



## A MINUTE WITH ANNIE



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**Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the COURAGE TO CONTINUE that counts.**

**- Sir Winston Churchill**

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Can you believe that Spring is almost over and Summer is nearly here!? Wow, time flies! We've had some amazing events these past few months, including our annual CMP/CMM breakfast where we got to celebrate all of you with meeting industry accreditation. Congratulations again to Amanda Wells, CMP, for being rewarded the Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award! Such an honor!

I am so proud of this chapter for the way you all have shown up – either in-person or virtually – and helped get this industry we love back to where it belongs! When we meet, we change the world! And that is exactly what we're doing! It has been challenging, but you all have shone bright and made a difference. And for that, I'm proud to have been your President this year.

You truly have BEEN THE VOICE!

We will join together in May to celebrate our volunteers – the heart of our organization. If you don't yet serve on a committee, join one and you too could be invited to that celebration! But our biggest celebration of the year – our year-end Gala on June 24th – is not to be missed! We've got some exciting things in store for you this year, and it will be a Fiesta to end all fiestas! I look forward to rewarding all our incredible DFW event professionals.

As Sir Winston Churchill so eloquently put it, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the COURAGE TO CONTINUE that counts.". So friends, let's continue rebuilding this industry we hold so dear!

Cheers,

Annie Matthews  
MPI DFW Chapter President

## CMM/CMP RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

**On April 22nd we recognized our new CMMs and CMPs and awarded the prestigious MPI D/FW Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award at a beautiful luncheon thanks to The Westin Dallas Downtown.**

**Thank you to all our sponsors for a wonderful event!**





## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MOST RECENT CMM AND CMP RECIPIENTS!

Nicole Chattin, CMP, CMM  
 Randy Allen Davis, CMP  
 Sandra Dyeak, CMP  
 Kristi Estes, CMP  
 Camica Humphrey Felix, CMP  
 Peggy Kerzner, CMP  
 Riz Moosa, CMP  
 Kimberly Marriott, CMM  
 Kelsey Payne, CMP  
 Ashley Rasmussen, CMP  
 Amy Simon, CMP





## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021 COLLEEN RICKENBACHER LEADERSHIP AWARD FINALISTS



**Sherri Cook**  
CMP, CMM, CTM, CL  
Sherri Cook & Associates, LLC



**Charlene Edwards**  
CMP  
Union Development Corporation  
Project Unity



**Amanda Wells**  
CMP  
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THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT IS...

Amanda  
Wells  
CMP







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**IT'S TIME FOR A FIESTA!**

**THE 2021 ANNUAL AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE GALA**

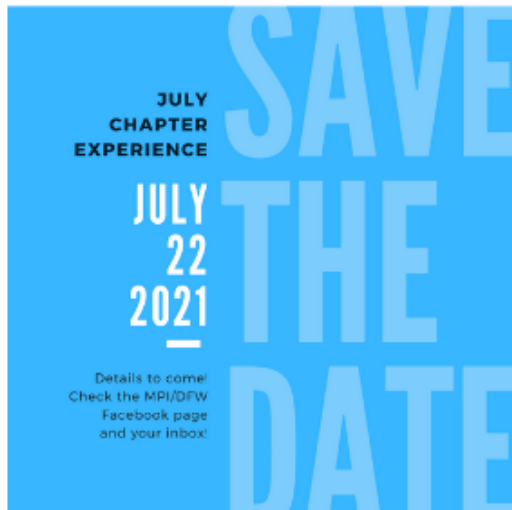
**Date:** Thursday, June 24, 2021  
**Time:** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
**Venue:** Renaissance Dallas Hotel

**MPI DALLAS/FORT WORTH CHAPTER**

### 43rd Annual Awards of Excellence Gala

You won't have to go south of the border for this fiesta! Join the MPI D/FW Chapter to commemorate our 43rd Annual Awards of Excellence Gala & JPA Silent Action located at the beautifully renovated Renaissance Dallas Hotel on Thursday, June 24th where we will recognize the best of our Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information!



## JULY CHAPTER EXPERIENCE

Save the Date for our July Luncheon

July 22, 2021 - 11:00am

Keep an eye on our MPI D/FW Facebook page, as well as your inbox, for more details coming soon!





**Each year the MPI RISE Awards honor chapters as well as individual members for their excellence in various categories.**

**This year we were honored as a chapter finalist for Innovative Educational Programming! Likewise, long-standing members Paige Mejia, FPO and Greg Elam were recognized for their contribution to MPI and our chapter as finalists for Meeting Industry Leadership.**

**This award honors those rare individuals who by visionary hard work and creative insight have positively changed the global meeting and event industry. I think we can agree they both have done that and more!**

## **GREG ELAM**



Greg Elam was announced the winner of the Meeting Industry Leadership RISE Award at the virtual Global Meetings Industry Day on April 9, 2021. Congratulations Greg!

Greg served as President of the MPI Dallas- Ft Worth Chapter from 1980 to 1981 and was named International Meeting Planner of the Year by MPI in 1987. Over the years, Greg has been instrumental in the evolution of your MPI D/FW Chapter and has paved the way for our continued growth and improvement.

Thank you for all you do, Greg!





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