



# CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

April 2019

## Message From The President

April represents another orbit around the sun for both me and our Immediate Past President, Erin Lucia. As I celebrate my 41st year, it makes me think of my husband's response when someone asks how he is doing – "Every day is a good day". Think about that seemingly innocent, yet incredibly profound statement. Every day IS a good day. You woke up this morning and are able to tackle your to-do list and sit in rush hour traffic, but you are also able to visit with family and friends, grow as an individual, and experience life and all the wonders it holds.



During our March meeting, I made a statement regarding changes in our chapter as well as in MPI Global which are good – good for the growth and development of the chapter and good for the future of our chapter. Some of the changes we have made as a board this year are obvious, like the new website and variations in our education events, and some have been subtle, like policy and procedure changes, but all are necessary for the growth of the chapter. I want to take this time to thank those of our members who have embraced the changes. For those who long for the good ol' days, I ask that you open your hearts and minds and trust that your board is working with the policy changes happening in MPI Global, while keeping in mind our sacred traditions. Everything we have done this year has been for the betterment and future of our chapter. I am happy to say that we maintain our high performing chapter status and are being recognized as a leader among our Global Partners.

So, for my birthday present, I ask that you join me in embracing the future and putting complete trust into your elected board of directors to do what is best for our chapter members. Remember, as a MPI D/FW chapter member, you are welcome and encouraged to attend aboard or committee meeting and ask to review the financials of our chapter at any time. It is your right to challenge the board, but not to discourage changes that will thrust our chapter into the future. Trust that your board is working diligently as a team to IGNITE SOMETHING!

Paige Mejia

MPI D/FW President

**MEET UP IN THE  
FORT WORTH STOCKYARDS**





## **PARTYFEST** extravaganza 2019

Visit MPI D/FW at Booth #241 at Partyfest.

Date: April 3, 2019

Time: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Dallas Market Hall

2200 N. Stemmons Fwy, Dallas

[Directions](#)

Register [HERE](#) using code PF19 for free admission to  
this INVITATION ONLY event.



**DON'T MISS IT!**

**MPI GLOBAL SURVEY IS HEADED YOUR WAY THE WEEK OF  
APRIL 10th!**

A promotional graphic for MPI D/FW Spring Sales Blitz. It features a collage of images: a close-up of people's faces at the top left, a yellow bus driving on a road next to a hill with a house at the top right, and a group of people in business attire high-fiving at the bottom left. A green banner with white text is overlaid on the top left, and a green banner with white text is at the bottom.

**MPI D/FW**  
**SPRING SALES BLITZ**  
**MAY 7-8, 2019**

**SUPPLIERS-REGISTER NOW**

- Showcase your hotel, venue, product or service to meeting planners during 2-days of appointments in D/FW.
- Teams of 5 suppliers will travel by bus to meet with 5 meeting planners each day.
- Participating suppliers will book appointments with at least 2 meeting planners.

Visit ***mpidfw.org*** for more information and to register!

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH

**REGISTER NOW**



Global Meetings Industry Day (GMID) is held on April 4, 2019. During this day of advocacy events are led by the Meetings Mean Business Coalition to showcase the \$2.65 trillion in global economic impact of business meetings, conferences, incentive travel, trade shows and exhibitions. #GMID19

## Richland College Student Silent Auction & Luncheon

11:00am-1:30pm – Royal Oaks Country Club

Speakers Linda Swindling and Cathy Breden

## GMID North Texas

3:00pm – 5:00pm – Panel Presentation

5:00pm – 6:30pm – GMID Celebration Networking

## WHAT IS OUR APRIL CSR? GLAD YOU ASKED!



Founded in 1983, Austin Street Center is an emergency shelter that serves men ages 45 and older and women ages 18 and older. Each person who finds shelter with us is provided a safe place to sleep, showers, clothing, and meals. Once their basic needs are met, they can begin working on other aspects of their lives that will help them transition out of homelessness.

<http://www.austinstreet.org/>

**April** – Collect hotel shampoos, soaps, body wash, etc.

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





## Inclusive Event Design

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Brian Performance Institute

2200 W Mockingbird Ln

Dallas, TX 75234

Registration [here](#).

We also have scholarships available for all PD courses.

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Meet Sarah Chung!



My name is Sarah Chung and I am the Events, Communication & Marketing Manager at the Hotel Association of North Texas (HANTX). My work began at The Blue Fish Japanese Restaurant, where I was able to work my way up to the Catering Events Director. I fell in love with catering sales and event planning. However, I realized there is more to event planning than just putting an event together. I

became as a student at Richland College and began working with M.T. Hickman and the other students, they helped me realize this would be my career path. I met Peg Wolschon as an industry partner/mentor at Richland who provided the opportunity for me to join MPI as a student member. At my first meeting, she invited me to the Mentor Café. She quoted, "I have the perfect Mentor for you." She paired me up with the famous Colleen Rickenbacher, who has been my mentor for several years that blossomed into a beautiful friendship. With her help I was able to attend many events and had many networking opportunities. Being on the right track, I graduated from Richland College with a

Honors Associate Degree. Read [more](#).

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## WEC 2019 Toronto

Scientists, artists, business leaders. We bring subject matter experts from all around the world and across different industries. Past speakers include Deepak Chopra, Jeff Lieberman, Phil Hansen, Steve Wozniak, Mel Robbins and Mike Shea. From keynotes to concurrent education sessions; from the networking functions to the food, every component of WEC19 is designed to recharge you and the experiences you design.

<https://www.mpiweb.org/events/wec/about>

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## 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](#)



### *Seeking Mentors and Mentees*

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember involve me and I learn”

~ Confucian Philosophe, Xunzi

We are seeking mentors and mentees to participate in our exciting Mentorship Program! Share your professional experience as a mentor or learn from experienced professionals as a mentee.

- Informal sessions at times and locations that fits your schedule.
- Customs matches of mentors with mentees based on areas of interest & career goals.
- Share your professional insights & experience, and provide guidance to aspiring and inspiring professionals.

The mentorship program is open to MPI D/FW members and now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 term.

For more information and program details contact Corina Balsells [dirleadership@mpidfw.org](mailto:dirleadership@mpidfw.org)



### **Welcome, New Members!**

Danielle Burnett - Nations Best Sport

Angela Bush - AT&T

Stephanie Chavez - Event Architecture

Stephen Hawkins - Tri-Hawk Media

Patricia Kirven - Haynes and Boone, LLP

Teresa Krist, CMP - Cardinal Health



Laurynn Lochhead  
Darcy McFarlane - Town of Westlake, Texas  
Sydney Murrell, CMP - VisitDallas  
Christine Nathan, CMP - Fiserv Corporation  
Jennifer Rutledge - Group Dynamix  
Katie Ventrice - American Express GBT

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## 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](http://MPIweb.org) and access your member profile to update your contact information and manage your email preferences.

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### Save The Date!

April 3 - Partyfest

April 4 - GMID

April 25 - CMM/CMP Breakfast

May 7-8 Spring Sales Blitz

June 6 - Chapter Experience @ The Rustic

June 14 - 2019 WEC Toronto

June 27 - Annual Awards Gala

[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.

Beata Hill started at Embassy Suites Grapevine

## Host an MPI D/FW event

Interested in hosting a future MPI D/FW event? Reach out to Cassie Poss for more information.

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