



## Presidential Ponderings

Have you registered yet for MPI's World Education Conference at the MGM Grand from June 19-22? This year's theme is Stop Planning Meetings; Start Designing Experiences and will include 70 educational sessions with the opportunity to earn up to 13.5 clock hours; the B52s will be performing; and the final night entertainment has been confirmed – Joan Jett and the Blackhearts!

As if that isn't enough to get you excited to attend, I am pleased to announce that our chapter is being represented in two categories for the MPI Recognizing Industry Success and Excellence (RISE) Awards. The RISE Awards are prestigious awards presented yearly to recognize and honor Individual, Community and Organizational achievements for their innovation, global transferability, impact and influence. Your chapter has received finalist status in the Member Industry Leadership (Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP CSEP, CPC, CTA, CPECP) and Educational Programming (Mentor Café/Fred Kneiberg, CMP Mentor Program) categories. Winners in these, and each of the other categories, will be announced during the luncheon on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are attending WEC, be sure to attend the luncheon and support your chapter.

Our chapter is also in the running for one of the MPI Chapter Challenge awards. We are currently tied for second place in the number of bundle\* registrations (\*bundles are WEC registration



## FOSSIL GROUP

### May 2017 Chapter Experience The Good, The Bad, & The Dirty Contracts

Thursday, May 25, 2017

11:00-1:30 P.M.

Hilton Dallas/Plano Granite Park  
5805 Granite Pkwy, Plano, TX 75024

***Come on down! It will be a knee-slappin' time!*** Round up for a long western tale on The Good, The Bad and Dirty of Contracts to understand the ends and outs of negotiating. We all hate the beer and skittles of contract negotiating and as a planner we are constantly looking for specific guidelines and instructions on how to arrange the perfect contract with a vendor or supplier.

and membership application received at the same time). The winning chapter can receive up to \$2500 for chapter education programs. Deadline for the contest is May 31<sup>st</sup> – we need just a few more new members/WEC registrants to put us over the top!! (be sure to use the code LVCMBR17)

Hope you can make it to Las Vegas next month. Our chapter will be well represented. Don't miss out on the education, entertainment, and fun!



Join your MPI D/FW Chapter at WEC 2017 as we meet with other members from around the world. Have you registered yet? Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Not an MPI Member yet? Register for WEC and apply for MPI Membership at the same time!

Use the discount code LVCMBR17 by May 31st.

Apply for the JPA Scholarship to help with costs of WEC online at <http://www.mpidfw.org/join/jpa-scholarship/>

## **Volunteers Needed**

As we restructure the CMP/CMM Study Group, we are searching for Task Force members to assist the chair with education sessions. Please contact Cori Dossett at [cori@conferencesdesigned.com](mailto:cori@conferencesdesigned.com) for more information.

The Education and Events team is pleased to announce the arrival of our new information page. While in its infancy, the goal of this page is to provide you with all the chapter event information as it becomes available. We hope you enjoy this new resource, and that it assists you in planning your MPI year! We look forward to seeing you soon!

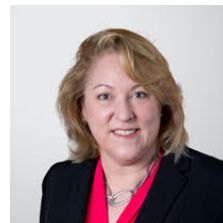
<https://www.mpidfw.org/education-events-committee-information/>

Want More Out of Your

Join industry contract expert Kelly F. Bagnall and learn how to shoot from the hip with negotiating skills on:

- Cancellations by group or supplier
- Force Majeure
- Indemnification
- Attrition
- Construction and Remodeling
- And pesky Surcharges and Fees

**Speaker: Kelly F. Bagnall**



**Kelly Franklin Bagnall** is a partner in Holland & Knight's Dallas office and focuses her practice on hospitality as a member of the firm's Real Estate Practice group. Ms. Bagnall's practice centers on matters that impact or relate to operations of hotels and resorts, and includes general business counseling and commercial litigation. She has developed strong client relationships with national hospitality companies and ownership groups, representing hotel and resort owners, as well as management entities, in a variety of matters, such as dispute resolution, leasing, trademark, data breach, event contracts and negotiating a wide range of supplier/vendor agreements, including those with online travel companies and sales intermediaries.

To learn more on Kelly F. Bagnall, please click on the link below:  
<https://www.hklaw.com/Kelly-Bagnall/>

Our luncheon will be hosted by The Hilton Dallas/Plano Granite Park, which will share their wonderful property and hospitality with MPI! Parking will be complimentary for all attendees.

The May event is sponsored by The Hilton Granite Park, James Woods Photography, Access, and Kalahari Resorts. We would like to extend a huge thank you to our sponsors for their assistance with this event!

**Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register!**

## **Educated Bites at the Mentor Cafe'**

Roma Giordano from [Station Casinos](#) will giving you the insight into building long-lasting customer relationships. If you are registered for the Mentor Cafe', find your name badge in the Cafe meeting room.



## Want more Out of Your Membership?

It has been proven that an involved member is a happy member. For as little as 10 minutes a month, you can introduce yourself and your business to a greater number of members, leave a legacy of improving your chapter, and just have that good feeling that you were a part of something great! Whether you can give 10 minutes to make a few calls, host a table at a meeting that you are already attending, or rally a committee for a special project, the chapter volunteer opportunities are endless.

[Go here](#) for more information about the various committees and to sign up to volunteer today!

## May Membership Special

With more than 17,000 members in 90 chapters and clubs, Meeting Professionals International is the largest and most vibrant global meeting and event industry association. Join MPI at [www.mpiweb.org/join](http://www.mpiweb.org/join) or renew your membership before May 19th to be entered into a drawing to receive \$100 off your membership.

Use the discount code **MPISMMay17** to receive 10% off your new membership if you join before May 31.



Sharon Andersen - JDA Software Group, Inc.  
Angie Armenta - Mary Kay Inc.  
Rick Benitez - Universal Orlando Resorts  
Heather Coday - Apexus  
Talia Dancer - Tarrant County College  
Diana Dillinger - Source 360, Inc.  
Jessica Doyle - City Electric Supply  
Erin Flowers - Venue Forty50  
Byron Frazier - 360 Destination Group Texas  
Dakota Fugate - City Electric Supply  
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Emily Kissel - Propmaker Event Rentals  
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Stefanie Schafner - Fort Worth Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Lindsey Snell - Cambria Southlake DFW North  
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## 2017

June 22

We Own the Night - Please join us for an elegant evening affair at the Annual Awards Gala on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the beautiful Tower Club in downtown Dallas! Help us celebrate our chapter's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as we journey through the last four decades of storied history and honor our colleague's accomplishments and contributions from throughout the year! A masquerade sure to be remembered as we reminisce through the memories created, friends made, and relationships forged! Don't miss the awards, festivities, and fun! Click [HERE](#) for more information.



The Adolphus has offered a great nightly rate of \$149.00 for any attendees that want to take the elevator home after the festivities. Be sure to bring your swim suits and enjoy the rooftop pool.

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Interested in helping plan any of our chapter events, and creating a lasting legacy of your own? Email Cori at [cori@conferencesdesigned.com](mailto:cori@conferencesdesigned.com) today for more info on how you can be a part of creating the chapter of the future.

## Do you have that perfect photo? How about that unique item of memorabilia?



As you all know, we will be celebrating our chapter's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Thursday, June 22. In preparation, we are culling through many photos in our archive. And, while we have many, we know that many of our members keep few of their favorites to themselves. If you have a photo, or two or three, from years gone by, we would like to have a good copy for possible inclusion in the anniversary celebration. We can work with digital or print media. Likewise, if you have some memorabilia you can share, we'd like to hear from you. Please contact Tony Cummins at 214-343-9838 or

[Tony@TheMeetingDepartment.com](mailto:Tony@TheMeetingDepartment.com).

## Did You Know?

\*A monthly payment plan is available for its members?  
Contact MPI Global Membership for more details!

\*If you are laid off or in transition from a job, MPI can reduce your membership costs. Contact MPI Global Membership for more details.

\* When you refer members to MPI, you receive \$25 in membership credit off your next renewal for membership? (YES- it is possible to pay for your membership through recruitment of new members!)

\*MPI offers an Affiliate Memberships to members from other chapters of MPI so that members can be listed in the affiliate chapter directory as a member and can volunteer and attend events with their affiliate chapter? MPI D/FW Affiliate membership is just \$100.00 annually! Contact [Kelly.Moore@lhg.com](mailto:Kelly.Moore@lhg.com) if you have interest in signing up for Affiliate Membership or Renewing your Affiliate Membership NOW!

## Yearning for Learning?

As an MPI Member, you have access to hundreds of hours of webinars and online educational content which count for CE credit hours and help you keep up to date with our ever-changing industry.

Click [HERE](#) to begin your journey for knowledge.

## Congratulations!

Tamra Gaines, CMP, CMM, CUDE, the recipient of the 2017 Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award at the 15th Annual CMP/CMM Brunch.



Congratulations to this year's other nominees, Sherri Cook, CMP, CMM and M.T. Hickman, CMP, CTP.

Recent recipients of their CMP designations are:

Stephanie Brouillette, CMP  
Martha Castillo, CMP

## MARCH 2017 MEETING RECAP

The beautiful Hyatt Regency DFW served as host to our March TECH IT OUT! MPI offered two concurrent morning sessions...

### **Session 1 – Audrey Thomas, Getting Organized with MS® Outlook: Manage Your Email, Manage Your Time**

Organized Audrey led a workshop that shared hacks to personalize Outlook – to work for YOU! Creating options for incoming email to go directly into appropriate folders, add incoming email senders to your address book and more, Audrey led a lively and interactive session of learners.

### **Session 2 – Important AV Basics by PSAV Leaders**

The PSAV Director of Sales, Mark Lee, and Annie Matthews, PSAV Sales Manager, presented a condensed version of a three (3) week course that is taught each summer at Richland College. Mr. Lee and Ms. Matthews guided participants in much-needed basics of AV – with a few tips more advanced industry colleagues could benefit from as well. This session was informative, fun and interactive, and the presenters offered insights into one of the biggest planner spend areas.

Sessions were followed by a mini-tradeshaw that offered cutting edge hot technology displays and hot coffee!

Our scrumptious lunch was followed by a keynote address by Audrey Thomas, ask...Organized Audrey. Attendees could not take notes fast enough on the time-saving tips presented by Ms. Thomas. The theme - The Myth of Catching Up: Will You Ever Get There? Led into hacks on inbox, meetings, voicemail, and deadlines. Learn more about Ms. Thomas - <http://www.organizedaudrey.com/about/>

Finally, but certainly not the least – our sponsors. MPI relies heavily on sponsors to allow us the opportunity to present cutting edge programs to our members. Thank you sponsors!

### **Thanks to our Sponsors**

HYATT REGENCY DFW  
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JIM WOODS PHOTOGRAPHY  
PSAV

All who attended are already talking about the 2018 TECH IT OUT! Grab your gear and stay tuned – we'll see you there!

## THANKS TO OUR RECENT SPONSORS

We would like to extend a special thank you to our recent

sponsors



Jordan Fatheree, CMP  
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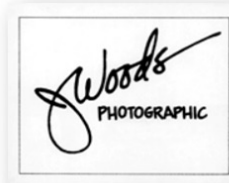


Did you know that by referring members you enter yourself into a drawing for \$100 gift certificates from MPI Global? Drawing will be in May 2017!! Don't waste time and refer a member to MPI DFW by giving them your MPI Member number and name for their application! Those who refer members will be entered into two very special drawings!

**Q2 Charity: Minnie's Food Pantry**



Minnie's Food Pantry provides a free supply of emergency groceries once per month per household for residents that do not have enough food because they lack the resources to purchase it. We serve everyone from low income families, single parents, senior citizens, unemployed individuals, disabled veterans, working poor, and anyone else that comes to the pantry that needs emergency food assistance. We serve everyone regardless of their race, color, or religion. Every family receives the red carpet treatment.





Click [HERE](#) to learn how to help!

Collection for April & May: \$25 gift card to WalMart, Target, and Kroger

Cereal, Hamburger Helper meals, and canned meat

JUNE – We will be looking for volunteers to help serve lunch to children. More details to come!

### **MEMBERS ON THE MOVE**



For over a decade, Courtney Percival, current MPI D/FW Director of Membership, has been working, volunteering, and contributing to the DFW hospitality industry. She is excited to join the Del Frisco's Restaurant Group as the Sales and Event Planner for their newest restaurant opening. You may reach Courtney at [cpercival@dfrg.com](mailto:cpercival@dfrg.com) or 214-532-7344 for a tour.

Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House is located in the brand new development- **Legacy West in Plano TX**. With two floors that include two bars, four private dining rooms and a picturesque patio, Del Frisco's Plano boasts over 400 seats. Please come join us for a tour and special gift after the MPI Meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup>!

<https://www.guidelive.com/food-and-drink/2017/05/01/sneak-peek-del-friscos-double-eagle-steakhouse-plano-one-earliest-legacy-west-open>



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