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*A Monthly Digital News Communication for MPI D/FW Members*



## Presidential Ponderings

It's hard to believe, but here we are in the fall season and approaching the holidays. The first quarter of the chapter fiscal year has passed. Time flies when you're having a blast. So many successes already this term include:

- A smooth transition to our new chapter administrator
- Meaningful CSR project in July supporting fallen and injured Dallas Police and DART officers
- First partnership education event with PYM in September
- The Mentor Café has already exceeded the annual goal of Mentor/Mentee partnerships

And the best is yet to come:

- Live Streaming an education event – be sure to engage with our social media to receive details
- Needs assessment and satisfaction survey – due to release in February/March
- Chairman's Challenge – Feb/March – flag football/powder puff format
- Global Meetings Industry Day (GMID) on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Our collaborative voices WILL be heard
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala in June\*

## Save the date...

**December 15, 2016** – Lunch and Education at the Westin Park Central

**January 26, 2017** – Lunch and Education near downtown Dallas

**March 22, 2017** – TECH IT OUT event!

**May 27, 2017** – Legalese your way into summer with this fun summer kick off event!

**June 23, 2017** – 40th Anniversary gala you won't want to miss!



**RISE AWARDS 2017**

**Nominations Open**

**October 24 - December 4, 2016**

**We would really like to see each chapter submit a member of the year nomination** – any chapter that has awarded their own

\*This year's gala is scheduled for June 22, 2017 – exactly 40 years to the date that the chapter received its charter. Hint: mark your calendars to attend - you won't want to miss this!

Also, on a global level, the RISE Award nominations opened last week and close on December 4<sup>th</sup>. We have so many talented, inspirational members who deserve to be nominated by YOU, their peers.

Stay tuned for more details – your chapter is OWNING IT – to become the best chapter bringing the highest value to you, our members.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a bountiful Thanksgiving, surrounded by family, friends, and MPI!!



## Careers in International Meetings

Students, come and hear from industry Leaders on how they have leveraged their heritage in meeting and event planning.

**Saturday, November 19th**  
**9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

### Panelists:



Genevieve Castleberry CMP

Director of Meetings & Incentive Travel - Spear One  
&

Terry Shields

Director of Catering & Events - Rosewood Mansion on  
Turtle Creek

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**Richland Community College**  
**Sabine Hall (SH) Room 117**

member of the year or similar award can email Holly directly with details about the awardee and we can include as a nomination. It will be up to each nominee if they want to complete the more time-intensive application.

### 2017 RISE AWARDS NOMINATIONS

The MPI's Recognizing Industry Success and Excellence (RISE) Awards are prestigious awards presented yearly that recognize and honor individual, community and organizational achievements for their innovation, global transferability, impact and influence. As an MPI member, we know you are committed to the success of MPI's community.

**Nominations for the 2017 MPI RISE Awards will be accepted October 24 – December 4, 2016** and presented at WEC 2017 in Las Vegas on June 21, 2017.

Eight (8) awards in three categories are available each year. Each award may not be presented each year, and more than one MPI chapter, club or student club may be recognized in the same category for their outstanding achievement.

### MPI RISE Awards Categories

#### Individual Achievement

Individual Achievement Awards recognize MPI members and industry leaders on their outstanding contributions and advancement of the meeting and event industry.

- Young Professional Achievement
- Meeting Industry Leadership
- Member of the Year

#### Community Achievement

Community Achievement Awards provide recognition for MPI chapters, clubs and student clubs on their achievements in critical areas such as providing quality education, membership achievement, promoting business exchange opportunities and acting as an industry advocate.

- Educational Programming
- Membership Achievement
- Marketplace Excellence
- Industry Advocacy

#### Organizational Achievement

The Organizational Achievement award recognizes the impact an organization has achieved through strategic use of meetings and events.

- Meetings Impact Award

*As a reminder, the nomination process itself is very simple and does not require in-depth detail from the nominator. The most important goal here is to receive nominations, especially for individual awards! Holly McCauley will work to vet and follow up for additional details if needed.*

more information, please visit  
[www.mpiweb.org/RISE](http://www.mpiweb.org/RISE)  
or contact Holly McCauley at

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## December Holiday Chapter Luncheon

*A Fusion Experience of education and fun*

Thursday, December 15, 2016

11:00am - 1:30pm

at

[The Westin Dallas Park Central](#)

12720 Merit Drive, Dallas, TX 75251

### Strategic Decision Making: Seizing your Power!

Most in the business world have experienced situations where their input was challenged, belittled or ignored. But, things are changing. The business world is changing and skills that would have been previously dismissed, are now critical. And guess what? ...these skills are natural for women. We will learn how to drive strategic decisions by leveraging these natural skills. There has never been a better time to be in the business world affirming the "leader within".



Our featured presenter for this "fusion experience" Trudy Bourgeois is the CEO and President of the Worforce Excellence and a renowned and respected authority on leadership development, change management and workplace transformation, especially as pertaining to women and people of color. She is a best-selling author, speaker, trainer and coach, but most importantly, she's a teacher at heart. Bourgeois believes that when people can learn and grow, they can achieve. Which ultimately empowers them to LEAD! She will be sharing what she teaches all over the world that propels professionals to being recognized and valued as a thought leader who knows what it takes to win and has the confidence to make the decisions to bring it to life.

Want to learn more about Trudy and her authentic approach to leadership development. Click [here](#) or follow her [@trudybourgeois](#)

If you are interested in 2017 being your best year yet, then you will want to **mark your calendar for December 15th, 2016**. Don't miss this exciting fusion experience.



### Refer a Friend to MPI D/FW

Refer a Friend to MPI D/FW and earn \$100 off your next MPI membership renewal, CMP or CMM coursework or exam expenses! For each referral, your name is entered into the drawing! Click [here](#) for vouchers to share with non-members.



Janice Brown, Absolutely Arlington Tours  
Stephanie Campos Hung, Student Richland College

Anthony DiGiovanni III, Hotel Crescent Court  
Jennifer Heinz, The RK Group/Circa DMC  
Arthur Hopkins, Synergy Branded Solutions  
Donita Jacobs, MSE-S.S.

Jennifer Kukulski, Hotel Crescent Court  
Gayle Stanley, Holiday Inn Plano/The Colony  
Jana Thompson, Lake Austin Spa Resort  
Soraia Vaughn, Texas Society of CPA's  
Michelle West, Onyx CenterSource  
Scott White, Professor D Band

## October 2016 Chapter Experience

Thanks to our Sponsor!



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### Monthly Drawing for November 2016

Why not attend your next chapter meeting as a member?

Use promo code **TweetMPIn2016**

to waive your \$50 application fee.

[www.mpiweb.org/join](http://www.mpiweb.org/join)

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### Q2 Charity: Under1Roof (Oct 2016 – Dec 2016)



In order to assist persons to become self-reliant, Under 1 Roof Dallas will provide transitional, permanent supportive housing and other services to homeless and low-income individuals as well as families in Dallas and Collin Counties. Their vision is a community where everyone has safe affordable housing and the tools to become self-reliant. We will collect items or cash donations for starter kits at our October through December meetings which include:

- o 1 full or queen size sheet set – 2 twin size sheets
- o 1 blanket for each member in household
- o 1 pillow for each member in household
  - o 2 bath towels
  - o 1 set of washcloths
- o 1 shower curtain & hooks.
  - o 1 set of dishes
  - o 1 set of cookware
  - o 1 set of dishcloths
  - o 1 set of silverware
  - o 1 set of glasses
- o 1 set of 8 plastic cups
- o 1 laundry basket
  - o 1 broom
  - o 1 mop
  - o 1 bucket
- o Cleaning Supplies



On October 27th, we hosted our monthly experience luncheon at the beautiful Westin Stonebriar in the city of Frisco. This luncheon focused on industry student professionals with the support from Collin College and also we had the opportunity to learn how to better work across all generations with our speaker and generational guru Sherri Elliott-Yearly. It was a great luncheon filled with data, trends and practical information for all generations in our industry. We thank our sponsors: the Westin Stonebriar, Frisco CVB, PSAV, and Jim Woods Photography.



**Alisa Caldwell-CMP**

Alisa Caldwell, CMP joined CSI Texas as Associate Director of Sales. Alisa has 10+ years of industry experience and acquired her CMP in May 2013, to increase her industry knowledge through continued training. CSI Texas is a local DMC providing extensive destination

- o laundry detergent
  - o dish liquid
  - o tub cleaner
  - o toilet cleaner
  - o toiletries
- o Toilet Tissue
- o Paper towel
- o Soap

management services delivering over 600 events a year. Alisa Caldwell is leading the Texas-based office, and is ready to assist with any of your DMC needs.



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**November**

- 15th - [Leadership Committee Meeting @ Studio Movie Grill](#)
- 19th - [International Career Workshop @ Richland College](#)

**December**

- 1st - [Education and Events Committee Meeting](#)



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