

# JUNE 2018 BLUEGRASS BEAT

## PRESIDENT'S CONNECTION

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Dear Fellow Chapter members,

My year as President of the MPI Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter is fast coming to an end. Duncan Hines will soon take over the reins and know that he will be an excellent President for the Chapter. While being President was never on my list of things to do before I retired, I can tell you that this year has been very rewarding – both personally and professionally.

*Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”*

~Elizabeth Andrew

I want to take this opportunity to thank each of my board members for their hard work and dedication to the chapter this past year and a huge thanks to Lauren Moore and Yolanda Kennison for leading MAC this year. Our chapter would not be successful without their passion and dedication to our chapter and our profession. I would also like to thank each member for contributing to the chapter as well whether you volunteered, gave us a raffle prize or simply attended one of our events.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of our chapter. We have so many opportunities for you to become a more active member of the chapter. New Committees are being formed. Volunteers are needed for Membership, Communications, Education, and Auction Committees. Feel free to email Duncan Hines ([Duncan.hines@hilton.com](mailto:Duncan.hines@hilton.com)), Glenn Blind ([gblind@clearhq.org](mailto:gblind@clearhq.org)) or me ([joan@nasbla.org](mailto:joan@nasbla.org)) to sign up!

We are also gearing up for next year's MidAmerica Conference to be held in Lexington (March 3-5, 2019). We need committee members to help out with programming, sponsorships, exhibits, hospitality, and silent auction. We'd sure like to get the MAC Committee in place before August so that the MAC committee can begin its planning work as soon as possible. Contact Lauren Moore ([lmoore@imnsolutions.com](mailto:lmoore@imnsolutions.com)), Glenn Blind ([gblind@clearhq.org](mailto:gblind@clearhq.org)) or me ([joan@nasbla.org](mailto:joan@nasbla.org)) to volunteer for MAC.

If you haven't considered volunteering, please consider it. I can truthfully tell you that being a volunteer and being involved has been very rewarding. When I first joined MPI, I truly felt that it just wasn't the organization for me. I didn't know anyone. It was too cliquish. Blah, Blah, Blah. All the excuses you could come up with. But *I* wasn't "involved". *I* wasn't making the effort. A fellow chapter member told me that *I* needed to get involved; *I* needed to make an effort. So, very much under duress, I dipped my toes in as a

volunteer for MAC on the hospitality committee. I then became involved in the chapter's committee work, then MAC Co-Chair, served on the board and eventually became a chapter leader. The point? It was on **ME** to become a part of this chapter beyond attending the meetings.

Volunteering is FUN! I believe in having fun. Fun in work and fun in life. We all need to smile a little more and have a little more fun in our lives. In the words of Dr Seuss: *"If you never did you should. These things are fun, and fun is good."*

Step outside the box, step right up to the plate! Get involved, be involved and have a little fun!

Thank you again for allowing me to represent our chapter. Thank you for your support this past year. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at a future event for MPI Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter!

Joan

Joan Minton  
2017-2018 President  
MPI Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter

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 and MAC 2018. [Click Here](#) and use access code kbcmpi to see pictures of your friends!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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July MPI KBC Education Event



**July 19, 2018**

11:00 AM to 1:45 PM

**TBD**

Louisville, KY

Save the date for the July Education Event - Giving Your Career Positive Momentum

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