

MARCH 2017 BLUEGRASS BEAT

PRESIDENT'S CONNECTION

Welcome to March Madness!

Happy March to you all, KBC friends. So...did you make it to MAC this year? What an amazing time. I would like to sum it up in the form of a meme (you know how much I love those)!



Wow what can I say, MAC was awesome this year. The speakers were incredible, the venue was amazing and Louisville threw one heck of a good time. I would like to personally thank our KBC chair that worked so hard to make MAC a success. Joan Minton is a rock star, thank you Joan! Also our good friends at the Galt House, Tavern on 4th and the Louisville CVB crushed it. Make sure to save the date for next year's MPI MidAmerica Conference in Columbus, OH February 25-27, 2018.

Your KBC crew is working hard on setting up our next two educational events. April's will be in Lexington and we are finalizing a venue. Stay tuned for more information coming soon. It will be a Share an Idea, Steal an Idea roundtable event. And finally our last education event of the year in May will be in Northern Kentucky.

And before I leave, please make sure to check out the [RFP for Bravo!](#) This is our signature awards and recognition event. We are lucky to have so many wonderful venues in the Commonwealth and we would love to showcase your venue during this event. We are accepting proposals until April 1st.

Until next month, Happy Spring and Happy March Madness. Go Big Blue!

In Service,

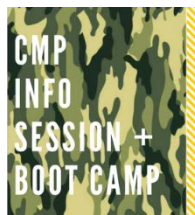
Julie Kirkpatrick, 2016/2017 MPI KY Bluegrass Chapter President

****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

MPI INDIANA - CMP BOOTCAMP



FREE CMP INFO SESSION:

Friday, March 31, 2017
3:00pm - 4:00pm

2 DAY CMP BOOT CAMP:

Friday, March 31, 2017
4:00pm - 8:00pm CMP Boot Camp Session 1
Saturday, April 1, 2017
9:00am - 4:00pm CMP Boot Camp Session 2

March 31-April 1, 2017

1.5 day CMP Boot Camp

Ball State University, Fishers Center for Academic and Economic Innovation

12175 Visionary Way, West Entrance, Suite 200 Great Buffalo Trace
Fishers, IN 46038

A number of MPI Members have been asking for information on CMP boot camps or study groups. Which is why we wanted to let you know our friends at MPI Indiana are holding a 1.5 day CMP Boot Camp. More information is

here: <http://www.indianampi.org/index.php?src=events&category=IMPI%20Events&srctype=detail&category=IMPI%20Events&refno=280>

APRIL GLOBAL MEETING INDUSTRY DAY



April 20, 2017

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Education Program

12:30 PM - 4:00 PM - Keenland Day at the Races

Lexington, KY

TBD - Save the Date

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CHAPTER NEWS

ARE YOU STUDYING FOR YOUR CMP EXAM?

We've had some members express an interest in meeting with other KBC members who are currently studying for their CMP exam. We would love to help connect you! If you are studying for your CMP and would like to connect with other chapter members who are also studying, please email Trish Scott at: tjobertscott@gmail.com and she will help get you connected!

KEENLAND HOSPITALITY AND CHEF MARC THERRIEN

In the last few years Keenland has undergone some amazing changes, including taking on their own catering company, Keenland Hospitality, as well as bringing in a phenomenal Executive Chef, Marc Therrien. A noted Southern California Chef, Therrien has 25 years of culinary experience which includes an Executive Chef at the Omni La Costa Resort & Spa in Carlsbad, Calif. where he managed 7 outlets, banquets, and the Chopra Center for Well Being's culinary programs. In addition he received a foundation in his profession during the two years he worked at a Massachusetts hotel for Chef Neil Connolly, who was the personal chef for the Kennedy family.

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