



CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

January 2020



Happy Holidays 2019



2020 is here and as we start not just a new year, but a new decade, we are inspired to create the life we want. So often we start the year with focus on **physical and nutritional wellness**. While working toward good health, we have an opportunity to go beyond the goals of weight-loss and the gym to look at the deeper aspects of our complete wellness.

Environmental wellness promotes interaction with nature as well as our personal environment. The MPI D/FW educational and special events take place in hotels and unique venues across the DFW metroplex. These venues offer exciting meeting spaces and work relentlessly to offer sustainable solutions for meeting professionals. By visiting these exceptional meeting spaces, we can enhance our **environmental wellness** and the space around us. We are respectful of our surroundings and live in harmony with the Earth by acting to protect it. Our home, work place and where we meet create extraordinary beauty and uplifting experiences for us. We encourage you to use the many beautiful venues you experience through MPI D/FW sponsors monthly.

Building on good health **social wellness** gives us an opportunity to belong to something bigger than ourselves. Surrounding ourselves with family, friends, coworkers - and even our MPI friends will result in deeper feelings of belongingness and love. Our message to the MPI D/FW members is that this is where you belong. We are so glad you found us, and we look forward to working together for many, many years to come. Economy changes, the meeting industry evolves, we switch jobs, but our relationships grow through the years. Before you know it, you are surrounded by people who care about you as a person, who value you and who support you: true friends. So often we list the tangible MPI benefits, but for many these relationships are the true essence of being part of MPI.

Happy New Year 2020! May we create true wellness this decade through fitness, nutrition, environmental and social wellness and may the very best be yet to come. Be Well!

Joy,

Tuula Westlake

MPI D/FW Chapter President 2019-2020

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January-March CSR: Dallas Children's Advocacy Center

1 in 10 children will be sexually assaulted before the age of 18. [Dallas Children's Advocacy Center](#) (DCAC) coordinates the investigation, prosecution and healing services for the most severe cases of child abuse in Dallas County - those that rise to the level of a criminal offense.

This year, DCAC served over 7,000 children (and their non-offending family members) who were sexually abused, severely physically abused, or who had witnessed a violent crime. DCAC's average client is a 9-year-old girl, sexually abused by someone she knows and trusts. Help DCAC save the "Jane Does" and "John Does" experiencing abuse.

3 Ways To Give Back in 2020:

Donate Items for a Family Game Night

Who remembers fun nights playing board games with your family during your childhood? Bring any of the below Family Game Night items to the January 23 lunch and drop off at the CSR table:

1 board game (Candy Land, Trouble, Sorry, etc.)

1 card game (Uno, Old Maid, Go Fish, etc.)

Popcorn (serves family of 4)

Candy (serves family of 4)

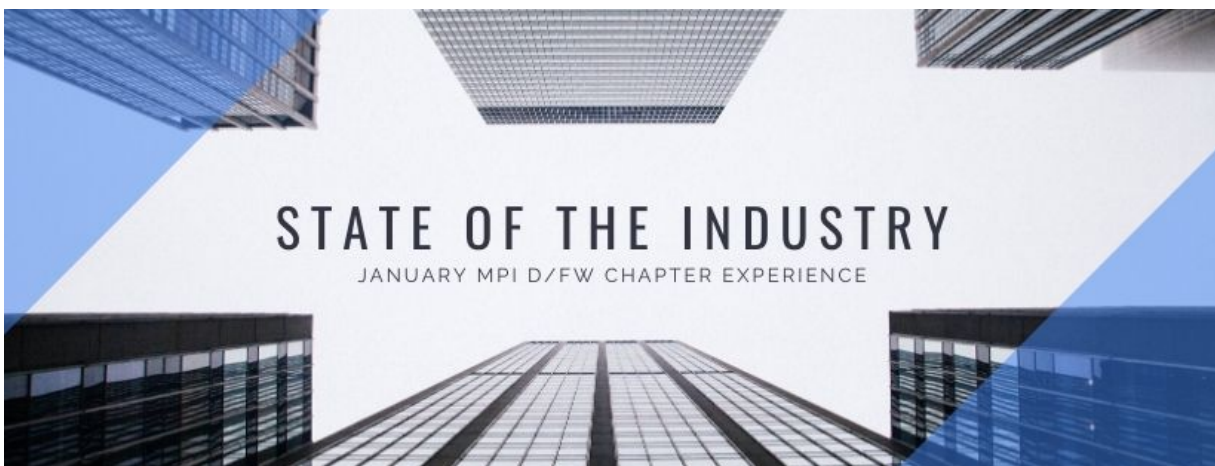
1 liter of Coca Cola

Volunteer

Volunteer to serve dinner at DCAC's group therapy meeting on Tuesday, February 18 from 5:00pm -6:30pm. Feel free to come early at 4:30pm for a quick tour of the facility. Volunteers must be 18 years or older and complete a background check. Email [Nicole Chattin](#) to sign up.

Get Involved

Help assemble the donated family game night *Bundle of Hope* packages at the March 26 lunch. More details to follow.



January Chapter Experience
State of the Industry by

Michael Dominguez



When: Thursday, January, 23, 2020

Agenda: 11:00am – 12:00pm Registration opens

11:00am – 11:45am New Member Orientation

11:00am – 11:45am Career Café

11:00am – 11:45am Networking

12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch and Program

Where: The Clubs of Prestonwood

15909 Preston Road

Dallas, TX 75248

Event Chairs: Sarah Blackhall, CMM, Creative Director, Service Nation Inc.

Michael is BACK and better than ever! Gain valuable business insights on important issues facing the meeting and hospitality industry from a national and global perspective. What are the new trends to be on the lookout for? How is the political climate impacting meetings? What economic factors or technology innovations could effect how we do business in the future? Michael walks us though the importance of looking at the whole picture and applying it to our day-to-day in order to adapt and keep business moving. Start your New Year off right!

“Available for one (1.0) hour of EIC Credit – pending approval



[Register Now](#)

Early Bird ends on January 15th!

Career Cafe



Join us for **“Shape Your Future: Connect”** at MPI D/FW’s January Career Café and learn the secrets of networking!

Betty Garrett is our featured speaker for January’s Career Café. Come hear from the expert about the secrets of how to network effectively to further your career, find that next opportunity and gain confidence in interviewing. This will be an interactive session where everyone will have a chance to share ideas and help one another in job searching.

Event Details:

11:00 am, January 23, 2020 at the Chapter Experience.

Sign up for the Career Café when you register to attend the January Chapter Experience.



January is an exciting month for our MPI D/FW Chapter each year as we get to award the Dallas Police Officer of the Month Award in conjunction with the Dallas Community Police Awards Committee.

The DCPAC was founded in 1972 to recognize the excellence in police work, community & family involvement, and dedication to duty. Thanks to the Dallas CVB, MPI D/FW became a member of the DCPAC committee and it is our honor to award a worthy officer each January. Each officer is nominated by their superiors and the DCPAC Committee, including MPI D/FW member Greg Elam, have the difficult job of reviewing these nominations and selecting one officer to award each month and, out of those officers, one is selected for Officer of the Year.

Please join us at the January meeting as we give back to these brave men and women who fight tirelessly every day to make Dallas a safer community.

SAVE THE DATE

Emerging Leaders 2020

FEBRUARY 27, 2020

2020 Topic | Diversity vs. Inclusion
Featuring Melissa Majors and James Pogue
Hosted by Vouu Dallas

The poster features a purple background with two overlapping white-bordered photographs of smiling individuals. The top photo shows a woman with short dark hair wearing a pink and green patterned scarf. The bottom photo shows a man with a beard and mustache wearing a grey suit jacket over a blue and white checkered shirt. The text is white and centered on the right side of the poster.



The time has come to begin the process for selecting the 2020-2021 MPI D/FW Chapter Board of Directors. MPI D/FW Chapter's continuing and future success depends on the quality of its leaders and is the responsibility of every chapter member. I hope you will consider giving your time, energy and talent to MPI D/FW by expressing an interest in becoming part of the Board of Directors.

Benefits of serving on the Board:

- Recognition as a leader of one of the largest MPI chapters in the world
- Increased exposure in front of over 600 members for you and your company
- Improved ability to directly impact your industry and local community
- Opportunity to build long lasting relationships with other leaders
- Increased self-confidence and executive presence

Click [here](#) to see the available positions. If you are interested in applying, please complete the [Candidate Interest Form](#) and submit to Paige Mejia at immedpastpresident@mpidfw.org.



***Wondering why the chapter has a Mentor/Mentee program?
Wonder if it applies to you?***

- Being mentored is one of the most valuable and effective development opportunities available.
- Mentoring is more than the transfer of advice, knowledge and insights. It offers reciprocal benefits for those willing to invest their time in developing another professional.

[Click To Find Out More About Other Key Benefits](#)



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsors are the cornerstone of MPI D/FW. We work directly with you to identify sponsorship opportunities that meet your goals. When you are looking to reach D/FW event and meeting professionals, we have got your target market covered! Chapter website, LinkedIn and Facebook accounts have thousands of followers and the e-Newsletter reaches both members and non-members for maximum reach. For maximum brand awareness combine your social media messages with sponsorship of our monthly events.

With a variety of options from the annual Centurion sponsorship to custom packages and advertising, you will be able to optimize your budget. Email [Roma Giordano](mailto:Roma.Giordano@romagiordano.com) at Romagiordano@gmail.com to learn more about our Sponsorship Packages.

MPI D/FW Ambassadors



Are you a current MPI D/FW member?
Do you enjoy meeting new people?
Then sign-up now to become an
Ambassador for our New Members!
[CLICK HERE TO SIGN-UP](#)

MPI D/FW Quarterly Business Review



Join our third MPI D/FW Quarterly
Business Review call on Tuesday,
January 28th 12 PM-1 PM CST.
During the call we will share the
strategy, fiscal results, and
membership engagement.

Dial in number is 669-900-6833 #713
530 596

Are you following MPI D/FW? If not, you should be!
Click the below icons and start today!



Update Your Contact Information

Your MPI D/FW Chapter leadership team is working diligently to keep you up-to-date on

chapter events such as training, luncheons, and leadership meetings. We use your MPI Global Profile to retrieve your contact information and build our chapter directory (scheduled for delivery in the fall), so make sure to record your changes. Updating your MPI Global profile is simple. Just log in at MPIweb.org and access your member profile to update your contact information and manage your email preferences.



Save The Date!

Check the link below to find out what is coming up!

[View full event calendar](#)



Members on the Move

Have you or someone you know recently made a job change?

Please [let us know](#) so we can share the good news.

Welcome back Melissa Tacker, CWP



Melissa S. Tacker, CWP has joined your 2019-2020 board of directors as Director of Special Events. In this position Melissa will work on CMP/CMM Breakfast and the 2020 Gala. Melissa is an Event Specialist at Big D Party Rentals and we are excited to bring her experience to the board. Welcome Melissa!

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