



**DALLAS/
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CHAPTER**



Presidential Ponderings

This holiday season I am incredibly thankful for my family, my health, my career, and all the wonderful things in my life. I also feel so much gratitude for the MPI D/FW community where I have developed life-long relationships, received and given mentorship and gained skills that continue to pave the way for my career. As I take a moment to express my gratitude this holiday season, I also send thoughts of encouragement to the many who are impacted by the recent weather-related emergencies, mass shootings, and terrorist attacks. In many ways this has been a difficult year for our industry with events taking place that are beyond our influence. So being thankful every day is even more important this year.

A Chinese saying states: "If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody." This holiday season I get comfort from HOPE. Some say that hope stands for "Help One Person Every day". When we experience disasters that go beyond our control - as we have in the recent months - we can give hope to others through getting involved. While monetary giving is necessary, often giving our time is the most valuable thing we can give. Time is a non-renewable resource and when we give our time, it says that we truly care. We connect to others and creating stronger, happier society by helping others. With our contribution, we truly have hope for a better world.

MPI D/FW provides many opportunities for volunteering and helping others. Our current CSR Campaign is the Boot Campaign, that supports military families year-round through programs that directly align with our MPI D/FW mission, including financial assistance for mental and physical health recovery. It is through these

efforts and through connections with other members of the Boot Campaign family that we meet a number of families struggling to meet basic needs. As you can imagine providing Christmas gifts is often a challenge for families with financial difficulties, which is why the Santa Boots program was developed. Together, with other patriots, we can relieve some of that holiday stress while showing continued support from our grateful nation. Our goal is to include 20 to 30 amazing gifts. For more information on this charity please click here: www.bootcampaign.org/our-story/. This holiday season please consider donating to this great cause through MPI D/FW. In November you can bring specific gifts for family needs picked from our "tree". In December you can be a "Boot Campaign Elf": come wrap and tag gifts, noting the gifts' donors and place in our personalized family box for delivery. Join us! Through engaging in purposeful giving of our time, talents, and resources we embrace the meaning of happiness, while we energize our lives, our careers and our hope.

"Be kind, be thoughtful, be genuine... but most of all be thankful."

Thank you for being a member of MPI D/FW!

Erin Lucia

2017-2018 MPI D/FW President

December Chapter Meeting

Please plan to attend our exciting Chapter Meeting this month Thursday, December 14, 2017 at The Statler – Dallas. Celebrate the holiday season as we approach the end of another year at the classic yet new Statler Hotel. Don your red and a Santa hat, sip and swirl, grin and sing, and toast goodbye to 2017 at this fun and festive holiday soiree. REGISTER BELOW.

WHEN: December 14, 2017 @ 12:00 pm

WHERE: The Statler Dallas,
Curio Collection by Hilton
1914 Commerce St
Dallas, TX 75201

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CSR Corner

We definitely have a tremendous opportunity to make a difference to a Veteran and his family. Our family lives in Mesquite and have 3 young boys. In September while Anthony, a 12-year Veteran with the Army, was getting ready to deploy for his 4th tour of duty in Africa, their house burned down from an electrical fire starting in the garage. The wife, Sara, and three boys ages 6, 5, and



New Board Members

We are excited to announce two new board members: Nann Philips, CMP, CMM, DES, Director of Communications and Magdalena (Malczyk) Bonnelly, Director of Finance. They are both filling vacant positions for the remainder of the current term. Welcome to the MPI D/FW Board and Thank you for your volunteerism!



You deserve a little holiday cheer!
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31 to receive \$100 off.



Robyn Trowbridge,

Sara and three boys ages 6, 5, and 2 all got out unharmed but the house and all personal belongings were lost. While waiting for insurance company and lenders to start to rebuild, Sara and boys are living with her mother. Since they lost everything, anything and everything is needed but here are their interests:
Anthony (Dad, Soldier) size XL shirt – 38 pants and size 10 men's shoes.

Hobbies: Playing basketball, golf, fishing, woodworking
Sara (Mom, military wife) size Medium shirt – 8-10 pants, women's size 9 shoes

Hobbies: Gardening, baking, arts & crafts, puzzles
Aron age 6 – Children's 7/8 clothes and 2 youth shoes

Interests: anything for boys, Avengers, Dinosaurs, Animals
Matthew age 5 – Children's 5/6 and 13 toddler shoe size

Interests: anything for boys, Avengers, Dinosaurs, Animals
Gabriel age 2 – Children's 4 clothes with 10-11 toddler shoe size

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In the meantime, let's show how MPI D/FW Chapter can pour out our love on a family in need both physically and emotionally and help them through coping with their loss during this Christmas season. We have dropoff locations at Embassy Suites by Hilton Dallas Park Central, 13131 North Central Expressway, Dallas Texas 75243 and my place 1527 W State Hwy 114, Suite 500-317, Grapevine, TX 76051-8647.

Please contact Elizabeth Baryshev, CSR Chair for a list of items to be donated and **collected by Sunday, December 3rd**. Phone: 214-477-1702; Email: ebaryshev@btip.net.

Requesting 4-5 servant leaders to travel to Tyler on Monday, December 4th as a part of our contribution team to wrap our packages and others given to Santa Boots Veterans.

Thank you so much for helping make this Christmas a blessing for

Trish Halligan



Have you or someone you know recently made a job change? Please let us know so we can share the good news. Emails can be sent to nicole.knoderer@gmail.com.

Chapter Events

Please click the image to see what's on the horizon for great Chapter events!



Here is a sneak peek of what's to come:

>Thursday, January 25, 2018

- Join us as we learn from industry veteran Michael Dominguez, MGM Resorts

>Thursday, April 26, 2018 - The CMM-CMP Breakfast at the Cavanaugh Flight Museum

>Thursday, June 28, 2018 - The Annual Gala! Details coming soon!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Please join the Sponsorship/Strategic Relationships/Finance committee on the **Second Tuesday** of each month at the **Lazy Dog Addison** in 5:30pm for our meetings. We'll be meeting to discuss various sponsorship opportunities for the MPI D/FW Chapter, as well as enjoying each other's company. Please contact us to see how you can volunteer

the Bowshewiczc family!

Elizabeth Baryshev, CMP
CSR Chair



and help us support this great
chapter!

--Annie Matthews, PSAV
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President Erin Lucia!



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