



Hello Members,

I hope everyone has adjusted to back to school traffic along with the end of summer, but here in Tampa Bay does summer really ever end? This past month we had our Annual Volunteer Kickoff & After 5 Networking at Aloft Tampa Downtown. I cannot wait to go back for Wine Downtown Wednesday. If you were not able to attend but are interested in getting involved and receiving the most return on your investment, feel free to reach out to me, I am happy to find the perfect volunteer opportunity for you.

Many of you "Converged" in Orlando for our MPI Sunshine Education Summit, and those of you who missed it, you should mark your calendars now. SES was an epic conference filled with incredible education, endless networking, awesome parties, and WOW factors around every corner. I cannot wait to see what is in store next year at the Gaylord Palms, August 31st – September 2nd.



Thank you to all our volunteers that worked with TONS to help put this conference on especially, Dolly Brown, Sara Melvin, and Shannon Keil. A special thanks to all our incredible sponsors. Dorene Collier's Event Show Production opened up the General Session with a Shapeology performance; I wish I could move like that. Visit Tampa Bay sponsored the keynote speaker Marvelless Mark, who had us making music and performing together as a band like true Rock Stars! We took a trip down the rabbit hole for our closing night reception at House of Blues, where Extravaganza Productions transformed the space to Alice's Wonderland, featuring larger than life mushrooms and décor that the Queen of Hearts herself would approve of.



Some of us may have lost our heads with the silent disco! The Cheshire Cat made an appearance as the emcee for the evening thanks to JC York with Classic Entertainment/Wise Guys Interactive. Our photography partners, David Wright Photography and Christie's Photographic Solutions, captured all of the fun. Network Transportation made sure we arrived in style and even stayed out for the stragglers who closed down the bar. Our friends with Toffee to Go and US Virgin Islands provided some awesome items for the welcome bag swag. This is just a portion of all the amazing sponsors that went into making this event such a success; I cannot thank you all enough for all that you do for MPI.

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming South of the Skyway networking on the 19th at the Muse at The Ringling. Networking and refreshments will begin at 5 pm with a tour of The Ringling Museum beginning at 6 pm. Thank you Visit Sarasota County for your sponsorship and support of this networking event. Keep an eye out for all the exciting events we are about to announce on our social media.

Best Regards,

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President