

JANUARY 2017 BLUEGRASS BEAT

PRESIDENT'S CONNECTION

Happy January KBC and friends.....

So.....I think you know what I am going to talk about. It is the only thing that I can currently talk about to my office, friends and family. And to keep it interesting, I am going to delive my January message all in memes. You can thank me later!



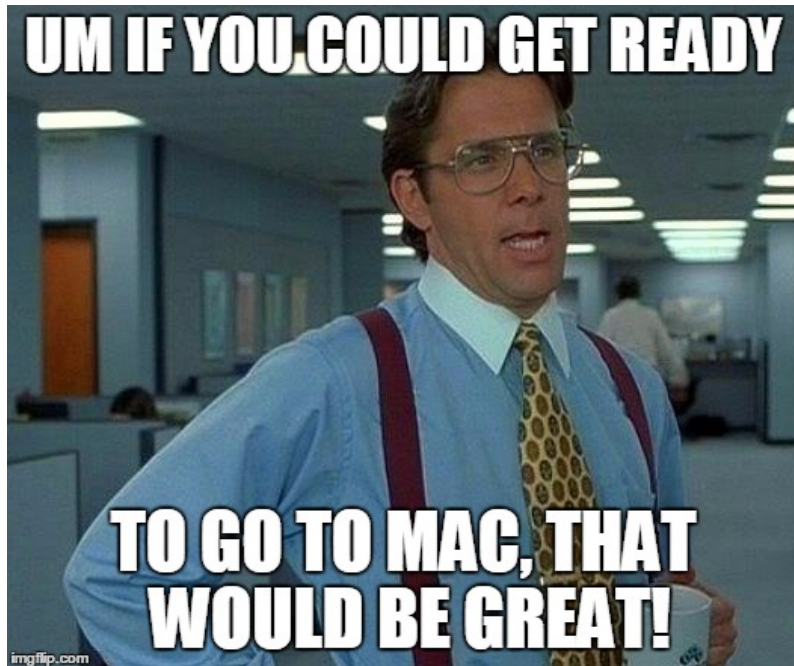
Oh yeah baby, it is MAC time...the annual Kentucky/Ohio Mid America Conference!!! Are you in??



Lord, I miss Game of Thrones. But you can bet I am not going to miss MAC this year.



Hahaha, this one is just funny! Love that Oprah.



Ok enough, I think you all get my point. I hope to see you at the MidAmerica Conference in Louisville at the Galt House, February 26-28. It is gonna be an alright time, no wait, it is going to be an AWESOME time. Are you kidding me? Great speakers, amazing networking and BOURBON! So don't delay and [REGISTER TODAY!](#)

Thank you KBC and Ohio friends for all you have done to make this an incredible event for us all. I hope to see you there and in two weeks at our joint KSAE meeting at Buffalo Trace!

In Service,

Julie Kirkpatrick, 2016/2017 MPI President

****Don't forget, our chapter photographer, Chris Joyce, and his business associate, Stan Carton, have captured a lot of great shots from our events this year. [Click Here](#) and use access code kbcmpi to see pictures of your friends!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JOINT MPI KBC / KSAE EDUCATION MEETING

January 25, 2017

11:00 am - 1:45 pm

Buffalo Trace Distillery, Elmer T. Lee Clubhouse

113 Great Buffalo Trace

Frankfort, KY 40601

<https://www.buffalotracedistillery.com/>



Don't miss out! The MPI KBC / KSAE joint education meeting is one of our chapter's most popular events and sells out every year, so [REGISTER](#) early and secure your spot.

2017 MPI MIDAMERICA CONFERENCE



February 26-28, 2017

This is a multiple day education conference jointly planned by the MPI Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter and MPI Ohio Chapter.

Galt House Hotel

140 N. 4th Street

Louisville, KY 40202

<http://www.galthouse.com/>



The 17th Annual MPI MidAmerica Education Conference will take place in Louisville, KY at the Galt House Hotel. [REGISTER](#) here to attend, exhibit, sponsor and/or volunteer for the event!

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CHAPTER NEWS

DONATE TO THE 2017 MPI MIDAMERICA EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE SILENT AUCTION!

The 2017 MAC Conference is fast approaching and the Auction Committee has launched their drive to build a showcase of items. If you would like to showcase your hotel, venue or restaurant by donating an auction item please visit the [webpage](#) to learn more.

NEW KEYNOTE PROGRAM FROM STEVE HAFFNER

Steve Haffner has been presenting his new keynote platform for general and break-out sessions - Conquering Virtual MindBlocks. It's great for any group that wants to improve their decision-making skills. And until the end of February, Steve is offering the program for small non-profit and civic meetings at no cost. Visit www.VirtualMindBlocks.com for more information.

ELLEN FOX/SHAFOX WEDDINGS & EVENTS LAUNCHES LOUIE KIDS WEBSITE

Ellen Fox/ShafFox Weddings & Events is excited to announce the launch of a new website that promotes kids birthday parties, professional services, events and activities in Louisville called **Louie Kids**. Check them out on Facebook and online at www.LouieKids.com.

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MPI NEWS

HOOK UP WITH US ONLINE!

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MPI MEMBER ENGAGEMENT TEAM

Should you have any questions or need additional information at any time, please contact our Member Engagement Team at [972.702.3053](tel:972.702.3053). We are always here for you!

CURRENT MEMBER RENEWAL PROMOTIONS

Renew your MPI membership in January to be entered into a drawing for one of two great prizes. The winner will pick either one! Either a Complimentary CMP Study Kit or a 1 year extended MPI membership. [Renew today!](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS/ARTICLES



Did you know that MPI offers members free webinars to further their education? Take a look at what webinars are available in January: <http://www.mpiweb.org/Education/Online>

Take a look at this article from Plan Your Meetings which talks about the Benefits of Selecting Second-Tier Cities for your meetings: <http://planyourmeetings.com/some-benefits-of-selecting-second-tier-cities/>