

Chapter of the Year
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U.S.O. PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP AT DFW AIRPORT

The Greater Irving - Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce is currently working on a project with D.F.W. International Airport to provide care-packages to U.S. Troops in route to Iraq. The wish list for care-packages includes personal care items, snacks, phone cards and disposable cameras, and all items should be travel sized and individually packaged.

If you are interested in donating items, providing a welcome service to soldiers, or general help, contact Kathy Gillard at 972-252-8484. Volunteers will be needed to hand out packages as soldiers come through D.F.W. raise funds, collect donated items and much more.

Deja' Vu All Over Again

MELISSA LOGAR LOOKS BACK AND AHEAD AS CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Melissa Logar, CMP completes and begins a unique journey this month. She finishes her term as MPI D/FW's 27th Chapter President and embarks on a return engagement as its' 28th president - the first time in the chapter's history a leader has served a consecutive-term presidency. In a year of challenge, change, opportunity and deja' vu, Melissa spoke with The Current about her terms as chapter president.

Current: What successes are you most proud of this year?

Logar: "My concept of One Vision for this term was to become more strategic as a Board of Directors for our members. I encouraged the Board of Directors to focus on the chapter's strategic plan, identify future leaders and find ways to get members more involved within the chapter. As a result, the number of committee members increased; lots of opportunities for incubating, mentoring and leadership development were implemented. The result is a strong Incoming Board of Directors including future committee chairs; we focused on achieving our objectives along the way and the difficult task of identifying whether a chapter activity fit within the chapter's goals."

Current: "What challenges remain for next year?"

Logar: "No challenges, just opportunities. Finding out what the Hot Buttons are, and what we can do that will encourage non-members to become members, new members to become involved, make certain seasoned members stay engaged and active, ensure ROI on membership, have education and networking opportunities that individuals will make time for and members vying for leadership roles within the chapter. One of the other critical areas we will be focusing on next year is how best to communicate Chapter information to the members. Whether information is communicated via the Current, the chapter website and/or Chapter weekly email blasts we will be concentrating on what are the best tools for our members. As professionals in this industry we are seeing a dramatic increase of email communications. We will be evaluating the chapter website and the utilization of the website as a component of streamlining the communication to our members."



2003-2004 MPI D/FW Chapter President

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A Message from the President



Melissa Logar, CMP, CMM
2003-2004 President

Why is it as we get older the time flies so fast. I can not believe it is the conclusion of the 2003 - 2004 term. It has been a whirlwind of a year with successes, opportunities and challenges throughout the year. At the beginning of the term and throughout the year I encouraged the Board of Directors and the Committees to think out of the box, shake things up, to see if we could increase member attendance and interest for our chapter offerings. Some things worked, others didn't....we learned...and we moved forward.

This year we tried multiple smaller fund raisers that benefited the Chapter Education Fund and Richland TEMM Scholarships which our chapter supports. Under Carol Benavidez direction as Vice President of Finance we were able to achieve the Chapter's projected budget income. Thank you Carol and her committees! We are in the process of determining whether smaller projects are the way to go in the future or if one large fundraiser event such as MPI D/FW Kids Charity Ball or holding a regional conference and exposition like the Georgia MPI Chapter has been successfully holding for years is the better alternative. We are currently analyzing how this impacts our suppliers and which option gives the suppliers who donate to these fund raisers the best exposure to our MPI members.

One of the challenges this year was working with the chapter calendar and other industry association calendars to ensure the chapter was offering a good balance of high quality events that would not result in too many or too few for our chapter members. This challenge also coincided with how much time a chapter member had within their busy schedules to take time to attend these additional activities beyond the standard monthly program. I don't think we were really able to get our arms around this term but we are encouraged that the Member Needs Assessment Survey will guide us for the next term.

The Member Needs Assessment Survey in which you participated in May was a major undertaking. The results will be analyzed in late May and at the June Board of Directors Retreat your incoming board members will base the chapter's upcoming goals and objectives upon your responses. Thank you to those who participated, with out your voice within the chapter the Board of Directors can not identify what member services are important to you.

As the Chapter President I was concerned about the chapter rebates we receive from International from your membership dues. Out of the membership dollars you pay the chapter actually received \$52.00 per membership, per term, to support the chapter's education programs. The last increase we received was in the 1996-1997 term even though membership dues continued to increase on a yearly basis. I actively lobbied the International Board of Directors to increase a "percentage" to coincide with any membership annual increases. Beginning with the 2004-2005 term the chapter rebate will be 18% of the membership dues. This will result in the Chapter receiving \$58.50 from International per membership and will increase if membership dues increase.

I am also pleased to state that the Chapter continues to remain financially healthy! For the upcoming term we will be able to move some money into the Chapter reserves to continue to be in compliance with International and to be able to re-invest in our Education programs throughout the term. We continue to operate the Chapter's budget as a non-profit business which has resulted in accountability of expenses vs. income.

I want to thank you for your support and commitment throughout the 2003-2004 term. I asked a lot from the committee members and Board of Directors and each of you worked as a team to produce positive results. It is inspiring to me your dedication to this organization and I am looking forward to a successful 2004-2005 term. 🌐

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

"CURRENT" AFFAIRS



Sandi Bailey
Executive Vice President
Hotel Assoc. of Greater Dallas

Hotel Association Opposes Use of Hotel Taxes to Build Dallas Cowboys Stadium

Editor's Note: Each month, this column will present an industry profile, hot topic debate or industry event review to focus reader interest and discussion on "Current" Affairs. Your participation and feedback in this effort is both vital and welcome.


The Hotel Association of Greater Dallas has announced its opposition to the use of hotel occupancy taxes to build a new football stadium for the Dallas Cowboys. Association membership formally voiced opposition through a resolution that reads: "The Hotel Association of Greater Dallas opposes increasing the hotel occupancy tax on Dallas County hotels for the purpose of building a new football stadium. Regardless of the potential merits of the Dallas Cowboys proposal, putting an additional tax, and most of the tax burden, on Dallas County hotels to build a football stadium makes little sense at a time when area hotel occupancies are at record lows due to a significant loss of convention and group meeting business coming to Dallas."

If approved, the City of Dallas hotel occupancy tax will climb to the highest in the nation at 18% and adversely impact our local hotel community's ability to compete for group meetings nationwide. It will also impact Dallas ability to compete for conventions against other major convention cities, all of which have significantly lower tax rates than Dallas. As a result, the Hotel Association of Greater Dallas opposes the Dallas Cowboys proposal to use hotel room taxes to build its new football stadium in Dallas County.

"This resolution specifically opposes how Jerry Jones and the Dallas Cowboys want to finance their new stadium," said Sandi Bailey, Executive Vice President of the Hotel Association of Greater Dallas. "Regardless of the merits of having the stadium at Fair Park, our members are opposed to using hotel room taxes to finance another stadium in Dallas."

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has selected a Fair Park location near downtown Dallas as the new football home for his team asking for a \$425 million public subsidy to help build the \$650 million facility. Under the Jones proposal hotel taxes would be increased by as much as three percent on all Dallas county hotels. If adopted twice as much hotel tax money will be allocated to build sports facilities (American Airlines Center and the new football stadium) than to market Dallas through the DCVB.

Dallas hotels are already assessed a 2% room tax to build the new American Airlines Center. A three percent increase would result in a 18 percent hotel occupancy tax in the City of Dallas, the highest room tax in the country, and a 16 percent hotel occupancy tax in Dallas suburbs, making Dallas County the highest hotel room tax market in the country. The average hotel tax nationwide according to the American Hotel and Lodging Association is 12.4 percent.

The 78-year-old Hotel Association Of Greater Dallas serves to represent the interest of the 50,000 hotel rooms throughout 13 cities of the Greater Dallas area and is one of the strongest and most active hotel associations in the nation. Hotel Association members actively participate in public affairs, education, scholarship programs, and the Hotel Security Network. 



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2003-2004 CHAPTER AWARDS NOMINEES

Nominated for Planner of the Year



Sherri Cook, CMP, CMM, CTM, CL
Sherri Cook & Associates



Leah Belasco
Independent



Melissa Loger, CMP
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

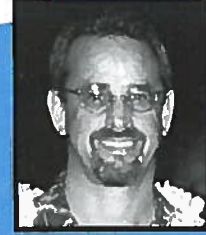
Nominated for Supplier of the Year



Sandi Galloway
Canadian Tourism Commission



Jim Monroe, CMP, CSEP
James C. Monroe & Associates



Bruce Wolpert, CMP
Echo Consulting, Inc.

Nominated for Rising Star of the Year



Loretta Howard
Sheraton Grand Hotel DFW



Nichole Hahn
Southwest Securities, Inc.

Awards Gala: Thursday, June 24, 2004 • 6:00 p.m.

MPI DFW "Academy Awards" - Let Us Entertain You!

By Patty Markley, CMP
Dallas Meeting Management, Inc.

Celebrate our chapter's many years of excellence as MPI D/FW, the FIVE-time outstanding Chapter of the Year, honors its past, present and future on Thursday, June 24 at the Annual Awards Gala at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel. It's time to roll out the red carpet - Academy Awards style - and highlight the achievements within our chapter this year!

Emcee (and our very own) Steve Kemble "goes Hollywood" for an evening of vibrant high-energy filled with his special blend of humor honoring everyone from the newest member to the member in longest standing.

A special video of this year's accomplishment will be presented, along with recognition of President Melissa Logar, CMP and the outgoing 2003-2004 Board of Directors. Awards will be presented for Membership Recruitment, Meeting Facility of the Year, Special Event Facility of the Year and Program of the Year.

Highlighting the evening will be the presentation of awards naming the Planner of the Year, Supplier of the Year and Rising Star. Planner of the Year nominees are: Sherri Cook, CMP, CMM, CTM, CL (Sherri Cook & Associates), Leah Belasco (Independent), and Melissa Logar, CMP (PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP). Supplier of the Year nominees are: Sandi Galloway (Canadian Tourism Commission) and Jim Monroe, CMP, CSEP (James C. Monroe & Associates) and Bruce Wolpert, CMP (Echo Consulting, Inc.). Rising Star nominees are: Loretta Howard (Sheraton Grand Hotel DFW) and Nichole Hahn (Southwest Securities, Inc.)

June Awards Committee members are: Chair: Pat McCain, CMP (Krisam Group & GEP); Jodi Adcock (RIA); Sherri Cook, CMP, CMM, CTM (Sherri Cook & Associates); Wendy Foster, CMP (Circle R); Marti Fox, CTC, CMP (GlobalGoals); Betty Garrett, CMP (Garrett Speakers International); Camille Gilmore (Krisam Group & GEP); David Gisler (Freeman Decorating); Sally Goldesberry, CMP, CMM (Society of Petroleum Engineers); Casandra Johns (Starwood Hotels & Resorts); Nicole Hahn (Southwest Securities, Inc.); Steve Kemble (Steve Kemble Event Design); Maria Lianez (Munsch, Hardt, Kopf & Harr, P.C.); Melissa Logar, CMP (PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP); Pam Madewell (Fun Factory); Patty Markley, CMP (Dallas Meeting Management, Inc); Jim Monroe, CMP, CSEP (James C. Monroe & Associates); Laura Moore (Lennox Industries); Richard Pollak, MBA (Rainbow Entertainment); Bill Reeser, CMP, CTS (AVW) and Mark Sorrells (Sabre).

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DIRECTIONS

Dallas Tollway South - Proceed south on the Tollway. Take the Wycliff Ave. exit and turn right. Turn right at Harry Hines and then left onto Market Center Blvd. Proceed on Market Center Blvd under I-35E (Stemmons Frwy) and you will see the hotel on the right.

From D/FW Airport - Take the Highway 183 East Exit. Follow 183 east to 35E South (Stemmons Frwy). Highway 183 East merges into I-35E. Proceed south on I-35E, exit Market Center Blvd. Turn right at the light. You will see the hotel on the right.

From 75 South (North Central Expressway) - Stay in the right lane to exit I-35E Waco. Take the I-35E Denton/Stemmons Frwy exit headed North. Exit onto Market Center Blvd. Turn Left onto Market Center Blvd. You will see the hotel on the right.

From Fort Worth - Take I-30 East to I-35E north. Follow I-35E North through downtown Dallas and exit Market Center Blvd. Turn left onto Market Center Blvd and the hotel on the right.

"MPI ACADEMY AWARDS GALA"

MPI D/FW Chapter June Gala

Thursday, June 24, 2004

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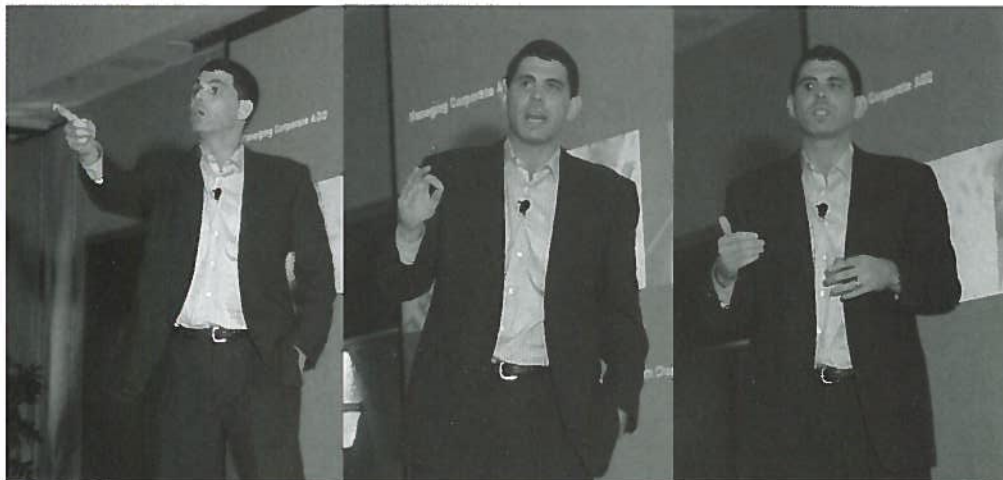
Representing the DFW Lakes Hilton were (l-r) Gretta Thurston, Chris Bertrand, Trina Gibson, Cliff Reynolds and program liaison Tracy Suit.

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May Program Committee members were (l-r) Maria Lineaz; Dora Moreno; Maria Escarfullery, CMP; Howard Eckhart, CSEP, TMF; Dr. Lawana Gladney; Bill Reeser, CMP, CTS; Tracy Suit, Peg Wolschon, CMP, CTC and Nicole Hahn.



Rand Stagen presented tactics to combat "Corporate ADD" and increase productivity.

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Tour Guide Association Completes Certification Program

The Dallas/Fort Worth Area Tour Guide Association, first organized in 1999 to provide continuing education and training, a certification program and a forum for discussion of current issues and concerns for area tour guides, recently completed its first certification program for area tour guides. The association conducts monthly educational meetings focusing on sites, attractions and general knowledge of the D/FW area.

Currently, the association has 58 members, with training and certification as important membership opportunities. Its certification program is available to local guides with a minimum of 75 tours experience. Guides have the option of being certified as having a Dallas and/or Fort Worth specialty. Additional specialties/designations are being developed, for subject matters, such as the assassination of John F. Kennedy. The certification program was developed to provide training, but also to establish a way that the guide's knowledge and technical expertise could be measured.

"It sets a standard for area tour guides," says association member Mary Lynn Amoyo. "A tour guide that undertakes certification is, in essence saying, I want to be considered the best of the best." 🌐

For further information, contact Juanita Gonzalez at 214-571-1088, or email the Tour Guide Association at dfwtourguides@yahoo.com.



The first group of certified tour guides from the Dallas/Fort Worth Area Tour Guide Association includes (l-r): Candy Thompson, Helen Fratena, Terry Timberlake, Clara Ruddell, Molly Prince, Juanita Gonzalez, Danielle Michalski, Laverne Gunderson, Suzie Thomas, Mary Lynn Amoyo and Wally Williamson.

DEJA'VU ALL OVER AGAIN *Cont. from pg. 1*

Current: What do you know about being a chapter president now that you didn't know when you took office a year ago?

Logar: "Communication, Communication, Communication. I have learned that we need to communicate more what, when, how and why to the chapter. The other thing is take the time to pick up the phone and make a call don't just rely on email. Believe me I have learned an email quickly written can be interpreted the wrong way and it will follow you for days."

Current: How will you prepare for your term as the only 2nd term in the chapter's history?

Logar: "Quite honestly, it took me about six months to get my arms around this position. I call it "my denial stage". I have found it is much easier to prepare for the second time around and I know this is huge benefit to the Incoming Board of Directors. I am now knowledgeable about the expectations of the President's position and have much more confidence in myself than I did this time last year. I look back to last year and I chuckle to myself. I was excited, nervous and so naive. And now I am so excited, prepared and ready to have some fun with being President." 🌐



Alaina Palmer, CMP
'Grapevine' Columnist

Heard it through the Grapevine!



Leah Belasco
'Grapevine' Columnist

Debra Dorough is the new senior account executive representing corporate and association business in Texas and the SE/SW territory at *JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa* in Tucson, Arizona. She formerly represented three other *Marriott* properties.

Dvorah A. Evans, CMP, director of conventions & tourism with the *Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce* was recently named an American Society of Association Executives 2004-2005 Diversity Executive Leadership Program Scholar. This program is designed to increase diversity within the field of association management. The scholars participate in an accelerated leadership program of education and volunteer service in the association community.

Thomas White is now director of corporate accounts for *Bring On! Dallas*, a destination management and special events company. Thomas was formerly with *Dallas County Coach & Limousine*.

Tracie Houston, CMP, with *Hotel Zaza*, was promoted from senior sales manager to director of sales.

Welcome to Dallas our new chapter member, **Chirine Arbadji** who is the new corporate sales manager at *Hotel Zaza*. Chirine moved here from Carlsbad, California where she worked for *La Costa Resort & Spa*.

Judy Johnson, with *Rx Worldwide Meetings*, is pleased to announce the addition of **Darcie Wooten** as meeting manager.

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Toastmasters

Your MPI D/FW Toastmasters Club, at a recent meeting, voted to open the doors of membership! If you work with someone who would like (or needs) to develop stronger presentation or speaking skills, or a friend who would benefit from better listening skills - invite them to join us. Visitors welcome.

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Inside MacArthur's Restaurant
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Time: 6:00pm to 7:30pm

When: Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Upcoming Dates: June 22, July 13, July 27



Thomas White (Bring It On! Dallas) leads the Toastmasters charge with help from Charlotte Hudgin and Sandra Shelton.

Multicultural Awareness Calendar

Dates to keep in mind when planning your culturally sensitive events.

June 13 - Bahais celebrate Race Unity Day promoting harmony and understanding.

June 24 - Mayor's Global Business Awards Luncheon, Fort Worth Convention Center, 12 noon, \$45; fwic@fortworthgov.org, 817-212-2666, www.fwic.com

June 26 - DFW Juneteenth Celebration, Dallas & Fort Worth Central Libraries; sponsored by the FW Juneteenth Committee. Please call for time and prices, waigandlegacy@flash.net, 817-483-2259.

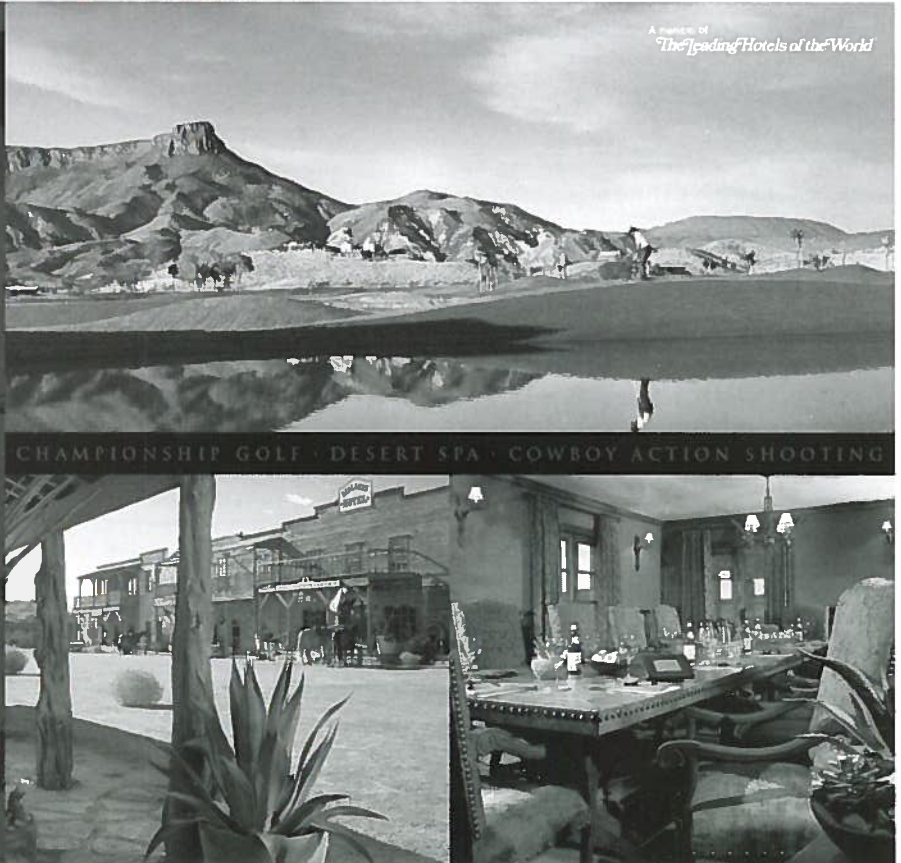
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Circle of Commitment

MPI D/FW is proud to recognize these members for their service, commitment and tenure in helping our chapter achieve the highest level of professionalism in the industry.

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Judy Johnson, CMP Rx Worldwide Meetings

10 Years

Philip Crouse	Philip C Crouse & Associates Inc
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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.

Debbie Barton.....Brilliant Events, Inc.
 Leslie Cole.....Ducky Bob's Party & Tent Rentals
 Heather Cornwell.....Texas Instruments
 Michael Curran.....Wyndham Hotels & Resorts
 Tammy Fox.....American Contractors Insurance Group
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 Tina Seebaran.....Radisson Hotel Central Dallas
 Kimberly Turnage.....Hyatt Regency DFW
 Rick Ueno.....The Westin Riverwalk Hotel

Chairman's Challenge: MemberSHIP Drive



Look who's earning prizes while helping our chapter grow!

The D/FW Chapter would like to extend a heart-felt thanks to the following members for sharing the benefits of membership with other industry professionals who have become new members in the past six months. One of these lucky members will be the winner of a fabulous weekend get-away to the beautiful Lake Tahoe. The winner will be announced in the July CURRENT.

Beagle, Dawn	Elder, Carrie	Patke, Konnie
Beardsley, Adonia	Galloway, Sandi	Stefanek, Pamela
Belasco, Leah	Goldesberry, Sally	Stone, Nan
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Child, Pamela	Johnson-Floyd, Joy	Whitfield, Jeff
Cook, Sherri	Kempe, Vicki	Wilkerson, Kim
Daddio, Cecilia	Kent, Bradley	Wolschon, Peg
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