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Emerging Leaders



Stuck? Had that Stuck feeling, in life, work, a relationship, we all have. We will explore this feeling of being stuck and how you may be in the best strategic position to have an impact on your life and others. If you attended the 2014 program in which we explored finding your Sweet Spot, this follow up Emerging Leaders evening will empower you further on your path as a leader. Our keynote speaker Gail McWilliams will discuss leadership in the context of Stuck or Positioned: Its Your Choice. Following Gail's message we will break into our exercise facilitated by other leaders in our community and profession as we explore how we strategically position ourselves to impact our generation.

6:00 pm	Check in/Reception Opens
6:30 pm	Opening Remarks and Introductions
6:45 pm	Key Note Address
7:20 pm	Introduction of table leaders
7:30 pm	Outline of breakouts
7:35 pm	Table Leaders tell their story
7:40 pm	Round Table Exercise
8:10 pm	Overview of the breakout deliberations to the group
8:25 pm	Acknowledgements
8:30 pm	Adjourn

Learner Outcomes:

1. What my path to Leadership.
2. What resources are available on my path to leadership.
3. How do I find my path in life, work, relationships.

Keynote Speaker : Gail McWilliams

"STUCK"



Gail McWilliams is a seasoned corporate speaker, multi-published author, and national radio host, engaging professional audiences with challenging messages, effervescent humor, and life-changing inspiration. Her gripping, courageous story of gradually losing her eyesight having her children is the backdrop to her life-message: "Vision sees no limits!" Gail says, "In my darkest hour vision was birthed, and when you have vision, you can see even in the darkest places of life. Gail loves people, and her passion is leaders. She shares keen insights with top executives, national leaders, and all levels of management. As she says, "When you look past the horizon, the sky's the limit!" With extensive experience, Gail, Radiates a contagious passion for life, Energizes audiences with fresh, relevant insights, Connects with all ages in all corporate positions.

Tuesday, February 16, 2016
Nuvo Room
4241 Sigma Rd
Farmers Branch, TX 75244
469.453.4563
www.nuvoroom.com

Near the Galleria- west of Dallas North Tollway, Alpha Road, turn right on to Gamma which dead ends into Sigma

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More Information](#)

COMPLIMENTARY PROGRAM
Registration Closes Friday, February 12, 2016 at 5:00pm

NUVO ROOM



SAVE THE DATE: February 2016 Chapter
Experience



Speaker Anne Bruce on Volunteers Make Great Leaders

When: Thursday, February 25, 2016

Where: Hilton Arlington

2401 East Lamar Blvd

Arlington, Texas 76006

11:00-11:30 New Member Orientation & Mentor Café

11:00-11:45 Registration & Networking

12:00-1:00 Luncheon and Program

Early Bird Deadline is February 11, 2016 at 5:00pm

MPI Member: \$35 early bird; \$40 Advanced; \$55 Walk In

Non-Member: \$45 early bird; \$50 Advanced; \$65 Walk In

Student: \$25 early bird; \$25 Advanced; \$35 Walk In

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SAVE THE DATE

...for the biggest chapter event of the year!

TS Tech Summit Presented by MPI D/FW Chapter

When: March 24, 2016

Where: Irving Convention Center
500 West Las Colinas Boulevard
Irving, TX 75039

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MARCH 24, 2016
Irving Convention Ctr.
500 Las Colinas Blvd. W
Irving TX 75029

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TS Tech Summit Agenda for March 24, 2016

- 8:00 Registration Opens
- 8:30-9:30 Sponsor Showcases and Taste of Irving
- 8:30 Choice of Workshop (1 hr.)
- 9:30 Welcome and Getting Connected Socially
- 10: 00 Choice of 3 workshops (1 hour)
- 10:00- 11:30 Pitch Stage (3)
- 10:00- 11:30 Trade Show Open
- 11:30- 1:30 Lunch & General Session

Kick Off Ceremony sponsored by JSAV

WIFI Expert Panel

Key Note

1:30- 4:00 Pitch Stage

1:30- 4:30 Trade Show

1:30-	3:30	Workshops
	1:30	Choice of 3 workshops (1 hour)
	2:30	Choice of 2 workshops and CSR (1 hour)
	4:00	Tech Showcase

4:30- 6:00 Cocktail Reception Sponsor Show Case, Networking, Prizes, Taste of Irving

*Clock hours may be self-reported by attendees, subject to CIC self-reporting rules. Estimated clock hour values will be announced at a later date

*Schedule subject to be amended

Appointments on trade show floor: each attendee sign up using software matching during work shop hour for (5) 10 min. appointments during one workshop session (1 hour at workshop times) for planner to attend at discounted rate.

MPI TS March Tech Summit



Call For Volunteers!

MPID/FW March Tech Summit: Thursday, March 24th 2016

Irving Convention Center

Are you ready to roll up your sleeves and be a part of something **BIG** for our chapter and industry? Here's your chance:

- Communications Rockstar: work with press and Irving CVB on promoting the March TS
- Restaurant Wrangler & Foodie: Taste of Irving
- Designer: digital and print communication pieces
- Content Coordinator: email communications
- Mizz Mark Cuban: organize "Shark Tank" type of experience
- Vendor and Sponsorship Liaison: keep close contact with vendors, in-kind donations, and sponsorship fulfillment
- Technology Nerd: recruit high tech companies to exhibit

Please email Elizabeth Petersen at epetersen@spe.org if you are interested in volunteering!

Charity of the Quarter



Dallas Lighthouse
for the Blind
focus on opportunity

The Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind is a nonprofit organization that has been providing opportunity and assistance to individuals affected by blindness in North Texas for the past 83 years. We believe that with knowledge, training and motivation, people affected by blindness can succeed and thrive in any workplace, live productive and meaningful lives, and be important contributors to their communities. For more information, contact VPLeadership@mpidfw.org

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VENDOR OPPORTUNITY

THE MPID/FW Chapter is now accepting proposals for a qualified vendor to provide administrative services on an annually renewable, monthly-fee contract basis, effective March 1, 2016. The Chapter will contract with a small business owner whose primary business is associated with the meeting, event and hospitality industries that can provide a single point-of-contact for all Chapter-related business matters to serve as the Chapter Administrator. Nothing in the final agreement will require the vendor's assigned personnel to be exclusive to the MPID/FW Chapter. The overriding requirement is that all services agreed upon are consistently provided on a timely basis. Vendors without industry experience with the capability to provide the required services will be considered.

General services to be offered include:*

General office administration and correspondence with members and guests
Database management and ongoing maintenance
Advance event registration and on-site check-in of attendees for multiple events
Banking and accounting to include monthly financial reports and event P&L statements
Invoicing and payments; processing of income and accounts payable; credit card processing
Attendance and taking minutes at board meetings and two retreats per year
Portions of web site management; posting of information
Membership and similar departmental reports
Other administrative services as directed by the Chapter President and Board of Directors

General qualifications :

Broad understanding of non-profit operations and association management
Excellent people and communication skills; position requires frequent contact with member and guests
Financial and accounting skills; proficiency in Quickbooks
Ability to produce automated and custom financial reports
Experience with event registration software and on-site registration management
Adept at using Microsoft Office applications including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access with proficiency in Excel spreadsheets for budget and similar financial reports
Experience with using and maintain online file sharing and similar cloud-based applications
Any other technical expertise including graphics/photo editing, mobile apps and social media

*All services to be provided will be included in the final agreement between the Chapter and the vendor

For more information and to obtain a copy of the Request for Proposal, contact Tony Cummins at President@mpidfw.org.

CIC Hall of Leaders Awards/ CIC Pacesetters Awards *

Call for Nominations

For three decades, the Convention Industry Council (CIC) Hall of Leaders has been a symbol of industry excellence, achievement and inspiration and the Hall of Leaders Award has become the most prestigious lifetime achievement award in the meetings, conventions, exhibitions and events industry.

As a natural extension of the HOL Award, the Pacesetter Awards recognize emerging leaders and industry supporters in "real time," rather than over a lifetime. The Pacesetter Awards recognize those whose recent accomplishments speak highly of where the industry is today and chart a course for where it is headed. Measuring individual excellence, the Pacesetter Award has three focus areas Young Professionals, Sustainability and Social Responsibility, and Leadership and Innovation.

Each year, industry organizations are encouraged to participate in the nominations process for the Hall of Leaders Award and the three Pacesetter Awards.

At this time, we are asking YOU to nominate one or more industry professionals (Chapter members or non-members) for one of these awards by submitting a brief written summary, no more than two pages in length, to include 1) your name and contact information, 2) the candidate's name and contact information, 3) the award for which you are making the nomination and 4) why you believe your nominee meets the criteria for the award. The written summary MUST be based on and specific to the criteria outlined in the nomination guidelines at:

<http://www.conventionindustry.org/HallofLeaders/2016HOLNominations.aspx>

The eligible Awards are the Hall of Leaders Award and the three Pacesetter Awards

mentioned above. You may include a copy of your nominee's resume of industry service and accomplishments if available. The nomination should be sent to VP of Leadership, Erin Lucia at VPLeadership@mpidfw.org no later than February 12, 2016.

Once the nominations are in, and with the recommendation of a peer review task force, the Chapter Board of Directors will provide a letter of support for up to two candidates per award category.

Presentation of the Hall of Leaders and Pacesetters awards will be made at IMEX America in Las Vegas, NV October 13-15, 2016. In addition, each HOL inductee is honored at the new Hall of Leaders Recognition Pavilion, located permanently in the Washington (DC) Convention Center. A second Hall of Leaders display resides in Chicago's McCormick Place.

*Unrelated to D/FW Chapter Awards

Members hip



Renewal Incentive -- Is your MPI membership about to expire this month or in the upcoming months? All members who renew in February are entered into a drawing. One lucky winner will choose between a 6 month membership extension, 6 complimentary tickets to a chapter event or \$200 gift certificate towards any MPI Academy training.

[Renew today!](#)

New Member Incentive -- Know someone who is interested in joining MPI? Ask them to use discount code "TWEETMPIin2016" when you join online to receive a \$50 discount on membership www.mpiweb.org/joinmpi. Remember to give them your member number as a referral so that you receive your credit!

Scholarship Opportunities -- From New Member assistance to Continuing Education Scholarships, the MPI Foundation can help you fulfill your goals. Go to <http://www.mpiweb.org/foundation/GrantsandScholarships> for opportunities available to MPI members and future members

Call For Volunteers !



Do you have a desire to give back to your MPI family as well as the Dallas Police Officer community - all at the same time? MPI D/FW is a representative organization on the Dallas Community Police Awards Committee (DCPAC) and we are seeking one or two volunteers to become representatives for MPI D/FW over the next year. The committee is charged with reviewing nomination submissions and choosing one officer to receive recognition as the Dallas Police Officer of the Month, then out of the year's 12 recipients, choose one to become Officer of the Year.

What does the MPI D/FW volunteer need to do:

- 1) Represent MPI D/FW on the committee and contribute where needed and able
- 2) Review nomination submissions and vote for Officer of the Month recipient

3) Attend the DCPAC meeting held at 3:00pm on the first Tuesday of each month at Police Headquarters downtown where the vote takes place

4) Attend as many as possible of the Officer of the Month award presentations at other representing organization events which include either a breakfast, lunch or dinner

Total time commitment is about 1 hour at the meeting each month and attendance at the award presentations.

For the past year, Paige Mejia and Sherry DeLaGarza have been serving on this committee and have shared the above duties. Now it's time to pass the torch to other MPI D/FW members to experience the opportunity to give back to our chapter and to the Dallas Police Community.

If interested or have any questions, please email Paige (Paige@Pyrotex.com) or Sherry (sherrydelagarza@hotmail.com).

A blue rectangular box containing the text "BECOME A SPONSOR" in white, bold, uppercase letters. The text is arranged in two lines: "BECOME A" on the top line and "SPONSOR" on the bottom line.

Want Exposure? Consider becoming a sponsor at for our next event!

5 Reasons to Sponsor the next MPI event:

1. Reach 1500 Potential Business Prospects
2. New Business Development
3. Professional and Personal Network Development
4. Penetrate a Market
5. Increase awareness of your service or product.

Why aren't you sponsoring the next MPI event? For more insight or info contact VPFinance@mpidfw.org

Mentor Cafe



We want to personally invite you to attend the Mentor Cafe Thursday, February 25th from 11:00am-11:30am before the monthly chapter experience. This will be a great opportunity to network, mingle and ask questions So come, participate and learn.

If you are interested in being a Mentee or Mentor, please [click here](#) to complete the application.



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Management



February 2016

FEB 15: CMP Orientation

FEB 16: Emerging Leaders

FEB 25: MPID/FW Chapter Experience/Luncheon

March 2016

MAR 24: 2016 MPID/FW TS Tech Summit - Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas

April 2016

APR 28: 14th Annual CMP/CMM Breakfast

May 2016

MAY 26: May Chapter Experience/Luncheon

June 2016

JUN 23: MPID/FW Awards of Excellence Dinner



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