



CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

June 2019

Message From The President

Well, after 11 years on 4 industry organization board, 6 years on the MPI D/FW board, and 11 months serving as MPI D/FW Chapter President, here it is, my final Message from the President. I have to start by thanking my board of directors for their dedication to the chapter members this year. When we announced the slate back in March, I was told by many members that it was the best slate they had seen in years, and I have to agree. This group of fabulous, powerful women, worked as a team to accomplish so many goals this year. I could not be more proud to witness their personal growth and was honored to be a part of this team.



I also wish to thank our team of over 100 volunteer members that played a part in the success of the chapter this year. We cannot grow the chapter without the help of our member volunteers. If you have thought about giving back to this chapter that has given you so much, both personally and professionally, please reach out to any current or incoming board member and we can guide you to your perfect volunteer position.

This month, we will be meeting potential new members at our networking event at The Rustic on June 6 and honoring our dedicated members at our 42nd Annual Awards of Excellence Gala at The Bomb Factory on June 27. I hope that I will see all of you at both of these events as we celebrate the accomplishments of our chapter over the past year.

Our founding members, Past Presidents and Board Members and volunteers laid the foundation on which we continue to build. I cannot wait to see how the incoming board, and especially Tuula and Annie, will add their planks to the structure for the future. Their job is going to be even more challenging as the eyes of MPI Global will be on us with WEC 2020 coming to Grapevine. This is a huge opportunity for the chapter and I hope that you will join us to highlight the magnitude of strength we have here in the D/FW Corporate Events Industry.

Thank you for allowing me to lead this great organization this year. It has been an honor and a privilege to be a part of this community, of this tribe, of industry professionals and I hope that I have left some small mark on the organization during my tenure....that small spark that will help MPI D/FW IGNITE SOMETHING!





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JUNE CSR UPDATE -



Austin Street Shelter - Founded in 1983, Austin Street Center is an emergency shelter that serves men ages 45 and older and women ages 18 and older. Each person who finds shelter with us is provided a safe place to sleep, showers, clothing, and meals. Once their basic needs are met, they can begin working on other aspects of their lives that will help them transition out of homelessness.

June – Deliver all collections to Austin Street Center

Special Thanks to G Texas Catering!

On May 17th, MPI D/FW CSR committee partnered with G Texas Catering for its fourth quarter service project, to feed the homeless and bring an awareness to homeless in Dallas County. Together with 17 volunteers, we gathered at Austin Street Homeless Shelter and served 100 of its residents a hot lunch. For one hour, we served our neighbors while putting a smile on their faces to remind them, that they are not forgotten.

G Texas Catering showed through partnerships, we can create meaningful opportunities for our members to give back to the community.

Thank you, Dena Eichhorst, CSEP and your team at G Texas Catering for your partnership and allowing us to give back!

"The biggest misconception about the homeless is that they got themselves in the mess - let them get themselves out. Many people think they are simply lazy. I urge those to make a friend at a local mission and find out how wrong these assumptions are." - Ron Hall





Austin Street Shelter
May 17, 2019



Immerse yourself in a thrilling evening for “A Night at the Copacabana” and join the MPI D/FW Chapter to commemorate our 42nd Annual Awards of Excellence Gala & Silent Auction located at the hottest venue in town, The Bomb Factory on Thursday, June 27th from 6:00 – 9:00 PM where we will recognize the best of our MPI D/FW Chapter.

Join the fun in your best Copacabana inspired fashions!

This event sells out every year so be sure to register EARLY.
Reserve an entire table of 8 for family and co-workers!

When: Thursday, June 27, 2019

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm - Past Presidents Reception – (Invitation Only)

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction, Live Music, Green Screen, Photos and Illusion!

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm – 42nd Annual Awards of Excellence Gala and Dinner

9:00 pm – 10:00 pm – Optional Participation in Live Music & Dancing

Where:

[Register
Here](#)

Call for Speakers Now Open!



Submit your topics for consideration for 2019–2020 MPI D/FW BOD Focus Series

Each term, the sixteen members of MPI D/FW Board of Directors have the premier opportunity to lead one of the largest MPI Chapters. As market place dynamics are driving the need for new member experiences and industry leadership, continuous education is imperative for effective leadership. The board training program, or “Focus Series”, began in the 2018–19 term and will be expanded for the 2019–20 term in hopes that this program will elevate our Board of Directors so they are primed to lead the chapter members.

The Focus Series program will highlight the latest in essential leadership issues, executive presence, and trends in organizational behavior. We are particularly interested in highlighting successful implementations in the following subjects/topics:

- Strategic Planning
- Project Management
- Risk Management
- Financial Management
- Conflict Management
- Human Resources
- Stakeholder Management

The Focus Series is your opportunity to engage and build on the legacy of our high-performing chapter while passing on your experience and knowledge. A preference is given to speakers who are MPI members, especially past board members. If you are interested in speaking at one of our collocated events, please complete a request [form](#) by July 15, 2019

In the case of questions please contact MT Hickman at mthickman@dccc.edu or Marie Peterson at marie@detentevents.com



Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP, CPC, CPECP facilitated an Executive Presence workshop as part of the new Focus Series program on May 16 at [Hyatt Regency DFW](#). The event was attended by the incoming 2019–2020 board. Read Colleen’s article on Executive Presence [here](#).

Focus Series workshops are held throughout the term and aim to elevate the MPI D/FW board experience. A team led by MT Hickman and Marie Peterson are working on applying instructional design to the program. This is just one of

the initiatives in the works to elevate MPI D/FW board as the premier opportunity to learn leadership skills and volunteer in the industry.

Tony Cummins, M.Ed., CMP, CMM receives Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award



Tony Cummins, M.Ed., CMP, CMM was the recipient of the Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award at the 17th Annual CMP & CMM Recognition Event on April 25, 2019. This award recognizes an MPI D/FW Chapter member for outstanding leadership contributions, commitment to education and advocacy for our industry. The other finalists for this prestigious award included Sherri Cook, CL, CTM, CMP, CM and Sherry DeLaGarza, CMP, CMM.

Tony has been an active member of MPI D/FW since joining the chapter in 1992. Tony has served in almost all leadership roles in the chapter chairing 13 different committees and serving on another 14 committees throughout his membership. Tony has also served the Chapter with 10 terms on the Board of Directors including President in 2015-2016. See more [here](#).



We have an adjustment to the 2019-2020 Board of Directors slate. VP of Finance position has been vacated by Melissa Tacker. The recommendation is Roma Giordano as a VP of Finance. Roma has an extensive understanding of our MPI D/FW Chapter members. Roma has volunteered in various committees as well as most recently Roma also served as a VP of Finance during 2015-2016 term.

Please join us in welcoming Roma to the 2019-2020 MPI D/FW Board of Directors!

Spring 2019 CMM/CMP Breakfast

Honoring our colleagues who have earned their CMM/CMP designations.





The MPI DFW Chapter CMP Study Group Committee is excited to announce the new CMPs from the Spring'19 class:

Caroline Crother, CMP

Tricia Hill, CMP

Zada Mayhew, CMP

Special thanks to the CMP Facilitators and CMP Buddies for being a part of their success.

Facilitators:

Jody Mellow, CMP

Tony Cummins, CMP, CMM

Danielle Anderson, CMP

Amanda Wells, CMP

Bitsy Burns, CMP

Sherry Delagarza, CMP, CMM

Charlene Edwards, CMP

CMP Buddies:

Melissa Holland, CMP (Buddy Coordinator)

LaShonda Versey, CMP

Julie Bretz, CMP

Danielle Dillow, CMP

Charlene Edwards, CMP

The Fall'19 CMP Study Group will take place late August through mid-October. For more information on registration please contact Charlene at cedemby@gmail.com



We need your help! We are on the hunt for old newsletters prior to April 2014. If you have any saved in your files, please send to vpcommunications@mpidfw.org

MPI D/FW Ambassadors





Are you a current MPI D/FW member? Do you enjoy meeting new people?

Then sign-up now to become an Ambassador for our New Members!

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN-UP](#)

**Are you following MPI D/FW? If not, you should be!
Click the below icons and start today!**



WEC 2019 Toronto

Your help has been extremely valuable in driving attendance to WEC. With just under two weeks left, we want to provide you with a special code for \$200 off WEC registrations that you can share with your contacts. Send this out today, post on your social sites, share with your contacts – we don't want anyone missing out on this event.

Code: WEC200OFF



MAY NEW MEMBERS:

Kelly Accetta

Joseph Barbarito iFLY Fort Worth

Jennifer Cain Fogo de Chao Churrascaria - Dallas Corp HQ

Deana Coan Safran Electronics & Defense, Avionics USA, LLC

Diane Dobis Gleneagles Country Club

Jon Eaton Zoe Audio Visual

Meredyth Hayes ONCUE STAGING

Tracey Heyboer Serendinity Labs

Tracy Heyboer Bernhardt Labs
Devery Johnson Qwick
Sara King
Dusty Korbel Syneos Health
Blaire McCoy Las Vegas Sands Corp. The Venetian/The Palazzo/Sands Expo
Mary Onstead Compass Limousine
Fiona Riley
Rebecca Vance Lockheed Martin Aeronautics
Jesse Verghese MicroTek Computer Labs
Lisa Wathen Westin Stonebriar Hotel & Sheraton Stonebriar
Denise Wilson Visit US
Stuart Wood ROCKET AV



Seeking Mentors and Mentees

Why Mentoring?

The MPI/DFW Mentoring Program is a catalyst for career success, no matter what stage you are in your career. Whether you have decades of experience to share, or you are bringing fresh ideas as a newcomer to the industry, you can benefit both personally and professionally from joining the MPI-D/FW Mentorship Program.

Join us for an informational session in August to understand the benefits of being an active mentor or mentee and best practices for building a successful mentor/mentee partnership. More information to come. For questions, please contact Sherry DeLaGarza at delao225.sd@gmail.com.

Update Your Contact Information

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 and build our chapter directory (scheduled for delivery in the fall), 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.



Save The Date!

June 6 - Chapter Experience @ The Rustic

June 14 - 2019 WEC Toronto

June 27 - Annual Awards Gala



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

[View full event calendar](#)

Interested in hosting a future MPI D/FW event? Reach out to Cassie Poss for more information.

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