



Hello Members,

This month the state of Florida was fortunate when Hurricane Dorian missed us; however, our friends down in the Bahamas were not as lucky. Our chapter has teamed up with fellow MPI Florida chapters as well as SITE Florida & the Caribbean to support individuals in need in the Abacos. So far, the campaign has raised over \$9,000, which has purchased 30 Roll-Away Beds, 30 pillows with pillowcases, 60 twin flat sheets, 30 pedestal fans, and extension cords. However, more support is needed, and every penny counts,

so if you can donate, [please do so here](#).

We have an exciting rest of 2019 as you can see from our event line up. This month we had our 1st Annual Planner Appreciation Breakfast at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay. We had a collaborative working session facilitated by Laurie Hill and the Collaborative Labs featuring an incredible illustrator who drew up our event. During our breakfast, we learned what our planner members are looking to receive from their memberships along with how we can improve our volunteer engagement. After our session, we had the opportunity to feed giraffes on a Serengeti safari; I love being able to have this experience here in our backyard. We also had a fun-filled South of the Skyway After 5 at the Muse at The Ringling. If you haven't been down to the fantastic museum, you should make plans to check it out. The mini train set depicting the circus is incredible and don't even get me started about their happy hour specials!

I can hardly keep the secret of the Meetings Academy 2020 location! If you want to be one of the first to know, make sure you sign up for our November Education. We will be spilling the beans, and there might be a special offer as well. The November Education will be a can't miss program featuring one of my favorite speakers and facilitators Steven Foster. Steven Foster is passionate about MPI and has been our chapter facilitator for the past three years helping guide our Board of Directors at our annual retreats. Also, our location is pretty snazzy, so you register now to check out The Current.

Can't wait to see you at an upcoming event!

Have a sunny day,

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