



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

by Lisa South, CMP



April is a very important month for the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter: it's election time! Each April, we elect the thirteen members who will lead our chapter

forward for the coming year (July 1 - June 30). This is one of the most important processes we go through as a chapter.

When Judy Love Rondeau explained the nominating procedures at our March monthly meeting, she indicated several characteristics the nominating committee examines when recommending a slate of board members. These characteristics are worth repeating:

1. Flexibility to accept change;
2. Ability to guide the future of this chapter;
3. Ability to be leaders in every sense of the word;
4. Possess the skills to be team players;
5. Possess high ethical standards; and
6. Ability to dedicate the time necessary to make the D/FW Chapter a continued success.

This past year has flown by, and the current board of directors has been

pleased with the strong support of the membership. As we elect our new officers and board for the coming year, let us realize that they represent us—all of us. The new board of directors will want and need the input of every member to maintain the level of success the chapter knows now. To continue building on this success, we must use crucial building blocks of communication. Get to know your board members.

Also, as we elect the 1992-93 board, each of us should determine how we can best serve the D/FW Chapter. If you are interested in leading our chapter in the future, use another key building block toward this end: GET INVOLVED.

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**April Chapter Meeting**

**Speaking of Meetings**

by Jeana Stieber

Come to the Ramada Renaissance in April and WIN—"Speak to Win," that is. All of us are asked on occasion to address a group of people, whether for business or professional purposes. Karen Cortell Reisman, the speaker at our April chapter meeting, will assist us in sharpening those skills necessary to make a "winning" presentation.

Karen is a professional speaker, consultant and educator holding a Summa

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**APRIL CHAPTER MEETING**

<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, April 30, 1992	
<b>PLACE:</b>	The Ramada Renaissance 701 East Campbell Road Richardson, Texas 75081 (214) 231-9600	
<b>TIME:</b>	Member Orientation:	11:00
	Registration and Reception:	11:30
	Luncheon and Program:	12:00
<b>COST:</b>	Advance Registration:	\$22.00
	Late Registration:	\$30.00
	Guest Registration:	\$25.00

PLEASE RSVP: Before NOON, Tuesday, April 28, by calling Sandi at (214) 343-0555.

**MEETING RESERVATION AND ATTENDANCE POLICY**

NOTE: Money will be collected at the door. If paying by check, please have your check filled out prior to registering at the door. Advance payments are not accepted. Advance reservations must be received by cut-off date; last reservations and walk-ins will be accepted on a SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS ONLY.

CANCELLATIONS must also be received by the cut-off date - NO SHOWS WILL BE BILLED!

Guests are limited to attending three meetings per chapter year before membership is required to attend future meetings (spouses not included). In case of overflow seating, members not present 15 minutes after the meal is served will have their reserve seats sold.

Members are responsible for paying "no show" charges for their guests.

# MPI FOCUS

*(President's message continued from page 1)*

In the January 1992 issue of this newsletter, this column discussed the Past Presidents Council of our chapter. The article mentioned our "Leadership Incubator" which incorporated the idea that committee work could lead to a committee chair, which could lead to the board. It's up to each member to contribute as much time to build our chapter as is possible for that individual. Collectively, all this effort continues to make a difference: for the individual, for the D/FW Chapter of MPI and for the meetings industry. Whether you have five minutes or five days, you can find ways to become involved. Don't wait to be "invited" to join a committee. Choose what you want to contribute and go for it.

Our April elections allow each of us to continue to go "Back to the Basics" and vote. Getting involved will allow the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter to further realize "Building Blocks of Success."

## Dollars & Cents

by Holly Adams

For the month ending  
February 29, 1992

Beginning of the month  
\$11,105.55

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\$ 6,454.94

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(\$3,222.29)

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Cum Laude Bachelors Degree in Communications and a Masters Degree (with highest honors) in Human Relations and Management. She currently teaches communications courses at the college level and is a member of the National Speakers Association.

Our host, The Ramada Renaissance Hotel, is sometimes known as "North Dallas' Best Kept Secret." This lovely property has much to offer: friendly staff, free and close-in parking, great food (they won HSMA's Best Food Award in 1991) and more.

So don't be a loser. Come in April and learn to "Speak to Win."

## MPI's Annual Conference to Provide a New Experience for Chapter Leadership

by Kim Kelley, CMP

The Chapter Management Forum (CMF), held in conjunction with MPI's Annual Conference in Detroit, Michigan, June 27-28, has adopted the theme "Camp CMF" to send the message that this will not be a typical classroom session. Instead, an outdoor classroom across the river from the Westin at RiverPlace will be used to explore abstract concepts of teamwork, leadership and empowerment through participation in physical outdoor initiatives. Attendees should dress appropriately—don't forget your sneakers!

The CMF is open to all—chapter managers as well as those who may be considering a leadership position. There is no additional fee.

For more information or to register, contact the Chapter Relations Department at MPI Headquarters at (214) 712-7700.

# PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION

## March Meeting Wrap Up

### “Hands Across the Trinity”

by Charlotte Merrill-Davis

The March chapter meeting in Fort Worth should be known as “Herds Across the Trinity” due to the record number in attendance. Over 130 MPI members and guests enjoyed the sunset at the outdoor reception of the Worthington Hotel. This beautiful garden setting was the perfect location to showcase the Worthington’s best assets of wonderful food and wine, along with its friendly and efficient staff.



For those fortunate Dallasites hitching a ride on the “Carey Wagon” leaving from the Anatole, a big surprise awaited. Alex Vurpillat with Carey Dallas played MPI’s own fairy godmother, turning our bus into a fleet of luxury stretch limousines. Needless to say, all passengers arrived at the reception with big smiles and still



floating from this pampered experience.

The final chords from the melodious strings of the classical guitarist furnished by the Worthington signaled that dinner was being served in the Atlantic Ballroom. The Worthington chose a spring theme, using colorful floral centerpieces, edible florals in the salad and served a dessert of white chocolate orchids filled with passion fruit mousse. It is easy to see why this hotel is regarded as a class act!



Judy Rondeau, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, opened the meeting with the recommended slate of officers and board members for 1992-93 and accepted nominations from the floor.

The eagerly awaited program for the evening, “New Frontiers of Fort Worth,” began with our new Fort Worth member, Lee Conte of the city’s CVB, who introduced the impressive panel of speakers:

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| Margaret Kramer | Sundance Square    |
| Ed McLoughlin   | Tarantula Railroad |
| Lyda Hunt Hill  | Stockyards Station |
| Pam Minick      | Billy Bob’s        |

Each in turn took us on a journey via a slide presentation highlighting developments within the city. The program concluded with a brief synopsis of Fort Worth and its meeting advantages as seen through the eyes of Steve Murin, the Mayor of the Stockyards.

Rewarding all those members who brought Fort Worth guests, 20 gifts were awarded in a drawing.



Those who had recruited new members were presented an etched crystal mug for each person they had brought into the chapter. The race is on between Alice Riggins and Sue Ferguson to see who will have the first matching set of eight! Hopefully, after this meeting, we will see a few new Fort Worth faces among our members.

On a contrasting note, Lisa South, CMP, Chapter President, shared the news that our dear friend and exceptional chapter member, Jimmy Eanes, is leaving his present position with Interstate Batteries for new opportunities in North Carolina. Lisa present-  
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# PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION

## Chapter of the Year Committee Completes Project

by Connie Sandifer, CMP

It's only been a matter of days since the committee led by Sue Ferguson Fry of CityPlace Conference Center "closed the book"—or books, to be more accurate. No less than seven large, very full and very well organized notebooks are required to hold the D/FW Chapter's submission for consideration as Chapter of the Year to MPI Headquarters, and that's exactly what was compiled by Sue and her committee.

Sue's dedicated team spent many late nights and weekend hours ensuring our chapter would be well represented as a contender for this honor. Compiling these notebooks is a difficult and time-consuming task, and recognition and thanks are due Sue and her committee: Lisa South, CMP; Charlotte Merrill-Davis; O.D. O'Donnell; Phyllis Firebaugh; Marilyn Manby and Kim Kelley, CMP.

For service above and beyond the call of duty, Rich Fry deserves special recognition and commendation for his many hours of hard work and dedication to this project. Although Rich is not an MPI member, his tireless efforts on the chapter's behalf are unknown to many and of benefit to us all. Thank you, Mr. Fry.



## CMP University

by Patricia Tripp, CMP

The D/FW Chapter will offer a 1 1/2 day CMP study course for those members and non-members sitting for the CMP examination set for June 27 or December 12, 1992. Individuals not sitting for the exam but interested in auditing the course are welcome to do so.

Candidates for the exam will gather at the Plaza of the Americas Hotel in Dallas on May 15 and 16 to learn from other CMPs and regional experts. Registration for this intensive work-

shop is \$25 for MPI D/FW members, \$50 for MPI members not belonging to the D/FW Chapter, and \$100 for non-MPI members. Breaks are being graciously hosted by the Plaza of the Americas Hotel. Cost of lunch is not included in registration fees.

All registrations must be received by May 5. A registration form is enclosed in this issue of *CURRENT*. Please enclose check with registration form made payable to D/FW Chapter MPI. Mail forms to Patricia Tripp, CMP, DSM; Princess Tours & Cruises; P. O. Box 381820; Duncanville, Texas 75138. Confirmation will be sent via return mail.



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# MEMBERSHIP

## Heard It Through the Grapevine

by Ken Cohen

Wedding bells recently sounded for Hugh Hunt, who said goodbye to the single life on January 24.

Myra Berry and her husband Ron proudly announce that they have adopted a boy, Brian Christopher, who was born February 28, 1992.

C.W. Kendall became a grandfather to twin baby boys on March 9. This is C.W.'s second set of twin grandchildren (both sets are boys).

Cindy Palmer has been named Vice President and General Manager of Premiere Productions, the special events division of Premiere Business Strategies.

Kevin Kelly has been promoted to Managing Director of Business Travel Sales for Hilton Hotels and is now working in their Chicago office.

Alice Riggins has started her own company, All-In-One Tour Services, specializing in group travel, special events and related services.

Current editor Kim Kelley, CMP, has joined The Tower Club as Events Coordinator. Her new fax number is 953-3070 for those of you who have articles for the newsletter.

Steve Kemble got some press when the Dallas Morning News printed a few details regarding his stay in New York City to plan a party at the Rainbow Room atop Rockefeller Center. Seems that Randy Quaid sat in front of him at a show, Perry Ellis' noted designer Marc Jacobs sat in front of him on his return flight, of which Addison Mayor Lynn Spruill was the pilot.

Please let me know immediately when you hear about something that belongs in this column. Call me at 276-2998, or fax me at 276-9725.

## Senior Citizens Party a Resounding Success

by Judy Love Rondeau

A very special thank you to those of you who volunteered to assist with the Love For Kids St. Patrick's Day celebration for senior citizens, which was held at the Loews Anatole Hotel. Alan Powermaker, Bill Boyd, CMP, Lesley Meyer, CMP, O.D. O'Donnell, Pharis Corder, Jeana Stieber, Colleen Albert and Barbara Webster (a special friend to our chapter) and all the other Love For Kids volunteers deserve a big round of applause for helping to make so many senior citizens happy.

A wonderful time was had by all. For every participant, it was an afternoon to remember. The band played, the clowns made people laugh, and almost everyone danced—all with big smiles on their faces. Alan Powdermaker was a wonderful master of ceremonies with a little help from Peggy Sears from KVIL Radio. Hats off to Love For Kids for making this party an event these "kids" look forward to all year long!



## April Host Facility

### A Well-Kept Secret in North Dallas: The Ramada Renaissance Hotel

by Marqueze Brown

Located in the heart of the North Dallas area known as Richardson's Telecom Corridor lies The Renaissance Hotel, a four-star facility offering 342 guest rooms and suites, complemented by two restaurants, cocktail lounge, lobby bar, exercise room and outdoor pool.

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For for information, contact the Ramada Renaissance Hotel at (214) 231-9600.

# PUBLIC RELATIONS

## Chapter Accomplishments to be Published

by Kim Kelley, CMP

Look for a summary of the D/FW Chapter's highlights and achievements printed in the June issue of *The Meeting Manager* magazine.

This special issue of the magazine commemorates the 20th anniversary of Meeting Planners International and promises an exciting look at the growth, successes and activities that have made the association what it is today. Look for your copy and see how we measure up to other chapters around the country.

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## The Power of the Pen

by Kim Kelley, CMP

If the pen is mightier than the sword, what does that lead us to conclude about the computer? Search for the answer to that and other deep questions as Editor of next year's *CURRENT* newsletter.

As the current administrative year nears its end, it's time to consider your contribution to our chapter in the year ahead. How about serving as the 1992-93 Newsletter Editor? Ideally, next year's editor should be appointed prior to the end of this year, which would avail that individual the opportunity to work with the present editor, ensuring that the *CURRENT* reaches its readers each month without delay.

For details regarding the editorship, as well as the newsletter committee and its goals for 1992-93, please call Lesley Meyer, CMP at (214) 401-0210.

## CHAPTER GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS LIAISON POSITION CREATED

By Connie Sandifer, CMP

In response to an increased interest by the MPI membership in governmental/legislative issues that affect the meetings industry, the 1991-92 administrative year has been witness to strong Government Affairs Committee activity on both the international and local level.

To facilitate a two-way flow of information between the international and chapter committees, a Government Affairs Liaison will be named from each chapter. The liaison will act as the international committee's conduit in providing updates on national legislative issues of concern to the chapter and, likewise, will act as the chapter's representative regarding local and chapter issues at the international committee level.

The chapter liaisons will be invited to attend the international Government Affairs Committee Meeting in conjunction with MPI's Annual Conference in Detroit. Should there be any local government/legislative issues you feel should be addressed by the chapter and/or international Government Affairs Committees, please contact Connie Sandifer, CMP at (214) 239-9969.

## Polish Your Presentation Skills

by Tim Wade

March 10's Executive Workshop saw 37 MPI members sharing a common goal: to improve their public speaking abilities. The Dallas Press Club in the Stoneleigh Hotel penthouse provided a unique setting for our best-attended workshop to date.

The speaker, Jon Spere, is the founder of JMS Partners, a Training and Development consulting practice specializing in teaching high-impact communication skills. He's an experienced consultant and coach who has enabled hundreds of professionals to increase their communication impact. He demonstrated some of these high-impact skills and shared many tips with the audience.

For example, many presenters spend most of their preparation time determining what they will say. But did you know that only 7 percent of your communication is a result of your words? You send 55 percent of your message visually through what you do when you're speaking. You communicate the remaining 38% vocally by how you say the words.

Jon spoke about stance, eye focus, gestures and voice projection. He discussed the proper use of visuals and audio visual equipment, and he gave information on how to organize a persuasive presentation.

The workshop evaluations were excellent, and many attendees expressed interest in an expanded version of this session. Obviously most of us feel a need to continue polishing our presentation skills.

# INDUSTRY NEWS

## VOTE at the April Chapter Meeting

by Judy Love Rondeau

The nominating committee presented their recommended slate of officers and board members to the membership at the March chapter meeting. At that time, nominations were accepted from the floor from members of our chapter.

Voting for the incoming officers and members of the board of directors will take place at the chapter meeting held at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Dallas. Because ballots are not mailed to the membership, you must be present at this meeting in order to cast your vote for members of the Board of Directors for Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter of Meeting Planners International for 1992-93.

To help you make an informed decision, you will find enclosed in this newsletter is brief biography of the leadership candidates for the upcoming year.

Individuals selected to serve our chapter must have the ability to be leaders and the skill to be team players. They must possess high ethical standards and fulfill their commitment to dedicating the time necessary to make the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter a continued success and an organization of which we are proud to belong.

As chairperson of the nominating committee, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to each member of the committee for their time, expertise and—most of all—their support. Thanks to Phyllis Firebaugh, Westin Hotel-Galleria; David Gisler, Freeman Decorating Company;

Marilyn McGuire, CMP, National Athletic Trainers' Association; Charlotte Merrill-Davis, Event Source Professionals; Jeffery Means, CMP, MCI Planners; O.D. O'Donnell, Nightlife Talent and Management Agency; Laura Yarborough, CMP, EDS; Mary Jo Malone, Plaza of the Americas Hotel; LaTrelle Smart, CMP; Norb Dettmann, CMP; Bob Mitchell, Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts; Rosemary Hall, Mary Kay Cosmetics; and Lisa South, CMP, EDS.

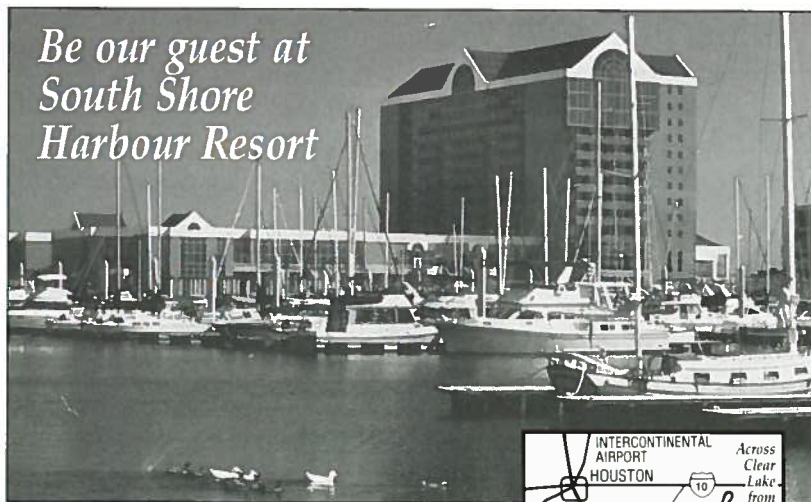
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Jimmy and his wife with an incredible Texas basket created by Texas Bundles. Good luck, Jimmy—don't forget to write!

A final note of appreciation to the incredible Worthington staff, our panel of speakers, all gift contributions, and to my hard working co-chairs, Marsha Singer and Penny Stafford, and, of course, my hometown of Fort Worth!



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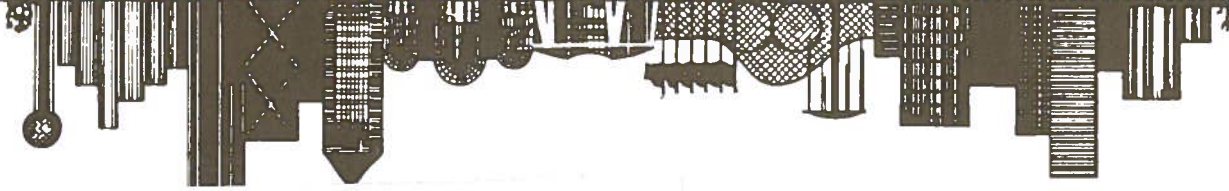
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CALENDAR UPDATE	OFFICERS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
<p>Thursday, April 30 Ramada Renaissance Luncheon</p>	<p><b>PRESIDENT</b> Lisa South, CMP (214) 661-6611 EDS</p>	<p>Colleen Albert (214) 746-6628 Dallas Conv. &amp; Visitors Bureau</p>
<p>Thursday, May 21 Marriott Mandalay Luncheon</p>	<p><b>VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP</b> Stanley Heller (214) 245-7987 Silver Leaf Marketing</p>	<p>Robert L. Berry (214) 386-6863 CC&amp;O Jimmy Eanes, CMP (214) 991-1444 Interstate Battery Systems</p>
<p>Thursday, June 18 CityPlace Dinner</p>	<p><b>VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCE</b> Alan L. Powdermaker (214) 539-9121 Circle R Ranch, Inc.</p>	<p>Paige Garrett (214) 380-6903 Great Am. Reserve Ins. Lindsey Iacovino (214) 638-0024 AVW Audio Visual, Inc.</p>
<p><b>BOARD MEETINGS</b></p>		
<p>Tuesday, May 12 MPI's Resource Center</p>	<p><b>VICE PRESIDENT, EDUCATION</b> Lesley, Meyer, CMP (214) 401-0210 Sunbelt Motivation &amp; Travel, Inc.</p>	<p>Marilyn Manby (214) 484-9531 Maritz Meeting Planners</p>
<p>Tuesday, June 9 MPI's Resource Center</p>	<p><b>VICE PRESIDENT, PUBLIC RELATIONS</b> Connie Sandifer, CMP (214) 239-9969 Dallas Fan Fares, Inc.</p>	<p><b>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT</b> Judy Love Rondeau (214) 922-9806 Canadian Consulate General</p>
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# PROPOSED NOMINATIONS CHAPTER OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

MEETING PLANNERS INTERNATIONAL  
DALLAS/FORT WORTH CHAPTER  
1992 - 1993 TERM

**MARY C. COWART - PRESIDENT**

**PLANNER**



Prior to owning and operating her own meeting management company, Meeting Consultants & Associates, Mary was a planner for 15 years with UCCEL computer software company. Active in the D/FW Chapter of MPI since 1984, Mary has served on the Board of Directors during the 1986-87 and 1989-90 terms, Vice President of Finance from 1987-1989 and Editor of the *Current* and Chair of the Awards Committee in 1991. She has also served on the Membership and Nominating Committees. In 1988 the D/FW Chapter honored Mary as the Meeting Planner of the Year.

**DIANE SMITH, CMP - VICE PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP**

**PLANNER**



As a Planner for the Vision Care Group of Alcon Laboratories, Inc., in Fort Worth for the last six years, Diane handles meetings ranging from 20 - 150 people and coordinates the Alcon Jamboree for more than 2000 people annually. A member of the D/FW Chapter since 1987, Diane has served as an Interim Board Member in 1990, Board Member June - November 1991, Vice President of Administration/December 1991-92. She has also served as Director of Education 1990-91 and was actively involved in the Richland Community College Meeting Planning course. Diane recently earned her "CMP" designation while serving as Co-Chairperson of the "How To Breakfast Series", the "Executive Workshop Series" and the "CMP Crash Course."

**SUE FERGUSON-FRY - VICE PRESIDENT EDUCATION**

**SUPPLIER**



An extensive background in the hospitality industry enables Sue to excel as the Director of Sales for CITYPLACE Conference Center (a ClubCorp management team). After moving from California to Dallas, Sue has served on the Program C ommittee of the D/FW Chapter since 1990 and Program Director 1990-91. Actively involved in the Richland College Basic Meeting Planning Course, Sue has taught several classes for the past two years. She writes a monthly column for the DFW chapter newsletter the *Current* and is presently working on the Chapters submission for Chapter of the Year.

## **LINDSEY R. IACOVINO - VICE PRESIDENT ADMINISTRATION**

**SUPPLIER**



As Vice President, Hotel Services of AVW Audio Visual Inc., Lindsey supervises and coordinates AVW's hotel accounts in five cities. A member of the D/FW Chapter since 1982, Lindsey has served two terms on the Board of Directors. She was the 1991-92 Director of Education and active on the Give Kids The World Committee '91. A member of the Professional Growth Awards Committee 1987-91, she became chairperson of PGA in 1989-90 and 1990-91. She is a frequent speaker at MPI Institutes, the Professional Education Conference and Richland College Basic and Advance Meeting Planning Courses.

## **ALAN L. POWDERMAKER - VICE PRESIDENT FINANCE**

**SUPPLIER**



Alan is the Chairman and CEO of Circle R Ranch, which he founded in 1974. A member of D/FW chapter since 1977 Alan has served on numerous committees including the Public Relations Committee and the Advertising Committee. Alan also coordinated the development and distribution of the D/FW Chapter membership directory for 1990-91. Alan served on the Board of Directors of our Chapter as the Vice President of Administration 1991-92 until he moved into the position of Vice President of Finance to fill a vacancy at the Board's request. Alan is Co-chairman and Founder of the "Love for Kids" Foundation one of our Chapter's philanthropic ventures and Past President and Founder of the Flower Mound Chamber of Commerce.

## **LESLEY MEYER, CMP - VICE PRESIDENT PUBLIC RELATIONS**

**SUPPLIER**



Lesley is Vice President and Co-Owner of Sunbelt Motivation and Travel, Inc which was established in 1980. She presently serves as the Vice President of Customer Service and Training for Sunbelt. She joined the DFW Chapter in 1981 and was active on numerous committees, serving on the Board of Directors in 1983-84. During 1991-92, Lesley served as the Vice President of Education, supervising the monthly chapter meetings, the "Executive Workshop Series" and the "How To Breakfast Series." In addition, she supervised the Richland College Basic, Advanced and International Meetings Classes. As V.P. of Education, Lesley also supervised the Professional Growth Awards Sub-Committee and the CMP "University" sponsored by our Chapter. She is very active in the Irving community where she serves with many civic organizations.

## **LISA SOUTH, CMP - IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

**PLANNER**



As Regional Manager of Community Relations, Lisa is responsible for coordinating the charitable, civic and community activities of EDS. Prior to accepting this position, Lisa was in the Corporate Meeting Planning division, managing approximately 200 meetings per year for EDS. She has been a member of the D/FW Chapter since 1985 and has served on the Board of Directors since 1989. She served as Vice President of Membership 1989-90, Vice President of Education 1990-91 and President of our Chapter in 1991-92. In 1990, Lisa earned the honor of DFW Chapter Meeting Planner of the Year.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### CAROLYN CAREY

PLANNER



Carolyn has been employed by Fidelity Union Life Insurance Company for the past 31 years and she has been involved in the Meeting Planning division for the past 18 years. As Conference Coordinator, Carolyn handles all phases of operation for three incentive meetings a year ranging from 40-400 attendees and coordinates the educational/training workshops for her company. Since joining the D/FW Chapter in 1990, Carolyn has served on the Education Committee, assisting in the coordination of the "How to Breakfast Series". Carolyn has also served on the "Love For Kids" Christmas Card sub-committee. A strong believer in our chapters educational efforts, Carolyn pursued additional meeting planning expertise by attending the Richland College Basic, Advanced and International meeting planning classes.

### PAIGE GARRETT

PLANNER



Paige is the Marketing Coordinator for Great American Reserve Insurance Company where she plans all company sales and educational training seminars. She joined MPI in 1990 and served on the Board of Directors for the 1991-92 term. An active member of the Programming and Education Committees, she participated in the Richland Community College Basic Meeting Planning course and served as Chairperson of the Professional Growth Awards Committee during 1991-92.

### KIM KELLEY, CMP

PLANNER



As Events Coordinator for The Tower Club in downtown Dallas, Kim has been an active member of MPI since 1988. Kim has served as the Editor of the D/FW Chapter newsletter, the *Current*, for the past two years. During 1991-92, she served as Director of Communications overseeing the activities of not only our Newsletter but also the Advertising Sub-committee. Kim has also served on the Programming committee, Chapter of the Year committee, Gala Sub-committee, the Executive Workshop committee and Weekend Educational Conference committee.

### O. D. O'DONNELL

SUPPLIER



President and Owner of Nightlife Talent and Management Agency, O.D. joined the D/FW Chapter in 1986. Since then, he has served on the Programming Committee and has co-chaired an average of four monthly meetings per year. During 1991-92 he served as Co-chairperson of the Member Orientation and has written several articles for the newsletter, including the "You Asked For It" column. He has also served on the Public Relations Committee 1985-1987, the Advertising Sub-committee 1985-1989 and he has co-chaired the Gala Sub-committee 1989-1991. As since 1986, O.D. has been responsible for the musicians our Chapter has enjoyed at many of our monthly meetings.

## **ALICE R. RIGGINS**

**SUPPLIER**



Former Manager of U. S. Travel Industry Sales for the Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau, Alice is now the President of her newly formed company, ALL-IN-ONE TOUR SERVICES. Alice joined the D/FW Chapter in 1988 and has served on the Program Committee 1990-92, Co-chairing several monthly Chapter meetings. She has also been an active member of the Membership committee during 1991-91 and she has written many articles for the Chapter newsletter the *Current*. For the past two years, Alice has been awarded the Suzie Fiveash Membership Recruitment award by our Chapter and is currently leading the local level recruitment efforts.

## **PATRICIA A. TRIPP, CMP**

**SUPPLIER**



In 1991 Patricia added the "CMP" designation to her list of credentials accumulated over her 18 year career in the hospitality industry. As the District Sales Manager for Princess Tours and Cruises, Patricia joined MPI in 1990 and immediately joined the Education Committee. She has co-chaired several monthly meetings and workshops for our Chapter. In addition, she served as the Director of Programs 1991-92 under the direction of the Vice President of Education and chaired the "CMP University" in 1991.

## **ALEXANDRA VURPILLAT**

**PLANNER**



Alex is the Director of Marketing for Carey Limousines, INC. Since joining the D/FW Chapter in 1989, Alex has been an active member of the programming committee. She has co-chaired numerous monthly meetings and her company has always assisted the Programming Committee by supplying transportation to and from venues when required. In addition to serving on the "Give Kids The World" Sub-Committee in 1990-91, Alex served on the Professional Growth Awards Sub-Committee 1990-92. She also served as the Education Newsletter Liaison for our Chapter during 1990-91.

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