

NOVEMBER 2017 BLUEGRASS BEAT

PRESIDENT'S CONNECTION

Happy November and beginning of the Holiday Season!

I am VERY excited to share with you that the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter received a "Top Performing Chapter Award" for 2016-2017. This award recognizes the involvement of our chapter members as well as the hard work and dedication of our board members. I want to extend my sincere thanks to all, for your commitment and involvement with KBC, which made this award possible. Yea! We ARE an "award-winning" MPI Chapter! To see the MPI article on the Award Winners visit: [MPI Chapter Recognition Program Winners](#).



The 2018 MidAmerica Conference (MAC) planning is underway. MAC will be held in Columbus, Ohio (February 25-27). WE NEED YOU! MAC has been a successful venture since we started this conference, but we cannot do it without you. Would you be able to volunteer for even 15 minutes a week between now and the conference? Would you like to help out with the programming, marketing, communications, hospitality? Volunteering for MAC is very rewarding and can create new industry connections for you. Interested? Contact Yolanda Kennison (yolanda.kennison@gmail.com) or Brian Calvert (info@mpimidamericaconference.com).



As we approach Thanksgiving, I encourage you to keep your thoughts and prayers with those still recovering from the Hurricanes and more recently to the loss of life in Texas. I hope that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER MPI KBC EDUCATION EVENT



November 16, 2017

11:00 AM to 1:45 PM

[Add to Calendar](#)

Hotel Covington

638 Madison Avenue

Covington, KY 41011

<http://www.hotelcovington.com>

[Directions](#)

Don't miss this Lunch & Learn Event: **Infusing a sense of place to create greater meeting value and is presented by Bree Brostko.** [REGISTER HERE!](#)

MPI KBC ROCKIN' HOLIDAY PARTY & SILENT AUCTION



December 07, 2017

Times: TBD

Grand Reserve

Lexington, KY 40508

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

Plans are underway for the Annual KBC Holiday Party. Bring a non-member planner, pay for their registration and your name will be placed in a drawing for a fantastic prize. (Stay tuned for what you could win!). [Learn more...](#)

JANUARY MPI KBC EDUCATION EVENT



January 18, 2018

11:00 AM to 1:45 PM

Keeneland

4201 Versailles Road

Lexington, KY 40510

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

2018 MPI MIDAMERICA CONFERENCE



February 25-27, 2018

Hyatt Regency Columbus & Columbus Convention Center

350 North High Street

Columbus, OH 43215

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Visit: <http://www.mpimidamericaconference.com/>

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CHAPTER NEWS

DONATE TO THE KBC ROCKIN' HOLIDAY PARTY SILENT AUCTION!



Starting on November 13, 2017, MPI KBC will be auctioning off a number of fun and unique items to raise money for our organization - and the more items we have the more money we can raise, so we're asking for your help.

Show your support by donating one or several items to the [Chapter's BiddingForGood site](#) and market your company to chapter members and the entire BiddingForGood community. You can [download the auction donation form here](#).

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MPI NEWS

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2018 MPI RISE AWARDS!



Nominate a rising star from our chapter today! Visit mpiweb.org/riseawards to submit a nomination for the #MPIRISE Awards. Winners are recognized at WEC 2018 in Indianapolis.

HOOK UP WITH US ONLINE!

Connect Daily with your MPI Peers. Make sure to visit the improved and energized [MY MPI](#) and update your profile today.

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!

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