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By Julie Johnson, CMP, CMM



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**Rising Star**

Jayna Monroe

The June Gala was a night of suspense and top secrets. During the James Bond themed program held June 22 at the Park Cities Hilton, the "top agents" in the chapter were recognized and awarded for their efforts over the past year.

Tamra Hughston, CMP, Immediate Past President, presented two awards. O.D. O'Donnell was presented with the From the Heart award recognizing exceptional volunteer contributions. For the member who made significant contributions acting as Tamra's "right hand" throughout the term, the President's Award went to Lynn Lewis-Bjorstad, CMP.

During her final speech as chapter President, Tamara spoke about how the chapter had made a difference and lived up to her theme presented last July, "Making a Difference." Member retention increased, quality educational events were provided and chapter connections were enhanced. There was a focus on leadership development, community service, student outreach and the MPI-D/FW Chapter was also there to support New Orleans during the Katrina disaster.

The evening continued with more awards. Embassy Suites Frisco was awarded Facility of the Year and the January 2006 meeting, "The Lies, Myths and Truths Behind Terrorism - The Affects on the Meeting Industry," won Program of the Year.

The Suzi Fiveash Award went to Sharon Lindberg and the Rising Star was awarded to Jayna Monroe. Supplier of the Year was presented to Bill Reeser, CMP/CTS and the Planner of the Year Award went to Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP. All of the winners were recognized for their efforts, achievements and on-going support of the chapter.

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# President's Message:



*Interact, Inspire, Innovate...*

2006-2007



**Sally Goldsberry, CMP, CMM**  
2006-2007 President

Hello members of the MPI D/FW Chapter!

I'm so honored and pleased to serve as your chapter President for the coming year.

The 2006-2007 Board of Directors stands ready to continue the business of our chapter. Recently, we met at the Hilton Lakes DFW Hotel to establish and confirm our chapter's goals. You can review our completed Business Plan online at [www.mpidfw.org](http://www.mpidfw.org) under the Leadership tab.

During the 2005-2006 term, Immediate Past President Tamra Hughston, CMP, provided our chapter with great leadership and support. Throughout the 2006-2007 term, we'll continue to focus on member involvement, strengthening our chapter, and presenting strong educational programs that provide you with timely industry information.

As we move forward, I enthusiastically invite you to join your chapter colleagues as we Interact...Inspire...Innovate.

Your involvement in our chapter activities is significant to your personal success and the overall success of our chapter.

Remember, the MPI D/FW Chapter is about you!

Only by uniting together can we strengthen the professionalism of our industry and enhance our individual careers.

## How can you Interact?

- Take advantage of chapter networking opportunities...Show up and nurture new relationships!
- Mentor a chapter member (Or, if you're newer to the industry, ASK for a mentor!)
- Join a committee (Don't let the time issue stop you...do as much as you can and do it well)
- Sign up for a special chapter project (Challenge yourself by taking on a component you want to master!)

## How to Inspire?

- Be a positive role model for colleagues in your office and chapter events
- Develop leadership skills
- Motivate others to "join in" and encourage them to serve on chapter committees
- Deliver quality events to the membership

## How to Innovate?

- Take risks (Dream big!)
- Add fun to our monthly meetings
- Benchmark thru other chapters
- Education days...expand content

I would like to ask you to join your fellow chapter members and commit to participate in our programs. Make a commitment to your career and your chapter.

We need YOU to Interact...Inspire...Innovate... in 2006-2007!!

## BOARD BULLETS



Submitted by Nancey Hernandez, CMP  
MPI D/FW 2006-2007 President-Elect

### Board of Directors Recap:

The 2006-2007 BOD met the weekend of May 20-21st for our Board Retreat at the DFW Lakes Hilton.

We reviewed Sally Goldsberry's theme of "Interact, Inspire, Innovate."

July will be a time for our Chapter Members to join committees and get involved in the success of our chapter! If you are not currently involved on a committee, I encourage you to contact your Board of Directors to find the best spot for you! A current listing of available committee positions is listed on our website [www.mpidfw.org](http://www.mpidfw.org). There is something for everyone!

If you ARE involved on a committee, I encourage you to take the next step and consider a leadership role or a Committee Chair position. Your involvement is key!

In addition, the Board reviewed the 2005-2006 Business Plan and worked to create the 2006-2007 Business Plan for our chapter.

We are excited about the new term!



# Sharing the World in Dallas/Ft. Worth



Angela DeLaGarza

By Angela DeLaGarza, Premier Transportation

The MPI D/FW Chapter's Multicultural Initiative Committee looks forward to bringing "the world" to the chapter to heighten our understanding of multiculturalism in the 2006-2007 year.

In November 2005, the Multicultural Initiative hosted an Education Day beginning with an explosively informative "Culturally Competent Meeting Professional" monthly luncheon presented by Andy Elrich, Ph.D and ending with a diverse educational seminar touching on the African-American, Asian, and Latin markets with "New Meetings, New Cultures, and New Business." Dvorah Evans, CMP, Director of Tourism with the Black Chamber of Commerce; Joe Chow, Mayor of Addison & Owner of May Dragon Restaurant; and Mauricio Navarro, President of RAIZ, each presented, in depth, the different dynamics of each culture and how to respectfully accommodate the cultures' customs to optimize business with them. The Multicultural Initiative looks forward to presenting a powerfully informative educational program again in this new MPI year.

In May 2006, Multicultural Initiative Committee introduced the first "Hospitality in Spanish Class," where MPI chapter members are taught Spanish through a simplified method in which they learn commands and phrases specific to the hospitality industry, tailoring to both those who have had no Spanish and to those who are have some experience in the language. The class has been such a success that Multicultural Initiative Committee plans to offer the class again and is looking at the possibility of holding two classes, creating more flexibility and opportunities for people to benefit from the class.

At the 2006 WEC in July, the Multicultural Initiative hosted a round-table session. While helping other chapters learn more about multiculturalism and how the Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapter has expanded our initiative, the information shared at this session was used to further the Multicultural Initiative Committee's efforts within our chapter.

Currently, the committee has implemented a "multicultural facts" section to the agenda of each monthly committee meeting. Additionally, the committee has many plans for the future. One future goal is to have members of Multicultural Initiative Committee become active members in the Black, Asian and Latino Chambers of Commerce to learn more about each culture and to introduce MPI and its benefits to their members. The committee is also creating a means to invite other culturally based associations/programs to attend our Chapter's monthly meetings.

Members of the Multi-Cultural Initiative are enthusiastic about their accomplishments this past year and future goals. Look for our table at each regular monthly chapter meeting. We look forward to seeing you join in and participate on the Multicultural Committee. Remember, knowledge of new cultures can mean new business!

## July Charity – Ronald McDonald House of Greater Dallas

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, members of the Chapter Charity Relations Committee got together to cook dinner for the families of seriously ill children who are receiving treatment at local Dallas area hospitals. As a home-away-from-home for these families, they rely on the assistance of others during this difficult time. Residents were treated to a delicious dinner donated by Arcodoro Pomodoro, Marriott Las Colinas & the Omni Mandalay, follow by delicious desserts donated by Jen's Place Bakery & Café.

MPI D/FW is continuing to support the Ronald McDonald House in July by accepting donations of the following items at the July meeting.

- Laundry Soap
- Fabric Softener
- Dryer Sheets

Please help these families by bringing these items to the July meeting.

In addition the local chapter of MPI DFW Spearheaded the Community Service Project during MPI WEC July 8-11, 2006 in Dallas! All proceeds benefited the SPCA. Attendees were able to "Take a PAWS and relax their DOGS" at the booth – In return for a cash donation to SPCA, folks were able to get their convention weary limbs massaged!



The 2006/2007 Committee is forming now. If you are interested in joining this valuable committee, please contact Denise Howieson at dhowieson@ZOOM7.com or Kelly Roche at kroche@ci.irving.tx.us



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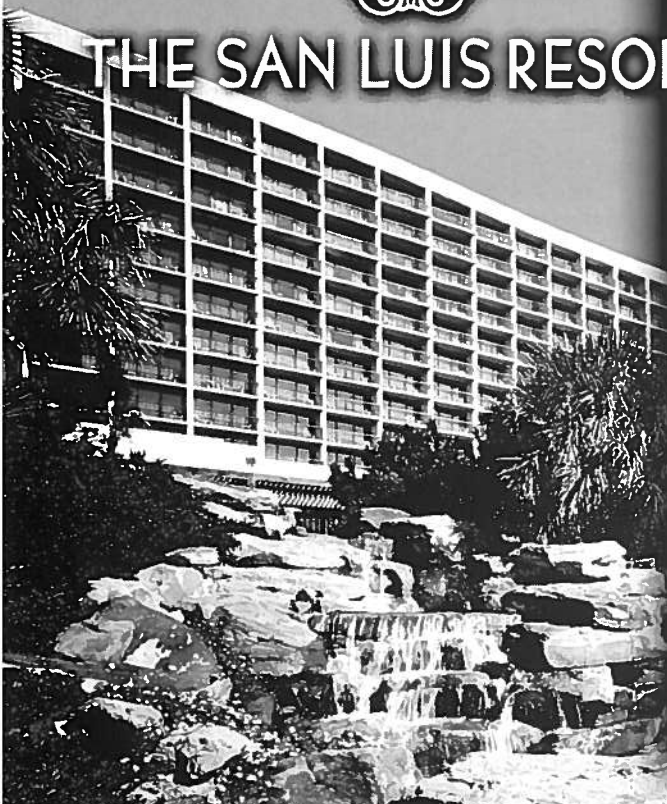
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# Chapter Meeting • Thursday, July 27, 2006 • 11:00 a.m.

## No One Can Stop You, But You!

By O.D. O'Donnell

**Dateline June 8, 2006:** The Mavs play tonight at 8:00 p.m. at the AAC, Dallas, Texas in Game 1 of the NBA Title Series against the Miami Heat...

**Dateline July 2006:** By the time you read this, we will know if the Dallas Mavericks won the 2006 NBA Title. Win or lose, they reached a level of success in 2006 that other pro teams only dreamed of in their quest for the title. It took the relentless dedication of each player, coach, and the entire Mavericks organization to get there. And as fans, we know it took Twenty-six years.

Our July Chapter meeting has a lot to do with dedicated people...those we recognize for member tenure (5, 10, 15, 20 and 25-year Circle of Commitment Pins), those with 2005-2006 Perfect Attendance, those who sponsored and participated in The Lone Star Challenge, those who raised money for charity, and those who support MPI by their membership alone.

Since the establishment of MPI in 1972, meeting professionals as a collective group have had to work diligently to be recognized in the ranks of American business as true partners in strategic planning and organizational success. Times have changed for the better and continue to do so.

Because of MPI and similar industry organizations; because of certifications like CMP, CMM, and CSEP (to name but a few); because of professional development opportunities like PEC, WEC, WLI, MCI, and ROI Workshops; because of cutting-edge applications like MPI's Professional Pathways; because of grants and industry research provided by the MPI Foundation; and, because of the generous, ongoing support of industry suppliers, meeting professionals around the world are now part of the executive leadership team in many organizations. Today, the opportunity for success in our industry awaits those who embrace the tools and resources now available and uses them to "Interact, Inspire and Innovate."

No One Can Stop You, But You!

Please join us on July 27 at the Crowne Plaza North Dallas/Addison as we honor our members, and as former Dallas Maverick Walter Bond shares his message about the benefits of true dedication and its necessity for success in all walks of life.

July Committee: O.D. O'Donnell Chair; Paige Braun; Bitsy Burns, CMP; Gloria Ford; Tony Cummins CMP; Bedford Wynne; Bill Reeser, CMP & Bob Walker.



Walter Bond

### No One Can Stop You, But You!

Thursday, July 27, 2006

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## June Gala

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## June Gala Highlights...continued from page 1



When VP of Membership Tony Cummins, CMP presented the Suzi Fiveash Award to Sharon Lindberg (Savoya), the first person in the audience to give her a standing ovation was O.D. O'Donnell! Congratulations, Sharon!



Director of Sales, Linda Catalina gleefully accepted the Facility of the Year Award on behalf of The Embassy Suites in Frisco, Texas!

As the evening continued, the 2006-2007 Board of Directors was installed and Sally Goldsberry, CMP, CMM took the helm as the new President for the 2006-2007 year. Sally introduced her theme for the year:

**Interact...Inspire...Innovate.**

How can members **Interact?** Take advantage of chapter networking opportunities and nurture relationships. Mentor a fellow member. Join a committee or special chapter project. How can

members **Inspire?** Be a positive role model. Develop leadership skills, motivate and encourage others. Deliver quality events to the membership. How can members

**Innovate?** Take risks and dream big. Add fun to the monthly meetings and benchmark through other chapters. In closing, Sally asked everyone to make a commitment both to their career and to the MPI D/FW chapter in the coming year.

The celebratory evening was accented by the musical talent of Las Vegas based Liberace-tribute various Bond themed music as well as his own songs. All in all, a winning award recipients. 🌐

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** Cecilia Daddio, CMP (Chair) - Lennox Industries Professionals Expectations; Sherry DeLaGarza, CMP - MAC Meetings & Events, LLC; Julie Johnson, CMI Markley, CMP - Dallas Meeting Management, Inc.; Carole May, CTC/CMP - Galactic Ltd.; Laura Moore, CMI CMP - Lennox Industries Inc.; Robert O'Hair - EDS; Bill Reeser, CMP/CTS - AVW-TELAV; Bruce Wolpert, CN CTP/CMP - Tenet Healthcare Corporation.



Past President Betty Garrett, CMP congratulated a fabulous year in which each of them contributed "making a difference" for our entire membership.



Immediate Past President Tamra Hughston, CMP, with gavel to 2006-2007 President Sally Goldsberry, CMP. Directors watch the changing of the guard!



The June Awards Gala Committee finished out the year of programs with a "bang!" Front row: Carole May, CTC, CMP, Ruth Gallenberg, Kelly O'Hair, CMP, Cecilia Daddio, CMP, Julie Johnson, CMP, CMM. Back row: Peg Wolschon, CMP, CTP, Bill Reeser, CMP, Robert O'Hair, Sherry DeLaGarza, CMP, Tony Cummins, CMP and Laura Moore, CMP.



With great pride, Bruce Wolpert, CN CTP/CMP, home the home January 20 Mark Hotel.





# CMP & CMM Recognition Event 2006

## A Beautiful Tradition!

By Patty Markley, CMP  
2006 Event Chair



Our guest speaker, Tim Parker (Beauticontrol, Inc.)

...A beautiful morning, an elegant ballroom, an eloquent speaker and a very surprised recipient shaped this year's recognition event.

Hosted for a record-breaking third time by the Hilton Anatole Hotel, the event started with high energy during the early morning reception and escalated throughout the program when we presented the 2006 Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award to Betty Garrett, CMP (Garrett Speakers International)



A jubilant Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP, the founding recipient of the Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award, shares a warm moment on stage with 2006 recipient Betty Garrett, CMP. The day was extra-special for Betty as it was also her birthday...what a gift she received!

Dana Rhoden, CMP, CMM was an entertaining emcee and we were honored to have Mark Andrew from MPI International join us and take time on stage to share updates on what's happening at the International level.

Tim Parker, VP of Events and Promotions at Beauticontrol, Inc. was our keynote speaker. He regaled us with insights on leadership and motivation within the industry and honored Tiffany Yaeger, CMM with a beautiful memorial montage.

The CMP & CMM Recognition Event is produced each year solely because of the support of our Sponsors. We thank you deeply for your involvement and dedication to astonishing our guests with such an elegant experience!



The Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award Committee (from left to right) Pat McCain, CMP, Dana Rhoden, CMP, CMM, Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP, 2006 recipient Betty Garrett, CMP, Sally Goldesberry, CMP, CMM and Mary Lynn Novelli, CMP (not pictured: Bill Boyd, CMP, CMM, CITE and Phyllis Firebaugh, CMP)



The 2006 CMP & CMM Recognition Event planning committee (from left to right) Dara Hall, CMP, Leah Belasco, Patty Markley, CMP, Jan Gillin and Peg Wolschon, CMP, CTP.

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with composure and style, hands over the award to the newly installed Board of Directors.

artist Mr. Wes Winters, who played piano. Congratulations to all of the performers.

...; Tony Cummins, CMP - Meeting Management - Lennox Industries Inc.; Patty Markley, CMP - Lennox Industries Inc.; Kelly O'Hair, CMP - Adams Mark Hotel; Peg Wolschon, CMP.



In their teamwork, Betty Garrett, CMP and Linda Sergeant took home the Program of the Year for the Monthly Program at The Adam's Club.



# EDUCATION NEWS

## 2006 TEMM Luncheon ~ A Great Success!

The 2006 TEMM Luncheon and Silent Auction, on April 7 was a huge success. Many thanks to Lawana Gladney, PhD, our Mistress of Ceremonies and our keynote speaker, Jake Billingsley, Survivor Thailand, arranged by Michele Lucia, CMP, and Phyllis Firebaugh, CMP, ADL Associates, was a great hit with our High School

and Richland College students — We had their attention and Jake's message was focused perfectly towards our aspiring professionals! 🌐



◀ *MT Hickman, CMP, Program Coordinator for Richland College's Travel, Exposition, and Meeting Management (TEMM) curriculum shares a moment with Lawana Gladney, PhD., our Mistress of Ceremonies.*



◀ *MT Hickman, CMP presents the MPI D/FW Scholarship to Jazmin Martinez, Business & Management School, Townview Center Magnet.*



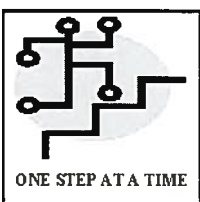
**Marti Fox, CTF, CMP**



*Jake Billingsley, Survivor Thailand, shares a moment with some of the Townview Center Magnet after a great talk on responsibility, taken from his book, Shaping My Hat.*



*Richland College TEMM students: Jeanne Jones, Traci Crews, Donna Reed, and MT Hickman, CMP - 2006 Delta Epsilon Chi Travel & Tourism Marketing Texas State Champions and delegates to the National competition.*



## Starting the CMP Process Is So Much Easier When You Do It - One Step At A Time

By Marti Fox, CMP

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3. Contact MPI D/FW Chapter CMP committee member: Marti Fox, CTC, CMP, [GlobalGoals@aol.com](mailto:GlobalGoals@aol.com), 972-417-7232 Let us know your plans - anticipated testing date - January or July 2007, we will keep you in the loop for all CMP related activities offered by MPI DFW Chapter and others.
4. July 24 - Come to the CMP Intro Class Where we take the Mystery out of filling out the CMP Application. \$25 per person, Place: TBD
5. Create your draft - How close are you to the minimum of 90 points? Questions/Concerns? Call or email a CMP committee member for helpful hints. (95-105 points is a good safety net)
6. September 1 - Mail in your final CMP Application with your \$175 fee (Due date is September 12)
7. Await more news on Study Options and Classes in 2006-2007!





# Area Colleges Offer Hospitality/Meeting Industry Courses: Fall 2006

By Tony Cummins, CMP

The following courses are being offered by area colleges in the Fall 2006 semester. These are dual credit courses. They are offered as part of the college's accredited certificate/degree programs, and also as continuing education classes.

**Collin County Community College**, Spring Creek Campus, Plano, Texas • Meetings & Event Management • August 27 - December 10  
*Registration open until start date of classes*

Course No.	Course Title & Description	Time
College Credit: TRVM 2301.S50 Cont. Education: TRVM 2001.S50	<b>Introduction to Convention &amp; Meetings Management</b> - SCC J209 Focus on planning and managing special events in the meeting planning arena. An overview of the entire sequence of events, from conceptual stage of the first meeting through completion of the event. Emphasis on technical planning skills including site selection, negotiating with suppliers, devising meeting specifications, preparing a budget, and working with facility staff to manage a successful event.	Thursday 7pm-9:50pm
College Credit: TRVM 1327.S01 Cont. Education: TRVM 1027.S01	<b>Special Event Design</b> - SCC G212 The development of a special event from the conceptual stage through completion. Emphasis on industry terminology, factors to consider when planning a special event, and contingency plans.	Saturday 9am-11:50am

Contact Information: Karen Musa kmusa@cccdd.edu or 972-377-1672 for College Credit / Continuing Education: 972-985-3750

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*Registration open until start date of classes*

Course No.	Course Title & Description	Time
TRVM 2301	<b>Introduction to Convention/Meeting Management</b> (Class is offered twice) Section 8001 meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:00 - 9:20 am / Section 8501 meets on Tuesday evenings, 7:05 - 9:50 pm. Overview of the meetings and conventions industry and the various aspects and skills involved in planning and managing meetings and conventions. Emphasis on types of meetings, meeting markets, industry suppliers, budget and program planning, site selection and contract negotiations, registration and housing, food and beverage requirements, functions and meeting room setup, and audiovisual requirements.	
TRVM 2331	<b>Convention and Exposition Law and Ethics</b> Application of general legal principles and statutory requirement for meetings, conventions and trade shows. Emphasis on ethical considerations to problems faced by meeting planners, hotels, and convention centers in the negotiation and implementation of agreements for meetings and similar events. In addition this course will cover legal issues for travel and suppliers.	Tuesdays, 5:40 - 8:25 pm
TRVM 1201	<b>Customer Sales and Service</b> Practical information and techniques used to create excellent customer service and service unique to the travel public. Topics include cultural differences as they apply to customer service, business etiquette and how build relationships with customers.	September 23 - November 11 Saturdays, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
ITSW 1310	<b>Introduction to Presentation Graphics Software</b> Prerequisite: Basic understanding of personal computers and operating systems as obtained in ITSC 1401 or BCIS 1405 or COSC 1401 or equivalent experience approved by instructor. Instruction in the utilization of presentation software to produce multimedia presentations. Graphics, text, sound, animation and/or video may be used in presentation development. This course may be repeated if topics and learning outcomes vary.	October 7 - November 4, 2006 Saturdays, 1:00 - 6:00 pm

All classes listed above can be taken for credit or non-credit. These classes can be applied to the Richland College Certificate in Meetings.

For information on TEMM classes, please call M.T. Hickman, CMP, TEMM Program Coordinator 972-238-6097, or mthickman@dcccd.edu

## The 2006-2007 CMP Committee is Now Forming

This is an exciting time for the chapter as we work together to support our chapter's overall goals and objectives and work together to Interact, Inspire and Innovate.

This valuable and important committee is currently seeking a chairperson(s) to lead this committee and future CMP's into the next year.

If you are interested, or know someone who is ready to take a leadership role while giving back to the member community,, please contact Kim Reynolds, CMP at: 972.348.5265 (kim.reynolds@alldata.net) or Tony Cummins, CMP (tcummins.mpi@swbell.net), Either would be happy to talk to you about this exciting opportunity.



# The Lone Star Challenge Final Round Winners



**GRAND PRIZE:** Angela DeLaGarza, Premier Transportation  
*Tourisme Montreal*  
Round trip coach airfare for two to Montreal with 2-night stay at one of Montreal's many upscale hotels.



**FIRST RUNNER UP:** Sherry DeLaGarza, CMP, MAC Meetings & Events  
*Sambuca*  
Dinner for ten(10) guests, wine included, at either the Uptown or Addison location in a private dining room.



**SECOND RUNNER UP:** Bruce Wolpert, CMP, Adam's Mark Hotel Dallas  
*Roy's Restaurant*  
Dinner package for eight(8) people, with selected wine pairings and a special gift from Roy's.



**RANDOM DRAWING:** Carrie Elder, Texas Society of CPA's  
*Cowboys Golf Club*  
Golf for Four: Two packages that include two(2) VIP Rounds of Golf. A VIP round includes green fees, cart fees, range balls, all non-alcoholic beverages and snacks on the golf course, and two (2) meals...Breakfast/ Lunch or Lunch/Dinner.

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- Meeting Professionals International (WECA)
- Roy's Restaurant
- Sambuca
- Tourisme Montreal

The Lone Star Challenge Winners will be recognized at the July Monthly Meeting

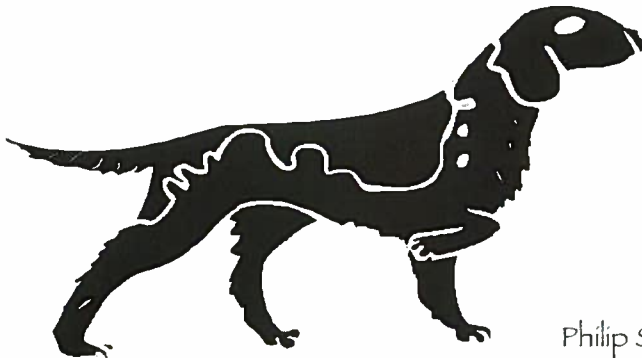
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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS



## PARTYFEST 2006

August 16th - 11a-5p Dallas Market Hall

### Mark your calendar for Partyfest 2006!

Join us for the 18th Annual Partyfest Tradeshow and Exhibition! With more than 250 companies exhibiting, Partyfest is THE show to attend for all your meeting & event service needs! Additionally, a number of educational "mini-workshops" will take place throughout the day.

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**Date: Wednesday August 16, 2006**

**Time: 11am-5pm**

**Location: Dallas Market Hall (North Hall)**

**Planners:** Partyfest is an ideal opportunity to bring your entire planning department to see what's new and catch up with your current suppliers!

Register online at [www.applauseproductions.com](http://www.applauseproductions.com)

## New Kids on the Block

## Welcome to Our Newest Members!

We are delighted to welcome our newest chapter members. We invite you all to attend our monthly chapter meetings in an effort to help further your desire for education and networking. For more information on chapter events, please visit our website at [www.mpidfiv.org](http://www.mpidfiv.org).

June E. Mason.....  
 Sarah L. Kavalauskas.....Dallas Cowboys  
 Kimberly Owen.....  
 Dana Freker Doody.....The Expo Group  
 April Hurley.....The Expo Group  
 John B. Boykin.....Commercial Imaging Services, LLC  
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 Eva Hummel.....Garland ISD  
 Jim Gabler.....Adam's Mark Hotel  
 Traci R. Crews.....  
 Jennifer A. Johnson.....McAfee  
 Randee Smith Prez, CMP.....TW Design & Construction

## Member Needs Assessment

### American Express Gift ChequeWinners

Congratulations to those who won American Express Gift Cheques by participating in the 2006 Member Needs Assessment. A random drawing that included all participant's names was conducted at the Membership Committee meeting on June 12. Here are the results:

#### \$250 Gift Cheques

Betty E. Garrett, CMP, *Garrett Speakers International*  
 Gloria Ford, *Radisson Hotel-Dallas North-Richardson*

#### \$100 Gift Cheques

Ruth Gallenberg, *Embassy Suites Dallas Love Field*  
 Jan Gillin, *PRSM*  
 Dara Hall, CMP, *Event Source Professionals*  
 Andree Taylor, *Sheraton Suites - Market Center*  
 Misty Thurman, *Orthofix, Inc.*

Thank you to the Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau for providing funds for this program.



Leah Belasco  
*'Grapevine'* Columnist

## Heard it through the Grapevine!

Our best wishes and prayers for a full and speedy recovery to **Stephanie Schroeder** with *Associated Luxury Hotels*. Stephanie had back surgery in June 2006 and we expect her to be "back in action" toward the end of July 2006.

**Blake Myers**, *360 Limos and Transportation*, has been promoted from Director of Dallas sales to Director of National Sales.

Best wishes to **Paula Banta** with *Tenet Healthcare* recently had back surgery but doing much better! She's back at work.

New positions, promotions, awards, moving out of town, weddings, births, serious illnesses...Our chapter members want to know what's happening in YOUR life!

In case you don't know, The Current newsletter deadline is the second Friday of each month for the following month. Please call Leah Belasco directly with the news you want to share at 972-818-4811!

To submit member news and information, please contact:  
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