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President's Message



Dear Chapter Members:

Are you going to **MPI World Education Conference July 28-August 1?** Join Meeting Professionals International and more than 3,000 of your colleagues from around the world for the 2007 World Education Congress. Rediscover your joie de vivre in Canada's sparkling **Montréal**, the host city to MPI's biggest and most exciting annual educational and tradeshow event.

Correction - Kudos to FIVE New CMPs!



One of our new CMPs was mistakenly left of the congratulatory list in last week's e-mail. We apologize for this oversight and again offer hearty congrats to the following members who recently achieved the designation of Certified Meeting

Professional (CMP):

- **Rachel Alcaro, CMP**, *Syracuse CVB*
- **Robin Blaauboer, CMP**, *Map Info*
- **Arlene Day, CMP**, *Lake Placid CVB*
- **Donna Gerard, CMP**, *NYS Dept. of Health*
- **Michelle Scott**, *Gatherings By Design*

TODAY: Pursue Your Passion!



Gary Tietjen has been motivating and educating audiences for over a decade.

He has conducted high impact training for a wide variety of audiences using an informative, motivational and humorous approach. Gary's goal is for audiences to unlock their inner

MPI Northeastern New York and **MPI Western New York** are working together to coordinate transportation. Our goal is to provide a shuttle bus but we need to hear from you! If you plan on going and are interested in riding the bus, please email me at jrucinsk@nysutmail.org no later than **May 18**.

I have attended the WEC for the last few years and have experienced excellent educational workshops as well as great networking opportunities. You also receive points toward your CMP recertification!

For more information on the conference please go to www.mpiweb.org. Conference registration and housing are now open.

REQUIREMENTS FOR U.S. CITIZENS TO ENTER CANADA

For travel by air: Valid passport required to enter Canada or re-enter the U.S.

For travel by land, ferry, or sea: Proof of U.S. Citizenship Required. *Usually Acceptable Proofs of U.S. Citizenship:* Valid U.S. Passport or one of the following carried together with Official Photo ID: Certified Copy of Birth Certificate, Certificate of Citizenship, Certificate of Naturalization, Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a U.S. Citizen.

For additional information please go to www.mpiweb.org and click on transportation links or www.traveldocs.com.

Hope you can join us!
- **Judy Rucinski, CMP**

Quick Links...

[Our Website](#)
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passion to reveal true success.
When: Tuesday, April 17
3:30-4 p.m. *Registration*
4-5 p.m. *Program*
5-6 p.m. *Ring in the Spring Happy Hour*
Where: Courtyard by Marriott
11 Excelsior Avenue, Saratoga

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Good Times at The Equinox



Many thanks to the **Equinox Resort** for hosting our Member Recruitment Reward event **March 31-April 1**. The resort rolled out the red carpet for MPI NENY members! After touring the gorgeous facilities of the Equinox, we took turns sending hawks into flight during the **falconry demonstration**, then had a fabulous tour of

former home of Abraham Lincoln's son, Robert. Special thanks to **Toni Goss** for organizing the event!



Never Say 'No'



MPI Platinum Series speaker **Sue Herskowitz-Coore** was entertaining and informative during her

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March presentation at the **Crowne Plaza** in Albany. Among other things, attendees learned to eliminate the word "no" from our vocabulary. "Speaker Sue," as she likes to be called, explained that by substituting the word "actually" for "no," we can reframe negative messages to encourage results and minimize resentment and defensiveness.

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