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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ahoy Members!

Can you believe this summer is so close to ending? Personally, I wish I was still on the beach sipping a mai tai, but I imagine some are ready to send the kiddos back to school. We had a busy July, where we had two great programs. First being our After 5 at Bahama Breeze, where we did not let a little Florida shower stop us from feeling the island vibes, then we polished our professionalism at the new event space located at the Tampa International Airport. You have to say our chapter truly finds some unique locations to have events!

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2019 MPI Sunshine
Education Summit
August 20-22, 2019
[Register Today!](#)

October After 5 Networking
Event
October 24, 2019
[Register Today!](#)

SPONSORS



UPCOMING EVENTS



August Volunteer Kick Off & After 5 Networking Event

Aloft Tampa Downtown

100 W. Kennedy Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33602

(Event will be held at the WXYZ Bar inside the hotel)

Interested in becoming more involved with your local MPI Chapter? Well here's your chance to learn about all the volunteer opportunities that MPITBA has to offer!

Come join us on August 14th at the Aloft Tampa Downtown as we kickoff our volunteer meeting and still have the opportunity to network with your industry peers!

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Cyndi Cavanaugh

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the sudden passing of our fellow chapter member Cyndi Cavanaugh.

Cyndi died in a car accident on July 19th in St. Petersburg and will be greatly missed.

Cyndi was an active, dedicated and reliable 11 year MPI Tampa Bay Chapter member & 3+ year Meetings Academy committee member. Cyndi always found time to help despite her busy planning schedule with her full time job at McKinsey.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking to showcase your venue or product to our diverse membership?

We have some unique opportunities with customizable benefits to accommodate everyone's budget and needs.

- Entertainment/WOW Sponsors
- Photography Sponsors
- Board Retreat Venue Sponsor
- Meetings Academy Venue Sponsor
- Meeting Planners Breakfast Sponsor
- Committee Meeting Sponsor
- Social Media Take Over

If you are interested and would like to learn more about participating as a sponsor, please contact [Sara Melvin](#).

PHOTO GALLERY

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more about Cyndi and details for her memorial service.

[View Cyndi's obituary or to leave condolences for the family](#)

[Article with information about the accident.](#)

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MPI Tampa Bay Area Member, Christopher Giblin Honored As One of HelmsBriscoe Florida's Top Producers

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the press release.

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Legendary Leader

I am pleased to announce that our first Legendary Leader of the Quarter goes to Ellen Thomas with Visit Sarasota County for her incredible work with our Special Program committee.



Here is a little information on our Legendary Leader.

How many years have you been in the Meetings/Event business?

20+ years

During that time, what would you say has been your best experience?

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the images from our past events.



JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



CALLING ALL SOCIAL MEDIA WARRIORS!



Do you have a panache and skill set for any and all social media? Or are you just on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter all the time? Or are you a reader and consumer of all the latest industry news? If the answer to any of those are a yes, then come join the Communication Committee. What better way to stay connected with everything going on with our Chapter by helping get the word out on all of our activities. Or simple reporting and pictures taken

I was always a corporate meeting professional, and I loved sourcing and planning meetings, and particularly incentives, where you can incorporate really creative events and experiences. Now, I'm on the CVB side, which is such a serendipitous combination of my meeting planning experience, and the opportunity to enjoy promoting Sarasota County to my peers.

Why did you first join MPI?

Many years ago when I was a meeting planner at Wendy's International in Columbus, OH

What committees/volunteer opportunities have you been involved in during your membership? I'm involved in the special events committee. Did I mention I love planning events? We've had a great time planning for the quarterly SOS Group. With all the new hotels and venues in our destination, we have plenty to show off. The special event committee team is also so supportive and great to work with.

What's the most important/valued thing you've gained from your membership?

I would say continuing education and camaraderie with my peers. We hosted the 2018 Meetings Academy with our wonderful Westin Sarasota, and it was a great opportunity for TPAMPI members to get to see our new hotels.

Please tell us any interesting fact about you that you'd like us to know.

I've always been a dancer, and particularly like Latin dancing.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Membership Committee Meeting

August 19, 2019 - 12:00 pm

Panera Westshore

Contact VP of Membership [Steve Tishman](#) for details

Special Program Committee Meeting

August 28, 2019 - 5:30 pm

Seasons 52 at 5:30 pm

Contact VP of Special Programs [Brittany Erigo](#) for details.

at the events you are already attending. Get more out of our membership by being involved. Contact [JC York](#), VP of Communications for more information

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MISSED THE JULY EDUCATION EVENT?



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