



Presidential Ponderings

MPI's mission is to connect the global meeting and event community, to learn, innovate, collaborate, and advocate. At a local level, your MPI D/FW chapter leadership is invested in creating a progressive vision for the future of our chapter. Our chapter supports the culture and environment which MPI aspires to. Just as successful businesses use their brand to drive the culture of the company, MPI D/FW has taken on a multi-year project around our chapter's brand. Last year we completed a chapter satisfaction survey and personal interviews and this term, the implementation plan is shaping the strategic plan for brand, programs and service offerings which are the most important for you. [Read more.](#)



M.T. Hickman, CMP, CPECP receives Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award

M.T. Hickman, CMP, CPECP, was the recipient of the Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award at the 16th Annual CMP & CMM Recognition Event. This award recognizes an MPI D/FW Chapter member for outstanding leadership contributions, commitment to education and advocacy in the cause of professional certifications. *Congratulations, M.T.!*



Nominations Open for 2017-2018 Awards of Excellence

The Annual Awards Nomination Committee requests your assistance in selecting our Awards of Excellence nominees. Your input is important to the process of recognizing outstanding MPI

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[Click here to select your nominees](#)

Nominating period is open April 24 - May 11

We invite you to join us on June 28, 2018, at Venue Forty50, where we will recognize the members who have made an impact on your chapter. Watch for more information and registration coming soon!

"All the best heroes are ordinary people who make themselves extraordinary"
- Gerard May

The best are unsuspected everyday crusaders in the field of hospitality. Reveal the hero in you by joining us as we celebrate the 'Heroes of MPI' at the 41st Annual MPI Gala at Venue Forty50 on Thursday, June 28th from 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Formal invite will be coming soon!



Get ready for the Spring Sales Blitz!

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 8-9, 2018

Planners, save the date! Meet with new and valuable supplier contacts all in one easy, brief visit. You might be wondering, "What is the Sales Blitz?" Various industry suppliers, both local and from out of town, collaborate in groups of 5-6 to visit with you in your office or another convenient location to present their products and services. Our D/FW chapter has been putting on the Sales Blitz for many years which helps suppliers make connections with planners to promote mutually beneficial business relationships.

"As a planner member of the MPI D/FW Chapter, the MPI D/FW Annual Sales Blitz is chapter activity I look forward to. Unlike other brand sales calls, for example by a hotel collection, this event is distinctive, the teams are a collection of services thus allowing for a broader look at options. So even if the services of each member of the team may or may not be applicable to my needs, the group interaction allows me to further my knowledge for that someday I may have a need."

- Gregory Pynes, MPA, Dava Oncology

You will be contacted soon about how you can participate! Questions? Contact Roma Giordano, VP of Membership, at vpmembership@mpidfw.org or 469-344-9040.

Thank you to our sponsors



CSR of the Quarter



With the rise of Human Trafficking in the DFW area, we are partnering with [Mosaic Family Services](#) as our charity partner of the quarter. In their efforts to support Human Trafficking victims, Mosaic's multicultural staff assists victims in navigating the complex justice system and in interactions with federal and local law enforcement.

How you can help

MPI D/FW is requesting both monetary and goods donations to help support Mosaic's mission. Learn more and [view the complete wish list](#) of donated items.

Wish list items will be collected at the April Chapter Experience. Wish List items include: Gift cards (Visa, Target, Walmart, etc), Gas cards (Shell, Exxon, Chevron, Texaco, etc), Bus passes, Paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex), Toiletries (soap, body wash, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.), Pantry food: Non-perishable (All types), Baby bottles (new), Cell Phone Chargers (Android/iPhone), Black heavy duty trash bags (large), Feminine products/sanitary napkins

Monetary Donations

- \$25 - Allows a family to fulfill their grocery shopping list
- \$50 - Provides counseling and play therapy for a child who has experienced trauma
- \$100 - Provides survivors with an attorney who will insure their stories are heard & rights are recognized
- \$250 - Sponsors summer camp for one child for 12 weeks
- \$500 - Provides case management and health care advocacy for a refugee family
- \$1000 - Sponsor a family at Mosaic House for one month

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SPEED DATING IN DALLAS

HILTON ANATOLE DALLAS, TX
JULY 12, 2018
4:30PM-7:00PM

REGISTER TODAY

Space is limited.
Save your seat, email
ihans@espeakers.com

Keep Your Contact Information Current

Your MPI D/FW Chapter leadership team is working diligently to keep you up-to-date on chapter events such as training, luncheons, and leadership meetings. We use your MPI Global Profile to retrieve your contact information, so make sure to record your changes.

Updating your MPI Global profile is simple. Just log in at MPIweb.org and access your member profile to update your contact information and manage your email preferences.



Welcome, New Members!

Bill Antonisse - First Call Bands
 Chirine Arbadji - San Diego Tourism Authority
 Carla Bone - Sheraton Arlington Hotel
 Carol Boyd - C. Boyd Meetings & Events
 Stacey Brooks - See Pink, Inc
 Anthony Dempsey - Charming Charlatans LLC
 Allison Echols
 Dayna Fowler - Professional Innovations
 Michele K. Godwin - Tow Consulting Group
 Cassandra Hillard
 Keith Hymel - ConferenceDirect
 Angie Janak - On Stage Systems
 Tammy Jensen
 Brittany Julius - Embassy Suites by Hilton Dallas Market Center
 Tamara Lynch - Meeting Professionals International
 Ursula Myles - Legends Hospitality, LLC
 Lacy Remedies - Shreveport Limousine
 Jessica Stone - Meeting Professionals International
 Melissa Tacker - HD Liquid Catering
 Ashley Thomas - DFW Airport Marriott South
 Tony Watson - Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas
 Terri Yanke - Eventful Advantage LLC



Save The Date

Mark your calendars for these upcoming chapter events. [View full event calendar](#)

May 8-9

Sales Blitz - Planners, save the date!

Jun 2-5

[MPI World Education Congress](#) - Indianapolis, IN

Jun 28

[41st Annual Awards of Excellence Gala](#)

Venue Forty50



Members on the Move

Have you or someone you know recently made a job change? Please [let us know](#) so we can share the good news.

Host an MPI D/FW event

Interested in hosting a future MPI D/FW event? **Jul 19** and **Sep 20**, 2018, are open for chapter lunches, and then we have dates in 2019. Contact Cori Dossett today at cori@conferencesdesigned.com!

Congratulations to the Newest CMP and CMM Designees

Sharon Andersen, CMM
Trenton Becker, CMP
Paola Bowman, CMP, CMM
Alissa Cotroneo Brown, CMP
Theresa Renea Brundrett, CMM
Chloe Calloway, CMP
Sheila Campbell, CMP
Tina Garcia, CMP
Elva Gordon, CCTE, GLP, CMM
Virginia Hall, CMP
Maggie Halligan, CMP, CMM
Jennifer Hungerford, CMP
Karin Kapoor, CMP
Gregory Lambert, CMP
Susan Levick, CMP
Kim Lumley, CMM
Kara Marquez, CMP
Carla Marshall, CMP
Lindsay Martin-Bilbrey, CMP
Lila Costa Ramos Pereira, CMP
Allie Robertson, CMP
Kristin Strayhan, CMP
Jena Watkins, CMP, CMM



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Thank you for being a member of MPI D/FW Chapter.

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