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August 28, 2003 Security-Behind the Scenes 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Renaissance North Dallas

September 25, 2003 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Hotel Intercontinental

And the Winners Are...

MPI D/FW celebrated "25 Years of Leadership" at last month's Annual Awards Gala at the Hotel Inter-Continental Dallas with an evening of recognition and honors marking the chapter's Silver Anniversary.

The chapter's most prestigious awards, Planner of the Year and Supplier of the Year, were presented, respectively, to Sally Goldesberry, CMP, CMM (Society of Petroleum Engineers) and Wendy Foster, CMP (Circle R Ranch). These awards are presented to individual members for a lifetime of contributions to the chapter in committee and board involvement, meeting industry service, recognition and awards, industry-related speaking engagements and community service.

Goldesberry's recognition as 2002-2003 Planner of the Year, caps a 17-year MPI career that has included service on both the chapter and MPI International board of directors. Foster, who joined MPI in 19991 as a student member, received the 2002-2003 Supplier of the Year Award on the same evening she celebrated her 34th birthday.

The Rising Star award, presented to a new member of three years or less who exhibits great leadership potential, went to



2002-2003 Planner of the Year Sally Goldesberry, CMP, CMM *Society of Petroleum Engineers*



2002-2003 Supplier of the Year Wendy Foster, CMP Circle R Ranch



Thomas White

Dallas County Coach & Limousines
(Thomas is pictured with his wife, Darlene)

Thomas White (Dallas County Coach & Limousines). White and his wife, Darlene, were celebrating their 20th Wedding Anniversary the same evening, and were joined by their children, Thomas (8), Bethany (6) and Shelby (5).

See Awards Gala on pages 6 & 7

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To be the premier organization of meeting essionalsservingthe Dallas/Fort Worth meetings industry by providing excellence in educational resources, communications, networking opportunities, and recognition; while operating with the highest ethical standards.

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A Message from the President



Melissa Logar, CMP, CMM 2003-2004 President

As the saying goes "The honeymoon is over, we now need to get down to business". And this is exactly what your 2003 - 2004 Board of Director's did at the June Board of Director's Retreat. I think it is important to advise the chapter members of our efforts on your behalf.

Defining the Chapter's 2003 - 2004 Vision Statement is one of the responsibilities we are charged with. I am proud of each Board member for their participation and enthusiasm of taking on this task during the retreat. To begin the process of developing the 2003 - 2004 Vision Statement, board members inquired as to what were my thoughts for this coming term as Incoming President.

My response was "I am so glad you asked." I just happened to have spent my term as President-Elect chatting with Chapter members about what benefits they want and need from MPI. The responses were the same for both suppliers

and planners - quality networking, exceptional educational programs, valuable volunteering opportunities, recognition and personal and professional growth. Seems very basic, but with today's economy our members are asked to do more with less resources so we as a Board have to step up to the challenge and ensure we provide these important benefits to a membership that have time constraints and many obligations.

During the year as President-Elect I listened to our chapter members, interacted with International, discussed with our Chapter's Past-Presidents on continuing to build upon the foundations they have laid and with other incoming chapter Presidents about their imminent visions I discovered as a group what we require from our memberships within MPI is the same. It all comes down to One Vision, we are expressing the same thing whether it is on the International level, the Board of Directors level or the membership level.

As a result I am delighted along with the MPI D/FW Chapter Board of Directors to implement the 2003 - 2004 MPI D/FW Chapter Vision Statement.

"To provide our membership with opportunities for quality education, personal and professional growth, networking and volunteer involvement that strengthens us as professionals within the meetings industry."

This is going to be another great year of great accomplishments. The Board has worked impressively on the Chapter goals, objectives and criteria ensuring chapter members will receive full advantage during the 2003 -2004 term.



BOARD CORNER

P.J. Gonzales, CHSP, CMP President-Elect



Motions passed by the D/FW Chapter Board of Directors

Motion Regarding Employment Recommendation: The MPI DFW Chapter will not send a letter of recommendation in support of any individual seeking employment.

INTERESTED FUTURE CHAPTER LEADERS

Make your interest known in becoming a Chapter Leader by attending The D/FW Meeting Professionals

International Chapter Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Wednesday, July 23, 2003 5:45pm - 7:30pm Location: TBD

Take the mystery out of taking the next step in becoming a Chapter Leader All of your questions will be answered in this introduction to the operations of the Board.

"CURRENT" AFFAIRS

Thank You, Chapter Partners!

Editor's Note: Each month, the "Current Affairs" column focuses on important industry news and newsmakers. As MPI D/FW kicks off its 2003-2004 term under the leadership of new president Melissa Logar, CMP, we think it appropriate to say thank you to all those important individuals and organization that supported us last year. These valued "Chapter Partners" are the heart and soul of MPI D/FW, and we appreciate their continued support.

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Chapter Meeting: Thursday, July 24, 2003 • 11:00a.m. "TRUE COLORS and MPI - One Vision, One Team!

by Jimmy Eanes, CMP JE & Associates

"How dull this life would be if it weren't for you and me!"

There is no individual more interesting than you, except maybe me! Since the beginning of time, we have been exploring and analyzing ourselves, others and humanity in general. No matter how we look at it, we want to know more about ourselves. We want to know how we fit with others in our business and personal lives. How do we as one part fit together with the whole?

Discover your True Colors(tm) at the Chapter's "Natural Resources Meeting" on Thursday, July 24, 2003, at the Crowne Plaza North Dallas/Addison, sponsored by The South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau. Each meeting attendee will receive a gift from South Padre Island CVB partners Schlitterbahn Beach Waterpark and Texas Treasure Casino Cruises, and be eligible for door prizes provided by these meeting sponsors.

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Committee work requires TEAM WORK producing a collaborative "One Vision". What good is a team if it's members always think and react the same way? Using our True Colors(tm) as a basis, we define TEAM in this manner:

T = Talents - Each color group brings valuable talents to a committee. They may be artistic, business, communication, academic, etc.

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A = Attitude - Each color group has a diverse attitude. Diverse attitudes, working together and creating the patchwork performance that gives variety to our meetings.

M = Management - Understanding our True Colors(tm) will help us manage our personal and professional lives.

Chapter leaders will be available during the opening reception to provide information on the new 2003-2004 term, and to meet with you to discuss your committee involvement options. Come at 11:00 a.m. to visit all of the committee tables!

July Program Committee members: O.D. O'Donnell, Chair (Nightlife Talent/Panache), Jimmy Eanes, CMP (JE & Associates), Julie Johnson, CMP, CMM (Lennox Industries), Cecilia Daddio, CMP (Lennox Industries), Rhonda Nowlin (Certain Teed Corporation) and Shirley G. Todd (Radisson Resort South Padre).

Program Committee Meeting

Crowne Plaza North Dallas/Addison Thursday, July 17, 2003 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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The Hotel InterContinental Dallas hosted this year's Awards Gala in the Malachite Ballroom, which was decorated by Angela Schwartz (Lane Florist) and David Gisler (Freeman Decorating) to mark the chapter's Silver Anniversary.

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O.D. O'Donnell (Nightlife Talent received the Suzi Fiveash Hall of Far for his long-time commitment to the membership committee. The award the first time this year, honored O who has recruited more than 200 m MPI over the past 17 years.

Awards Gala....continued from page 1

The Suzie Fiveash Member Recruitment Award went to Diane Ray (Pearson Education Technologie new members this year. A new membership honor, The Suzie Fiveash Hall of Fame Award was press (Nightlife Talent Management Agency/Panache) for his many years of involvement in the members

Outgoing President Cheryl Beasley, CMP, CMM (Cheryl Beasley Enterprises) presented her special was out of the country during the Awards Gala. The President's Award went to Tracey Smith, CMP of contributions. From the Heart Awards went to Jim Markley (Register-for.com) for his work as chapt Nissen (Texas Training and Conference Centers) for hosting this year's monthly board meetings.

Vice President of Programs Sherry DeLaGarza (Society of Petroleum Engineers) presented the Mee and the Program of the Year Awards. The Movie Studios at Las Colinas won Meeting Facility of November Chapter Meeting. Director of Special Events Cathy Bullard accepted the award, white evaluations of location, reception and meeting space, event staff, service, and food and beverage.

The Program of the Year Award was given to the committee responsible for the March 2003 Wome program with author John Gray, Ph.D., entitled "Men and Women in the Workplace." This awa evaluations of meeting objectives, program content, and educational value and speaker presentat

The 2003-2004 Board of Directors was installed and the gavel passed to new chapter preside (PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP), who introduced her theme of "One Vision." She said, "The past tw seen many ups and downs within our industry. The last two years have been especially challengi planners and suppliers we have been asked to do more with less resources. We have had to beco way we do business. We have had to accept change on a daily basis. As professionals in our indu to the plate, taken the challenge, and we are on the road to success.

"The chapter's past presidents have laid down a strong foundation and my vision is to build upc visions included words like Challenge, Excellence, Focus, Involvement, Impact, Action, Connect comes down to 'One Vision.'"

Other highlights of the evening included remarks from Douglas Heath, CMP, CAE and H. Ted Olsor of MPI, and a "Year in Review" video set to the theme of the movie, "Remember the Titans."

er Awards Gala Highlights

Photos by Jim Woods



Program of the Year honors went to the March 2003 Women's Leadership Initiative program with author John Gray, Ph.D., entitled "Men and Women in the Workplace." Committee members included (I-r): Leah Belasco, Keith Hickman, CSEP; Laura Jordan, CMP; Janet Johnston, CMP; MaryLynn Novelli, CMP; Sally Goldesberry, CMP, CMM; Phyllis Firebaugh, CMP; Dana Nickerson-Rhoden, CMP, CMM; Peg Wolschon, CMP, CTP; Sherry DeLaGarza, CMP and Thomas White.



Cathy Bullard, Director of Special Events for the Movie Studios at Las Colinas, accepted the Meeting Facility of the Year Award for hosting the November 2002 Chapter Meeting. Catering and decor for the event was provided by Don Ross Nabb Production Company.

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In a rare appearance "in front of the camera," chapter photographer Jim Woods of JWoods Photography (third from left) and newsletter advertising chair Cindy Provence of PDQ Results Printing (at far right), join Ben Guerrero (South Padre Island CVB) and Sherri Cook, CMP, CMM (Sherri Cook & Associates) at the President's Reception.





Chapter President Melissa Logar, CMP (PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP) was sworn into office by outgoing Immediate-Past President Betty Garrett, CMP (Garrett Speakers International).



MPI D/FW's 25th Anniversary Celebration included remarks from H. Ted Olson (at lectern) and Doug Heath, both 30-year members of MPI. Olson was one of the four original signers of the MPI charter and Heath served as the association's first paid executive director.



TECH TALK

Growing Trends

With the first quarter of 2003 a part of history, there are several trends in the AV industry that continue to build up steam. Here a just a few to watch out for:

- 1. Several manufacturers have concluded that there is no future in manufacturing Cathode Ray Tubes (CRT's) for TVs and monitors and have accordingly shut down production of tubes in favor of flat screens LCD and plasma monitors.
- 2. Many high-end staging and rental customers are abandoning front-projection technology for LEDs. LED walls are better suited to high-ambient lighting conditions and can be arranged in tiles. They're also easier to ship and are a true one-piece display solution.
- 3. Video signal processors, which historically have been designed to plug into plasma and LCD monitors and projectors, are now being sold directly to manufacturers of DVD players and other video sources and are being built into many video sources.
- 4. The expansion of HDTV programming will lead more manufacturers to support the 16:9 aspect ratio standard. Expect to see more front projectors that use 16:9 native LCD and DLP imaging not only for the home-theater market, but also for installation, staging and rental projectors.



Grapevine!



Alainna Palmer, CMP 'Grapevine' Columnist

Leah Belasco 'Grapevine' Columnist

Is there a celebrity in the house? Yes...April Marchard, sales manager at Marriott Solana says so! Her brother-in-law, Phillip Brian White, wrote "I'm Movin' On" which won Song of the Year award at the Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas.

Dean Conwell has relocated and joined the Beaumont Convention & Visitors Bureau as executive director.

Erin Lucia is now campaign director at the *Leukemia and Lymphoma Society-North Texas Chapter*. She was formerly with *Studio Movie Grill*.

Jane Richards has left the Westin Stonebriar Resort & Stonebriar Country Club and joined the Cowboys Golf Club in Grapevine as sales manager.

Cyndi Golden, CHSE has been named director of tour & travel for *Gaylord Opryland Texas Resort & Convention Center.* She was formerly with *Embassy Suites-Outdoor World.*

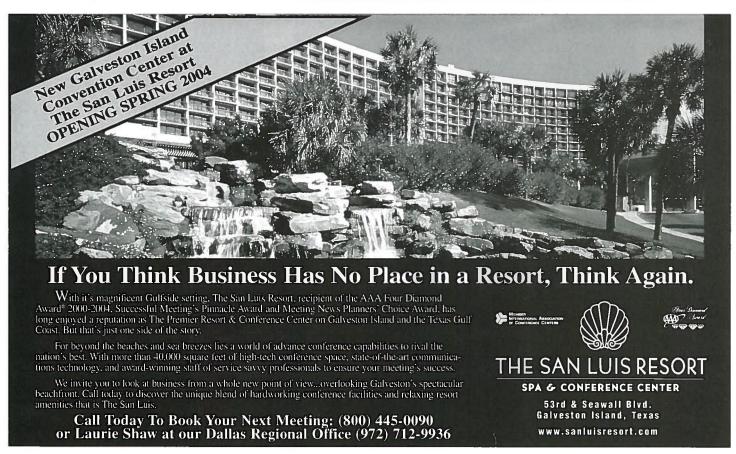
Tracey Smith, CMP will be moving soon to Minneapolis due to her husband's job relocation. Tracey will maintain her current position with *RIA* from their Minneapolis office. We'll miss you Tracey!

Patty Stern-Markley, CMP has shortened the name of her company and expanded her services. *Dallas Meeting Management, Inc.* is now *DMM Group* and focuses on event marketing, registration services, promotional items and meeting services.

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Education News

Chapter Hosts Fifth Annual Breakfast Honoring CMP's & CMM's

A tribute dedicated to the memory of Fred Knieberg, CMP for his lifelong contributions to mentoring and education in the MPI D/FW Chapter highlighted the 5th Annual CMP-CMM Breakfast at The Adolphus last month. The "invitation-only" event recognizes those individuals who have raised the professionalism of the meetings industry by attaining their CMP and/or CMM designation.

Each year at this breakfast, The Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award is presented to a chapter member who has made a difference in the meetings industry through volunteerism, service and has been an influence to others. This year's award recipient was Bill Boyd, CMP, CMM, CITE, President and CEO of Sunbelt Motivation & Travel, Inc.

Boyd, who has served as both MPI D/FW Chapter president and MPI International president, thanked fellow award nominees Steven G. Foster, CMP, Managing Partner of Circle R Ranch; and Sally Goldesberry, CMP, CMM, Senior Manager of Meetings for the Society of Petroleum Engineers, for their continued leadership efforts.

Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP (first recipient and namesake of the award) reminded attendees of the importance and history of industry certification. The CMP program had its first exam in June 1985 with 32 candidates sitting for the exam. In February 2003, 458 CMPs were certified at 45 exam sites worldwide. There are 632 slated to take the August 2003 exam.

Former KXAS sports director Scott Murray was the event's keynote speaker, presenting "The I Factor," and the importance of Intelligence, Integrity, Inspiration, Involvement and Influence and how to incorporate it into each of

our lives.

Nominees and past recipients of the Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award pictured, I-r: 2003 nominee Steven G. Foster, CMP (Circle R Ranch), 2002 recipient MaryLynn Novelli, CMP (MPI), 2001 recipient Phyllis Firebaugh, CMP (MPBid.com), 1999 recipient Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CMM (Colleen Rickenbacher & Associates), 2000 recipient Pat McCain, CMP (The Krisam Group), 2003 nominee Sally Goldesberry, CMP, CMM (Society or Petroleum Engineers) and 2003 nominee Bill Boyd, CMP, CMM (Sunbelt Motivation & Travel, Inc.).

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The Committee for this year's memorable event was: Peg Wolschon, CMP, CTP, Chair; Leah Belasco, Co-Chair; Michael Chapman; Phyllis Firebaugh, CMP; Marti Fox, CMP, CTC; Jan Gillin; Nancey Hernandez, CMP; Rob Keating; Pat McCain, CMP; Mary Lynn Novelli, CMP; Bill Reeser, CMP, CTS; Jeannie Renner; Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP; and Patty Stern Markley, CMP.



Scott Murray delivered a keynote address on "The I Factor."



Representing the host facility, The Adolphus, were (I-r): Trevina Height, Conference Services Manager; Michael Chapman, Event Manager; Terri Hahn, Catering Manager; Nancey Hernandez, National Accounts Manager; Tom Yates, National Accounts Manager; Hans Mulders, Director of Sales & Marketing; T! amara Schlueter, Catering Manager; Gail Lemaire, Director, Corporate Group Sales and Sonya Villarreal, Catering Manager.



Bill Boyd, CMP, CMM, CITE received the 2003 Colleen Rickenbacher Leadership Award. Presenting the award was its namesake, Colleen Rickenbacher, CMP, CSEP.

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We are gearing up for the Fall CMP Study Group program, which is organized by the MPI D/FW Chapter and open to all qualified meeting professionals in North Texas.

- Step 1: Obtain a CMP Handbook from the Convention Industry Council at www.conventionindustry.org.
- Step 2: Contact me and I will put you on the CMP information
- Step 3: In late July, join us for the CMP Introductory Session, an informative review of the CMP process, and walk through of the CMP Application. (See http:// www.mpidfw.org/events/ for updated place & time)
- Step 4: Be ready to learn from your professional peers.

The next CMP exam is scheduled for January 17, 2004 - not that far away!

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MPI D/FW Chapter Spirit Award



Tracie Houston, CMP

Tracie Houston, CMP - Spirit Winner May 2003 Tracie put together the Chapter of the Year book this year and did an outstanding job. She worked behind the scenes with Tamra Hughston, CMP until Tamra had to step back and let Tracie run with the entire submission alone. Her winning attitude and enthusiasm is so refreshing because she was able to accomplish this task without much guidance. She devoted a lot of personal time in getting our COTY submission to International on time. Tracie is one of our next rising stars!



Thomas White

Thomas White - Spirit Winner May 2003

The minute Thomas became a member, he was volunteering his time and services. His energy and enthusiasm brought him to the Program Committee as well as other committees; his positive attitude is contagious. He always has a "can-do" attitude and works closely with chapter goals in mind. Thomas is truly an asset to the chapter.



Cecilia Daddio, CMP

Cecilia Daddio, CMP - Spirit Winner November 2002 Cecilia has that "can-do" spirit, always ready to lend a hand behind the scenes. Always involved herself, Cecilia leads by example; she reaches out to others to help them get involved and stay involved. Cecilia shows the MPI Spirit by being involved on the Membership Committee in various ways. She spearheads Orientation, volunteered to assist with Member Retention and serves as a Chapter Ambassador. She is a leader in so many ways.

Chapter Financial News



Carol Benavidez, CMP VP of Finance/Admin.

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State of **Condition**

As of 5/31/03, the D/FW MPI Chapter is in the Black!

Chapter Operating Account: \$8513.51

JPA Reserve Fund: \$1746.10 Smith Barney: \$17,928.05 Savings Account: \$15,034.56

Goals for 2003-2004 Term

- Establish Fund Raising Committee to develop an event/events to promote funds for the D/FW MPI Chapter.
- Assist all Committee Chairs to ensure fiscal responsibility by submitting financial statements before an actual event.

For any additional questions, please contact, Carol Benavidez, CMP at cbenavidez@helmsbriscoe.com







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Membership News

Meet Your Chapter Ambassadors

The Ambassador program was formed by this year's Membership Committee to help promote attendance, committee involvement and education to all members. With varied backgrounds and tenure in MPI, our 11 Ambassadors bring a wealth of knowledge to this new program. Those interested in being connected to an Ambassador, please attend this month's Orientation prior to the monthly meeting or e-mail cecilia.daddio@lennoxind.com or wingei@avwtelav.com.

Each month over the past 10 months we have been showcasing our Ambassadors. It is a great pleasure to recognize the following two ladies not only for their commitment to being true Ambassadors for our chapter but also for their dedication over the past year in leading this new endeavor. Their time and efforts are to be



Cecilia Daddio, CMP

Cecilia Daddio, CMP - MPI member since 1998, Cecilia is an active volunteer serving the Membership Committee for the past 3 years. Cecilia also serves as the Co-Chair for the Ambassador Program and won the distinct honor of MPI D/FW Chapter Spirit Award in November. Cecilia has been happily married for 28 years and has 2 grandchildren!



Jennifer Winget, CMP, CHME



Have You **RENEWED Lately?**

When you renew your MPI membership, the paperwork goes directly to MPI International. Please allow up to six weeks to get your confirmation.

Chairman's Challenge Winner

Thank you to all the members who helped our chapter grow by recruiting new members this year.

Jennifer Winget, CMP, CHME - MPI member since 1991. Jennifer currently works as Director of Sales for AVW-TELAV Audio Visual Solutions. Jennifer has served on several committees including Membership and Education. Jennifer received her CMP designation in 1994 and currently serves as Co-Chair of the Ambassador Program.





Diane Ray

Diane Ray with Pearson Education Technologies was the lucky winner of the fabulous Weekend Get-away. The Fort Worth Convention & Visitors Bureau furnished the prize package that includes a two-night stay at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel, a \$50 certificate for Sundance Square, dinner for two at Reata's Restaurant and two tickets to a performance at the Bass Performance Hall.

New Kids on the Block

March 2003 New Members



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.

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Pierette C. CoheaSprint PCS
Eric G. DevlinPremier Transportation Services LLC
Kevin DonahueWestin Stonebriar Resort
Lindsay HornerStudent
Amanda K. HribarHotel Intercontinental Dallas
Raymond KawaStudent
Donna F. PettisAdvancePCS
Anderson G. PoolSpeedZone
Susan K. StraussDallas Fan Fares
Jennifer R. TorsleffHarvey Hotel Suites DFW Airport
Tiffany A. UnderwoodExecutive Athletic Connection
April 2003 New Members
Leslie AguirreCountrywide Home Loans
Kesha BusbyStudent
Tamela ClabornSociety of Petroleum Engineers
Lisa EarlRichland College
Angela EvansWells Fargo Bank
Tisha Golangco
Laura HallockUSA Hosts - Dallas
Dwight KlingWayport
Gordon LundSixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza
Rebecca MayOutrageous Adventures
Tasha MullenMaggiano's Little Italy
Blake MyersHoughton Mifflin Company
Bill NickolsMaggiano's Little Italy
Tracie OzugFirst American Real Estate Information Services
Diane SteeleSprint
Michele Stoute-SmithDoubletree Hotel & Exec. Mtg. Center
Mark WilderOmni Richardson Hotel
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Mark Wilder	Omni Richardson Hotel
May 2003 New Members	
Rick Adams	Presentation Services
Dawn Beagle	The Broadmoor
Brad Boatner	Hyatt Regency Dallas at Reunion
Michael Cheever	.Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza
Jamie Cox	Rosen Centre Hotel
Jenny Freistadt	Magnolia Hotel
	TCl Companies
Lisa HayesShreveport I	Bossier Convention & Tourist Bureau
Casandra Johns	Starwood Hotels & Resorts
Brenda Miller	Granbury CVB
	Smith & Wollesky
Rhonda Nowlin	CertainTeed Corporation
	Magnolia Hotel
	Bring It On- Dallas
Erin Poole	Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie
	New York Life
Jeanne SabathierAn	nerican Contractors Insurance Group
	MultiView
Erica Schiller	

Andree Taylor......Adam's Mark Hotel - Dallas

Shelly Wright......Hyatt Regency DFW



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