own, network with the best of the best, and make new friends along the way.

Space is limited to the first **50 registrants!**

Wear comfortable shoes as we will be walking through the evening.

MEETING/PARKING LOCATION: Gloria's Addison: 5100 Belt Line Rd #864, Addison, TX 75254

3:30 PM Hosted Happy Hour with CSI Texas at Gloria's in Addison

Gloria's-5100 Beltline St 864 Addison TX 75254

4:30 PM Departure to Ft. Worth from Gloria's

5:30-6:30 PM Fort Worth Club

Passed hors d'oeuvres

Salad

6:30 PM Walk to Bird Café

.03 miles, 5-10 minute walk

6:45-7:45 PM Bird Café

Main Course

Signature Cocktail

7:45 PM Load Shuttle to drive to Acre Distillery

.05 miles, 5-10 minute drive

8:00-9:00 PM Acre Distillery

Dessert

Cocktails

9:00 PM Load Shuttle and Departure back to Gloria's in Addison

Registration:

Member:\$50

Non-Member: \$70

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More Information](#)



The Dallas/Fort Worth chapter of the Meeting Professionals International (MPI), co-sponsored the Trade Show Technology Summit (TSTS), on March 24, 2016 at the Irving Convention Center. Over 200 planners and suppliers attended this premier event, dedicated to meeting and event technology.

Attendees were presented with full agenda that included General Session luncheon led by Scott Murray, Emmy Award-winning broadcast journalist on the Inside Scoop on Wi-Fi panel, followed by Grady Lee, RockCorps, Changing the World One Meeting At-A-Time. The Luncheon

concluded with Ann Winham, CEO ImagineXhibits leading meeting technology partners in Getting Social an interactive, hands-on demonstration of meeting & event technology.

Following lunch, attendees spent the afternoon attending multiple technology workshops, pitch stages and learning more about meeting technology from exhibiting partners on-hand to help industry professionals gain a better understanding of the technology that is available for planning events and tradeshow.

The event concluded with a Tech Showcase (a fun “Shark Tank”-type experience), Taste of Irving, networking, and Cocktail Reception.

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APRIL 14, 2016

Join the Celebration!

Global Meetings Industry Day is April 14th, a celebration started in Canada many years ago that is spreading globally and now in Texas!

Meeting professionals in North Texas are coming together for a collaborative Global Meetings Industry Day at the Royal Oaks Country Club, in conjunction with the Richland College Travel, Exposition and Meeting Management Annual Luncheon and Silent Auction. Come join in on this North Texas celebration of the Inaugural Global Meeting Industry Day (GMID).

Join us by registering at: <https://www.foundation.dcccd.edu/TEMM-2016>. Registration is open until April 11, 6:00 p.m.

We want to engage everyone related to the meetings and events community to demonstrate our value and strength. We encourage participation and ideas to enhance this celebration.

AGENDA

11:00 a.m. Silent Auction to support Student Scholarships
(pre-event donations welcome)

12:00 p.m. D/FW group photos for Austin Rally

12:15 p.m. Lunch and Program

1:30 p.m. TEMM Scholarship presentation

2:00 p.m. Conclusion

Segue to Austin event on the steps of the Capitol

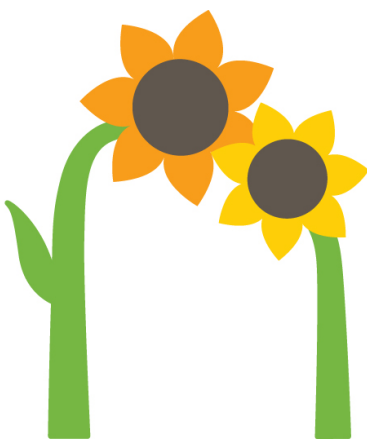
3:00 p.m. Rally & Press Conference

4:00 p.m. Registration– **BADGE REQUIRED**

Dallas celebration shared at the Austin event

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Moderated panel discussion with industry leaders

They are working to stream the Austin event to all industry members to access on your personal device. (details from Austin to follow)



The Gatehouse™

discover your new path™

Did you know The Gatehouse Grapevine community will house up to 96 families!? This also includes a community/ conference center, in-neighborhood counseling centers, general store, walking trails and commercial space. This community, which allows members to stay up to 2½ years depending on their individually tailored program, provides safe refuge and creates the environment for women and children in crisis to walk the path toward permanent change.

The women and children who benefit from The Gatehouse will represent all socioeconomic, cultural and racial profiles, yet all will carry the same burdens of pain, shame, fear and hopelessness. They will have experienced domestic abuse, incarceration, under- or unemployment or a crisis situation, such as a tragic divorce.

April goal - Supply dinner for residents at their monthly meeting!

For more information, contact Erin Lucia at erin.lucia@hilton.com

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5 Reasons to Sponsor the next MPI event:

1. Reach 1500 Potential Business Prospects
2. New Business Development
3. Professional and Personal Network Development
4. Penetrate a Market
5. Increase awareness of your service or product.

Why aren't you sponsoring the next MPI event? For more insight or info contact VPFinance@mpidfw.org

Mentor Cafe



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.

Fred H. Knieberg, CMP had the original idea to create a Mentor Program for the MPI D/FW Chapter. Knieberg dedicated the last few years of his life to creating a successful program designed to provide growth for experienced professionals within the chapter in the development of other members. To honor his work, the chapter invites you to sign up to be a mentor or mentee and participate in this great program.

There are multiple ways to participate in the MPI D/FW chapter Mentoring Program.

- Visit the Mentor Cafe. The Mentor Cafe is held between 11:00-11:30 am prior to the MPI D/FW Chapter's Monthly Experience that include an educational program.
- Become a Mentee. Complete the [Mentee Application](#) to provide our mentor matching committee with information on your background, experience and goals to help us identify a best mentor match for you.
- Become a Mentor. Share your experience and contacts with a new person wanting to learn by completing the [Mentor Application](#) with your background and special skills.

For more information, [Click Here](#)

WEC 2016

A few things to look forward to in Atlantic City



- **General Sessions and Flash Point:** This year's subject matter experts will offer unique perspectives that will move you to re-write the rules of your meetings and events. General session facilitator Dena Blizzard will take you on a journey to begin reshaping your approach and you'll hear from thought-provoking Flash Point speakers like Susan Cain, author of The New York Times bestseller, *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking*, and other thought leaders who will provide insight into how meetings can integrate innovative trends, ground-breaking schools of thought, and fresh frames of reference. New speakers will be added soon so make sure to check the MPI website for updates.

• **Relevant Education and Certificate Courses** WEC features programming and people that will allow you to explore, experience, and experiment with unconventional learning formats and cutting-edge education. We want to inspire new ways of thinking about and conducting your meetings. There are more than 80 concurrent education sessions, including certificate courses from which you can earn clock hours to certify or re-certify for your CMP. All concurrent sessions will have topical alignment with the CMP International standards. To learn more, [Click Here](#)



April 2016

APRIL - 4 Spring 2016 CMP Workshop @ Protiviti
APRIL 11 - Spring 2016 CMP Workshop @ Protiviti
APR 6 - PartyFest 2016 @ Dallas Market Hall
APRIL 14 - GMID Executive Dine Around Fort Worth
APRIL 18 - Spring 2016 CMP Workshop @ Protiviti
APRIL 25 - Spring 2016 CMP Workshop @ Protiviti
APRIL 28 - 14th Annual CMP/CMM Breakfast
APRIL 30 - Spring CMP Study Day @ Protiviti

May 2016

MAY 11 Leadership Breakfast Club
MAY 26: May Chapter Experience/Luncheon

June 2016

JUNE 23: MPI D/FW Awards of Excellence Dinner



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