



CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

January 2019

Message From The President

Happy New Year Everyone! Each year on January 1, we get to experience something amazing....a fresh start to our work life, our family life, our health...we have the opportunity to begin again and set new goals for ourselves. Now the challenge is set before us - to attain and even surpass those goals.



A few years ago, I was tasked to create a vision board for my life. It's a fun little project where you go through magazines, newspapers, and your craft supply box to plot out your future on poster board. The thought is, if you look at your vision board at least once a day, the goals you have on it will become reality! My vision board experiment produced my Presidential Platform for this year "Ignite Something". If you have not had the opportunity to attend a vision board workshop, I highly recommend you seek one out and repeat the task every year either with a professional or as a family project. It is a good idea to refresh it every year as your goals change based on your current life situation.

So, take a few minutes for yourself over the next few weeks to reflect on your status and where you want to be by January 1, 2020. For me, 2020 will involve wrapping up my final board term with MPI D/FW Chapter as the Immediate Past President, helping prepare the chapter to welcome the MPI World Education Congress to Grapevine, and raising the incoming board of directors to the level to which I am no longer qualified to be a part of the Board of Directors (the definition of legacy building).

What will 2019 mean for you? Yes, we all want to lose a few inches around the mid-section, but dig deeper to find your true meaning in 2019 and look to your fellow MPI D/FW Members to help you achieve your goals.

Together, we can Ignite Something!

Paige Mejia

MPI D/FW President

WAY TO GO MPI D/FW!

Santa Boots has been a success again this year thanks to our wonderfully supportive members from donation, wrapping party to gift delivery!!

Army veteran Raymond Rodriguez family has seven children – Michael 12, Leilani 14, Raymond Jr. 15, Antonia 21 as well as RaeLynn 1, Evalynn 2, and Logan 4 who are

being adopted from a deceased family member by Feliciano and Raymond Sr. A very loving family had refreshment for Santa and his elfs Elizabeth B, Elizabeth C, Nicole, Shanika, Corina, Steven & Wendy, Lidia, Shelly from Boots Campaign and her daughter of rice pudding, hot chocolate and cookies!



Join us for the January Chapter Experience: "State of the Industry" Speaker: Michael Dominguez



January 24, 2019 11:15 AM - 1:30 PM

Omni Fort Worth Hotel

1300 Houston St., Fort Worth, Texas

Michael is BACK and better than ever! Gain valuable business insights on important issues facing our industry from a national and global perspective. A fantastic way to start the New Year off! This is one not to miss and will sell out so be sure to join us in Fort Worth at the Omni Hotel. More information will be coming soon but reserve

your spot today!

Register [here!](#)

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January Mentor Cafe

Leadership Influence: Five Core Qualities of Intentional Leadership

Stefanie Simmons CED, DES, CTA

Join the conversation of creating and igniting your “Spark” of influence and impact. Intentional, effective leadership starts with you. Your assessment of where you lead, who you lead, and how you lead plays a critical role in leading with intentionality. How you lead will change depending on the place you are leading in.



Stefanie is a sought after thought-leader in the global meetings and event planning industry with 20+ years for Fortune 500 and association clients in Dallas, TX for over a decade. She is a senior manager with extensive experience and expertise in innovation partnered with collaborative, negotiation and solution-focused talents with a unique approach to level-set executive leadership engagement through her core qualities of intention and impact influencers. She has worked over 800 events in various roles and duties to include senior conference manager, meeting producer and hybrid/virtual project manager.

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](#)

Emerging Leaders

Women on the Move ... Bridging the Gap

Come and spend an evening with 3 dynamic women as they discuss how they broke the glass ceiling. Achieving gender equity requires heavy lifting. This year's Emerging Leaders covers not only the strategies for inclusion of women in leadership roles, but we also review multilateral initiatives to expand women's political and economic participation. This event is open to all with a bold resolution to forge ahead and take their career to the next level.

[Register Today!](#)

Thursday, February 28th 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Vouv Room - 4445 Sigma Rd, Farmers Branch, TX 75244

MPI Member: \$25

Non-Member: \$35

APPLY TODAY!

2019 - 2020 Board of Directors



The time has come to begin the nominating process for the 2019-2020 Chapter Board of Directors. MPI D/FW Chapter's continuing and future success depends on the quality of its leaders and is the responsibility of every chapter member. We hope you will consider giving your time, energy and talent to MPI D/FW by expressing an interest in becoming part of the Board of Directors! Click [here](#) for all available positions and [here](#) for the candidate interest form!

Deadline to submit interest forms is Jan 18, 2019.



Texas-size welcome to all: WEC is heading to Grapevine in 2020.

Do you still remember your first MPI's WEC conference? My first WEC was in San Francisco. I was a new member and did not know a lot of people in the chapter. I was also the only delegate from my company, so I attended the event alone. At the opening event I knew I was going to experience something amazing. I was amazed by the exciting education, learning about the different supplier offerings, the networking that took place and the ease of conversation with MPI members from around the world. I may have come to the event alone, but I did not have time to feel lonely. Then came the closing event – I was thrilled. The event took place at the city hall and the street in front of the hall was closed for our event. A giant Ferris wheel towered over different activities. I had never seen anything quite like it.

Since my first WEC I have attended every WEC. The experience was just as thrilling in every city: Atlantic City,

Las Vegas, Indianapolis each presented the very best of the area. None of the experiences were the same, but the one constant was the kindness and inclusion. I already look forward to 2019 WEC that will be held in a beautiful city of Toronto, Canada.

In 2020 we will welcome WEC to Grapevine. This is an excellent opportunity for north Texas to give a Texas-size welcome to planners and suppliers around the world. It is also an opportunity for MPI D/FW chapter to highlight everything our chapter has to offer. [Read more.](#)



Seeking Mentors and Mentees

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember involve me and I learn”

~ Confucian Philosophe, Xunzi

We are seeking mentors and mentees to participate in our exciting Mentorship Program! Share your professional experience as a mentor or learn from experienced professionals as a mentee.

- Informal sessions at times and locations that fits your schedule.
- Customs matches of mentors with mentees based on areas of interest & career goals.
- Share your professional insights & experience, and provide guidance to aspiring and inspiring professionals.

The mentorship program is open to MPI D/FW members and now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 term.

For more information and program details contact Corina Balsells dirleadership@mpidfw.org



Thank you again to this month's MPI D/FW JPA Raffle sponsors \$1200+ value!!

Arlington CVB - 4 Six Flags passes and 4 Hurricane Harbor passes.

The Dallas World Aquarium - 1 year Family Membership and super cute stuffed Sloth

Fossil Group - Gold Metallic Wallet, Pink Wristlet, Key Fob and Kate Spade Watch

(2) Bedford Wynne and Wynne Transportation - 3 hours service in an executive Van or Mini Bus

Yelibelly Chocolates - Assortment 9 truffles and 2 chocolate cookies

CSI Texas Gift bag - Wine, Leather note pad, tumbler, cell phone holder, regular notepad

Doubletree Hotel - Bag with two glass coffee tumblers

The eighty-eight show - Tumbler & \$10 Starbucks gift card

Visit McKinney - Texas cutting board

Sonoma County Tourism - \$50 William Sonoma

Premier Transportation - Round trip airport Transfer

Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center - One-night stay accommodations, breakfast for two, valet parking, fitness center and rooftop pool access.

Hilton Arlington - F&B at R bar and Grill \$100

Embassy Suites By Hilton Dallas Park Central - One Night stay includes amenities



Welcome, New Members!

Kerri Brehn -American Airlines

Wally Bressler - Nomad Productions

Jennifer Fenimore - Cognizant

Tenetia Kelley - Cognizant

Penni LeRoy, CEM - Associated Luxury Hotels International

Esther Maldonado - American Airlines

Michelle Mercier - Hilton Dallas Lincoln Center

Allen Oakley, CHBA -The Golden Nugget Las Vegas

Shelana Poindexter, M.S. - ECS Transportation Group

Donna Ramsay, MPA - The Event Lounge

Libby Severance, CTIE - American Airlines

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!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events.

Jan. 24 - January Chapter Experience

Feb. 28 - MPI D/FW Emerging Leaders

[View full event calendar](#)



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? Reach out to Cassie Poss for more information.

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