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On With the Show...

By Patty Stern Markley, CMP (DMM Group)



Melissa S. Logar, CMP took the stage to accept the Planner of the Year Award for 2004. She remarked about the love she has for our Chapter and those members who've been positive influences in her career.



As his wife Jayna and loved ones applauded loudly from the audience, Jim Monroe, CMP, CSEP came to the stage to accept his Supplier of the Year Award for 2004!



With her usual vibrancy, Nichole Hahn (Southwest Securities) proudly poses after receiving the Rising Star Award for 2004.

The MPI D/FW Chapter celebrated an evening of recognition and honors and paid homage to the glitz of the "Academy Awards" at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel last month. The Chantilly Ballroom provided an elegant backdrop for a "star-studded" affair that included Cher, Austin Powers, Mae West, Marilyn Monroe and our very own Steve Kemble (Steve Kemble Event Design), our emcee for the evening. He opened the show singing his own rendition of "A Few of my Favorite Things" to lyrics that were specially written to include trivia about the Rising Star Award nominees and the Supplier and Planner of the Year nominees.

The chapter's most revered awards were presented to Melissa S. Logar, CMP (PricewaterhouseCoopers) for Planner of the Year and Jim Monroe, CMP, CSEP (James Monroe & Associates) for Supplier of the Year. These two awards are presented annually to recognize a member's contribution to the chapter, the meetings industry, board of director involvement, industry-related speaking engagements and community service.

The Rising Star Award, presented to a member who's been involved in the chapter for three years or less and takes initiative to exhibit leadership qualities, went to Nichole Hahn (Southwest Securities), who, with great finesse and humor during her acceptance speech, jokingly decided to thank "a few people" and proceeded to unfurl a very long list of names.

The evening was a definite clean sweep for Nichole Hahn as she was also recognized with The Suzi Fiveash Member Recruitment Award for recruiting the most new members during 2003-2004.

President Melissa Logar, CMP presented the From the Heart Award to Carol Benavidez, CMP (HelmsBriscoe) for her unwavering dedication and selflessness to the chapter this year. The President's Award was presented to Steven Foster, CMP (Circle R Ranch) as an endearing "thank you" for his contributions to the chapter and his loyal support throughout her term.

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A Message from the President

The 2004 - 2005 MPI D/FW Chapter term is off to a great start. Your Chapter Board of Directors held their Annual Board Retreat on June 4 and 5, 2004, at the Embassy Suites Outdoor World. Thank you Dana Gibson for all of your help in hosting this successful retreat.

As President in the 2003 - 2004 term I learned how vital communication is to our members, especially when the Board of Directors makes a decision on behalf of our Chapter members. You have my commitment to communicate any future Board of Directors' decisions in my President's column. I will not go into great detail of the actual Board of Directors' discussion of who, what, when and why, but will keep you informed of the decisions with brief explanations. Your Board of Directors and I are definitely member-focused. Your Board agreed that any discussions and decisions made have to include these two questions with answers: **"How will that benefit the member?"** and **"What is in it for the member?"** These two questions will be asked both at the committee level and the Board level.

The Chapter Members Needs Assessment results were presented to the Board of Directors at the retreat, and there were no surprises in the responses received from the Chapter members. In a nutshell our Chapter members want more networking opportunities and advanced educational programs. The Board of Directors used this information to develop and implement the MPI D/FW Chapter Business Plan for the 2004 - 2005 term.

As part of the Business Plan development we discussed at length about upcoming fund raising options for both the Chapter Education Fund and Richland College Scholarships for students in the TEMM program, and incorporating charity relations with these fund raisers. A discussion ensued on holding several smaller fund raiser events versus one large fund raiser event such as the MPI D/FW Kids Charity Ball. The Board of Directors agreed to move forward with smaller fund raiser events, which will promote more networking opportunities. Membership, Finance and PR/Marketing will work closely on these upcoming events. The Chapter Strategic Partnership program was moved from under the President-Elect to the Finance department and will be actively promoted this term. More news to follow on this great program. Sponsorships have also been consolidated under the Finance department. This action will help streamline the amount of requests that are made to our suppliers and will ensure the sponsor receives the recognition due.

There have been many discussions about the Chapter's printed Resource Guide and Membership Directory that has been mailed annually to our members. The result of these discussions is to make available on the Chapter's website a downloadable printer friendly version of the directory. For those members who continue to want a preprinted version you will be able to request a copy from the Chapter Administration Office and it will be mailed to you. We will promote this change to our members during our monthly programs, on the Chapter website and in the *Current*. The Board also agreed the Chapter website will become a key communication tool for our members.

The Women's Leadership Initiative and the Multicultural Initiative fall under the Education department. Based upon the chapter members' responses in the Member Needs Survey the WLI and MCI will each conduct an education workshop versus a monthly program. The Board of Directors agreed to continue to adhere to the current chapter policy of holding a minimum of six education workshops, not exceeding ten maximum, during the 2004 - 2005 term. The Board also strongly agreed that any committee events or chapter activities must be presented to the Chapter Board of Directors. This gives the opportunity for us to ask those two important questions: **"How will that benefit the member?"** and **"What is in it for the member?"** It also ensures we are working with our master calendar assuring we are not infringing upon another committee's event or another industry association's event.

These were hard decisions for your Board of Directors to make, especially for their first board meeting. I appreciate and support each Director for their participation and am delighted on how member-focused each one is. The members of our chapter have great representation! Both your Board of Directors and I have an open door policy. If you have a question or idea please don't hesitate to contact any of us. We are here for you!

I am seeking, I am striving, I am in it with all my heart - Vincent Van Gogh



Melissa S. Logar, CMP
2004-2005 President

"CURRENT" AFFAIRS

MPI D/FW CMPs & CMMs Release Their Brilliance at the 2004 CMP & CMM Recognition Breakfast

By Dvorah A. Evans, CMP

In the early dawn, from the moment you drove through the long winding road that leads to the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center, you could sense it was going to be a breathtaking morning! The sun was peeking through the clouds and more than 150 of MPI D/FW's brightest stars arrived at the hotel, sparkling with anticipation.

Friday, June 11th, the MPI D/FW Chapter honored their *best of the best*, the Certified Meeting Professionals (CMP) and Certified Meeting Managers (CMM) at the **Sixth Annual CMP/CMM Recognition Breakfast**. The standing room only crowd rose early on this day to pay tribute to the accomplishments of their fellow chapter members.



VIP Guests Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP (Colleen Rickenbacher, Inc.), David Du Bois, CMP, CAE (MPI International), and Mary Power, CMP (President & CEO, CIC).

program, enlightened the audience on some of the noteworthy events happening within the CIC and commended the D/FW Chapter for developing such a unique event to recognize the CMP & CMM designations. Mary also applauded the chapter on its continuing legacy of fostering education and leadership throughout the industry. **David DuBois, CMP, CAE**, the Executive Vice President of the MPI Foundation was another distinguished guest who, with his brilliant style of communicating, acknowledged the chapter's hard work and dedication promoting the CMP and CMM programs and to educating its members on the ROI (return on investment) of pursuing such high levels of excellence.

Special Thanks to Our Sponsors:



Simon T. Bailey, Keynote Speaker

Our Keynote Speaker was **Simon T. Bailey**, author of "*Simon Says...Dream, Live a Passionate Life*" and founder of the Imagination Institute, an organization dedicated to maximizing human potential. Simon's message of "releasing your brilliance" brought the audience to its feet and culminated with leading the room in a resounding rendition of "I am a brilliant diamond!"

Then came the moment all were waiting for, the announcement of the **2004 Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award**. The nominees, **Steven Foster, CMP, Sally Goldesberry, CMP, CMM and Dana Rhoden, CMP, CMM** were each celebrated with a special video tribute by fellow MPI D/FW members. After the video, the award's namesake and Past MPI D/FW Chapter President, **Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP**, took the stage to announce the winner — **Sally Goldesberry, CMP, CMM!**



An exuberant Sally Goldesberry, CMP, CMM takes the stage with award namesake and 1999 recipient Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP.

The morning had come to an end. The dazzling diamonds of the MPI D/FW chapter slowly filed out of the ballroom with one thought: This was a day designated to recognize brilliance and what better place than at The Gaylord Texan Resort...what better person than a 20+ year veteran of MPI than Sally Goldesberry, CMP, CMM to be recognized...and what better group to once again enjoy this very special event than the brilliant CMP's and CMM's in our chapter??? Yep, the stars were shining bright on June 11th and for all who participated and heard Simon's message...the sky is the limit! 🌐



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Natural Resources Meeting

Monthly Topic: "If Change is so Good, Why is it so Hard?"

By O.D. O'Donnell, Nightlife Talent & Panache +

You can't stop progress! Plan now to attend our annual Natural Resources meeting where members are encouraged to participate in our association by meeting the new Board of Directors, learning about various Committees to join and becoming involved in the future of our chapter. *MPI needs you* and involvement through service yields great personal and professional development.

During the reception, visit with the various departments and committees to learn all about the ways to become more involved. This is the finest opportunity for you to put your talents to work on behalf of the chapter and find a new "home" within the chapter. We encourage you to evaluate your options and sign up to volunteer.

The speaker for the July meeting is John Paul, a founding partner with Association Works. He offers consultation, facilitation, training and keynote presentations on strategies designed to increase effectiveness, profitability and image.



John Paul
Association Works

Leaders recognize that strategic change initiatives are necessary for organization improvement, realignment, growth and, in some cases, survival. This presentation identifies the components necessary for people to fully embrace significant change initiatives and make implementation a reality. Participants will receive practical tools to access change readiness, overcome resistance and make the management of change a process...not an event.

John has over thirty years of association management experience. He consults with a variety of local, national and international organizations. Association Works created the membership survey that many of you filled out. At the July meeting, you'll see how you can make a change in the future of the D/FW chapter. It's not just filling out a survey; it's making your own personal contribution to the end result.

July committee members are O.D. O'Donnell, Program Chair (Nightlife Talent & Panache +), Leah Belasco (Independent), Paige Braun (Convention Guides), Bitsy Burns CMP (Independent), Cecilia Daddio, CMP (Lennox Industries Inc.), Nancey Hernandez, CMP (Adolphus Hotel), Jane Ito, CMP (Ito Group), and Suzy Morse (Independent).

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MPI DFW "Academy Awards"



Emcee Steve Kemble (Steve Kemble Event Design), flanked by his dancers, sings about a "Few of My Favorite Things" at the start of the show.

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The 2004-2005 Board of Directors proudly looks on as Steve Kemble swears Melissa S. Logar, CMP into office as the MPI D/FW Chapter President for her second term.



The planning committee for the Awards Gala 2004 gathers for a quiet moment before the show begins. Pictured left to right are: Jim Monroe, CMP, CSEP (James Monroe & Associates), Jayna Monroe (James Monroe & Associates), Richard Pollak (Rainbow Entertainment), Event Chair Pat McCain, CMP (The Krisam Group & GEP), Mark Sorrells (Sabre), Bill Reeser, CMP (AVW-Telav) Second row: Diane Steele, CMP (Conseron), Pam Madewell (Fun Factory Decoration & Special Events), Jodi Adcock (RIA), Peg Wolschon, CTP, CMP (Mpression Entertainment), Nichole Hahn (Southwest Securities) and Laura Moore, CMP (Lennox Industries). Not pictured are: Patty Markley, CMP (DMM Group), Camille Gilmore (Krisam Group & GEP), Marshall Leak, III (Entertainment Enterprises), David Gisler (Freeman Decorating), Wendy Foster, CMP (Circle R Ranch) and Sally Goldesberry, CMP, CMM (Society of Petroleum Engineers).



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The Show Continued from pg. 1

of Programs Sherri Cook, CMP, CMM (Sherri ates) presented the Facility of the Year Award to Flight Museum for hosting the February 2004 g. The Special Event Facility of the Year Award otel Inter Continental Dallas as recognition for e Awards Gala 2003. These two awards are ber evaluations of location, reception/meeting ff, service levels and food & beverage quality.

the Year Award was presented with a "groovy" stin Powers took the stage to assist as Sherri ward upon the Chair, Speaker and Committee nsible for the August 2003 program with speaker Erase Enterprises) entitled "Terrorism: Preparing ". This award is based on member evaluations ctives, program content, educational value and tation.

part of the evening was having Colin Rorrie, PhD, of Meeting Professionals International join us to 2004-2005 Board of Directors. Immediately

following Colin's presentation, an emotional Steve Kemble swore in Melissa Logar, CMP for her second term as Chapter President. Steve Kemble noted that "this is a historic moment for the chapter as we've never had a President serve two consecutive terms before."

Rounding out a stellar evening was a presentation by Tamra Hughston, CMP (Home Interiors & Gifts) who recognized members Mary Cowart (Mary Cowart Meeting Consultants) and Michele Lucia (ADL Associates) with Circle of Commitment pins in honor of their 20 Years of membership in Meeting Professionals International.

Another special guest, Tracey Smith, CMP (RIA) flew in from Minnesota for the evening and she, along with "co-producer" Steven Foster, CMP (Circle R Ranch) showed their annual "Year in Review" video, much to the enjoyment of the audience.

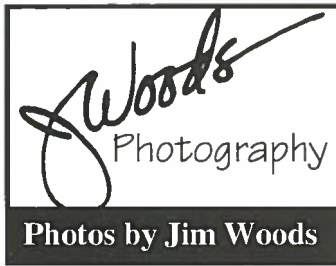
At the end of an evening that provided excitement, surprises plus the chance for our members to enjoy themselves socially, we said "that's a wrap", and bid good night to one another as we walked the red carpet to return home. 🌐



President Melissa S. Logar, CMP (PricewaterhouseCoopers) honors Steven Foster, CMP (Circle R Ranch) with the 2004 President's Award.



◀ Ecstatic at winning the Special Event Facility of the Year, the whole team from Hotel Inter Continental Dallas comes to the stage to accept their award together! Pictured from left to right are: Terri White, Key Account Director, Inter Continental Hotels Group Global Sales, Michele Geller-Randel, CMP, National Sales Manager, Irene Soleymani, CMP, Director of Conference Planning, Daniel Rodriguez, Director of Banquet Services, Patty Cipoletti, Director of Sales & Marketing, Chad Enloe, Director of Sales, Maricela Ruiz, Sales Manager, Michael Lorra, Director of Catering.



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"Secure" in their win for Program of the Year for the August 2003 monthly meeting entitled "Terrorism: Preparing for Round Two", the committee arrives safely on stage to accept their awards with Kevin Mellott (Erase Enterprises), who was the August 2003 Speaker. Pictured from left to right are: Jan Gillin (Jan Gillin & Associates), Peg Wolschon, CTP, CMP (Mpression Entertainment), Leah Belasco (Independent), Kevin Mellott (Erase Enterprises), Bill Reeser, CMP (AVW-Telav), Elizabeth Chandler (The Meadows Foundation) and O.D. O'Donnell (Nightlife Entertainment & Panache+)

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January 22, 2005

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Private tours and registration	11:00AM
Panel Discussion	11:45AM
Lunch and Networking	12:30PM

Spirit Award Winners

The MPI D/FW Chapter Spirit Award is given throughout the year to those who offer their time to work on a chapter project, help a fellow member with a contact or just go above and beyond. Winners are nominated by fellow chapter members.



Jane Ito
Ito Group

Jane has been a member since 2000.

She's currently Chairperson on the Marketing Committee. She's also worked on the Program Committee, Education Committee and the Community Service Committees.



Jodi Adcock
RIA

Jodi has also been a member of MPI since 2000.

She has been part of the Programs Committee, where she chaired several monthly meetings.

Jodi has also worked on the Kids Charity Ball, the Awards Gala and through the Education Committee she has worked on the Hotel School for Planners Program and the CMP/CMM Breakfast. Beginning in July, she will be the Director of Monthly Programs for the Chapter.



Leah Belasco
Independent Planner

Leah has been a member since June, 1995.

In her nine years as a member, Leah has participated in various committees and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Leah is usually the first person to arrive at monthly meetings to help ensure all the handouts are distributed and pitch in where needed.



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Chairman's Challenge: MemberSHIP Drive



AND THE WINNER IS...

For the past several months, we have featured names of members who have shared the benefits of being an MPI member to enlist new members to our chapter. This month we would like to feature those who shared the opportunity with more than one person as well as our lucky winner of the fabulous weekend get-away to beautiful Lake Tahoe. This contest ended May 30th.

Sandy Galloway	Canadian Tourism Commission
Karen Garcia Gonzales	Meeting Professionals International
O.D. O'Donnell	Nightlife Talent / Panache +
Tracy Suit	Hilton DFW Lakes Exec. Conf. Ctr.
Glenn Tomlinson	Meeting Professionals Expectations
Peg Wolschon	Independent Meeting Professional

And the big winner with 11 new members is...

Nichole Hahn Southwest Securities

CORRECTION:

In the June issue of the CURRENT an incomplete list of our Chairman's Challenge participants was published. Please help us recognize these deserving members for their year-long efforts in recruiting new members.

Jessica Bacak, CMP
Lori Boccaccio
Peter Bonell, CHME, CMP
Norita Charnes
Lisa Dalton
Charlotte Davis, CMP
Dvorah Evans, CMP
Deanna Frazier
Sue Fry
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James Monroe, CMP, CSEP
O.D. O'Donnell
Jeanie Renner
Colleen Rickenbacher, CSEP, CMP
Steven Sherman
Diane Smith, CMP
Joe Soto
Lisa South, CMP, CSEP
Maryvonne Tubb
Mollie Wallace-Newton, CMP, CMM
Jennifer Watson
Jennifer Winget, CMP, CHME



Alainna Palmer, CMP
'Grapevine' Columnist

Heard it through the Grapevine!



Leah Belasco
'Grapevine' Columnist

Matthew Massengale of *Ultimate Ventures* surprised **Severine Stephenson** of the *Stoneleigh Hotel* with a marriage proposal on May 22nd at the Grand Opening of The Iron Cactus. No wedding date has been set at this time.



Severine & Matthew

Dottie Stowe with *Embassy Suites DFW Airport South* is proud to announce an addition to their staff. **Jeanne Hatcher** has joined as sales manager, specializing in the corporate group, government, family and military reunions. She was most recently with *Galactic, Ltd.* in purchasing and has been a meeting planner for more than ten years.

There have been some recent changes at *Hotel ZaZa*. **Gretchen Stofer** has accepted the position of director of marketing, and will continue to handle the entertainment, sports, & fashion markets. **Tracie Houston** has accepted the position of director of sales, and will oversee the sales & catering departments. **Chirine Arbadji** is now the corporate sales manager, **Larry Kreiner** is director of catering, and **Haley Harper** is catering manager.

Debra Kerr with the *Irving Convention & Visitors Bureau* is a new mom! She and her husband, Gary, are the proud parents of Sarah Ann, born on May 25th, weighing 6 pounds 7 ounces. Congratulations!

Michael Chapman is now catering manager at the *Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center*. He was formerly with *The Adolphus Hotel*.

Heather Hersley and her husband, Brett, celebrate parenthood again with their second daughter. Ella Grace was born on May 19th. Heather has left *Southfork Ranch* to be a stay-at-home mom. Congratulations to the parents and to grandpa...**O.D. O'Donnell!**

Jimmy Eanes, CMP has joined *Paradigm Engineering* in Lewisville as their director of training.

To submit member news and information, please contact:
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New Kids on the Block

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

We are delighted to welcome our newest chapter members. We invite you all to attend our monthly chapter meetings in an effort to help further your desire for education and networking. For more information on chapter events, please visit our website at www.mpidfw.org.

Trina Gibson.....Embassy Suites
Joseph Gordian.....Hilton Embassy Suites Dallas Market Ctr
Gregory Hildreth.....Assoc. of Professional Flight Attendants
Betty Jones.....LeMeridien Cancun Hotel and Resort
Annie Matthews.....AVW-TELAV
Rebecca McClanahan, CMP.....Bernstein Investment Research & Mgmt
Ronald Poling, CAE.....American Floral Industry Association
Rhonda Salah.....Premiere Conferencing
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