

## Leadership Breakfast Club

**Wednesday, May 11, 2016**

**Omni Dallas Hotel at Park West, Club Lounge**

**Keynote Speaker:**

**Tony Bridwell**



Tony Bridwell is a Partner and Practice Leader for Partners In Leadership with nearly three decades of executive leadership experience that informs his ability to consult, guide, and develop leaders on the practical application of Partners In Leadership's models, tools and methodologies. Most recently serving as the Chief People Officer of Brinker International (the parent company of Chili's and Maggiano's restaurants), Tony is a highly recognized thought leader in corporate culture, L&D, and human resources, being named 2015 HR Executive of the Year by DallasHR (the local affiliate of the Society for Human Resource Management) and also receiving the 2015 Strategic Leadership Award from Strategic Excellence HR.

**Agenda:**



## MPI D/FW Chapter Awards of Excellence Gala

Hilton DFW Lakes Conference Center, 1800 TX-26,  
Grapevine, TX 76051  
Thursday, June 23, 1983

We're taking you back...  
Registration and more details coming soon!



Agenda.

**7:30 AM** – Registration and Networking

**8:00 AM** – Speaker Presentation Begins

**9:00 AM** – Adjourn

**Registration:**

**Members:** \$25.00

**Non-Members:** \$35.00

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Join us as we welcome Summer with our  
MPI D/FW friends and family with a  
"Summer Soiree" experience!



**Wear your Summer-friendly attire as we network  
poolside, and enjoy a casual lunch experience  
celebrating YOU - the members of MPI D/FW!**

**What to expect at our Summer Soiree experience:**

- A look back over the year
- Entertainment provided by Austin CVB
- Appreciation to YOU, our members
- Fun & games to get us talking
- Maybe a few surprises too

**Join us for our last lunch experience of the 2015/2016 term. You will  
have the opportunity to mix and mingle with your MPI D/FW friends and  
family, play a game or two, enjoy entertainment provided by Austin  
CVB, and just have a good time!**

**THURSDAY, May 26, 2016**

**Dallas/Addison Marriott Quorum by the Galleria**

14901 Dallas Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75254

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM – New Member Orientation

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM – Mentor Café

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Registration & Networking

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM – Main Event

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**Counting down to the June Awards Gala  
with the 2015-2016 Planner of the Year and  
Supplier of the Year, Carol Benavidez,  
CMP, CMM and Pam Madewell, CTA.....**

**Carol:** Pam, We are in the final countdown! One month to go. It has been so fun being partners with you as Co-Chairs of the Nominating Committee. I know you and I are so thankful for all the members who nominated other members for the annual prestigious MPI D/FW Chapter awards.

**Pam:** Yes, Carol, I love the fact we have become fast friends in this process! How did we only now figure out we are both from the home town of Denton, TX. In addition, we do have to thank the Communications Department with Chris Roach setting up the easy Nominations ballot with the list of categories.

**Carol:** As of last week, we now have nominees in each category, so the process is to select the contenders for the committee of past winners and past presidents to discuss in more detail in the coming weeks. It is not going to be an easy process with so many deserving members.

**Pam:** Definitely not easy but I know on Thursday, June 23rd, I am looking forward to hearing more about all the finalists in the categories of Planner of the Year, Supplier of the Year, Rising Star, Volunteer of the Year, Chapter Event of the Year, Mentor of the Year and Committee of the Year.

**Carol:** Yes, we will be reaching out to the nominees this week to pursue additional information from them as well as learn more about their public secret. A public secret is something each person doesn't mind sharing but isn't common knowledge. I hope everyone joins us to learn more about our fellow members as we will not divulge anything else until the June Awards Gala.

**Pam:** I can't wait! Our mission will be complete and I definitely can't wait for a night of celebration.

**Carol:** One more thing, we need to start coordinating our outfits for the evening!

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**MPI D/FW Chapter CSR**

## Early Bird Registration closes Thursday May 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

**MPI Member:** \$35 early bird; \$40 Advanced

**Non-Member:** \$45 early bird; \$50 Advanced

**Student:** \$25 early bird; \$25 Advanced

Walk-in registration will be taken for this program on a first-come, first served basis if seating is available.

**Walk-In Fees:** MPI Member: \$55.00; Non-Member: \$65.00; Student: \$35.00

**Click the link below to register:**



\*Directions from downtown Dallas: Dallas North Tollway, exit Arapaho/Beltline; make a U Turn, stay on tollway service road; hotel is on the right\*

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## CMP/CMM Recognition Breakfast Recap

Many thanks to the George W. Bush Presidential Center for opening its doors to the 2016 MPI D/FW CMP & CMM Recognition Event on Thursday, April 28. As only the second industry group to hold an event at the Center, which was named National Association of Catering & Events' Facility of the Year & Meeting of the Year 2015, the nearly 175 attendees were privy to this stunning environment and an equally presidential breakfast menu. A not-so-politically-correct presentation by Thomas DeFrank, Contributing Editor at the National Journal, and tours of the George W. Bush Presidential Library completed the day.

The Annual CMP & CMM Recognition Event, hosted by MPI D/FW was established in 1999 as an annual celebration of all meeting professionals in North Central Texas who have earned the designations of Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) and/or Certified Meeting Manager (CMM). Their managers are also invited to attend this event to show their support. And it is during this event that the Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award – recognizing an individual chosen for their lifetime achievement in the areas of volunteerism and service, dedication to excellence, creativity, ability to

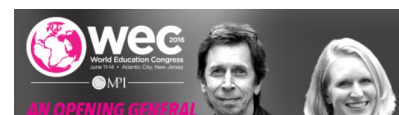


Lori Stevens, is the Founder and Executive Director of Patriot PAWS Service Dogs. In 2005, Lori was working as a professional dog trainer when she was asked to help a group of disabled veterans by assisting them in training their dogs. After visiting the VA Hospital in Dallas, she realized the great need that many of our mobility-impaired veterans have for assistance dogs. Lori wanted to try to help them, so with only a few friends and family members on board, she started Patriot PAWS in a small storefront in Rockwall in 2006.



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- Satisfaction rates for WEC education and overall conference experience have been 95-98% for the past three years!
- More than 90% of WEC 2015 participants said they would return.
- Registration for WEC 2016 is pacing ahead of where we were in 2015 and 2014.
- We're a CMP Preferred Provider. Attendees can choose from sessions totaling 30+ credit hours towards gaining or renewing their certification.



inspire, integrity, high ethical standards and dedication to continuing education - is presented. This year's finalists were M.T. Hickman, CMP, CTA, Richland College; Dara Hall, CMP, CMM, Event Source Professionals Inc.; and Judith Johnson, CMP, HMCC, Tracdanmic Consulting. Hall became the 14th recipient of the award.



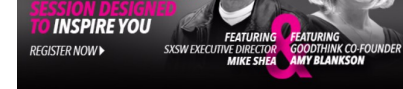
2016 Colleen Rickenbacher  
Leadership Award Finalists (l to r):  
M.T. Hickman, CMP, CTA,  
Richland College;  
Dara Hall, CMP, CMM, Event  
Source Professionals Inc.;  
Judith Johnson, CMP, HMCC,  
Tracdanmic Consulting



2016 Colleen Rickenbacher  
Leadership Award winner:  
Dara Hall, CMP, CMM, Event  
Source Professionals Inc.;  
Colleen A. Rickenbacher, CMP,  
CSEP, CPC, CTA

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