

Membership Has Its Privileges

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M TEAM Chair

Hello MPI/NE! It has been a fantastic year and the M TEAM wants to thank all of you for your help with our membership drive. Five hard working MPI/NE members won fabulous prizes this year. The winners were determined and announced at the Twentieth Anniversary Gala bash at the Black Falcon Terminal in Boston. First off we need to thank our sponsors who helped make our drive such a success. A big M TEAM thank you to: Delta Airlines, The Sonesta Beach Resort and Conference Center in Bermuda, The Park Plaza Boston, The Ritz Carton Boston, The Stowflake Resort and Conference Center and the Tropicana Resort and Hotel. Are you ready to find out what we accomplished this year? We recruited 247 new members this past year bringing our chapter's total membership to 692 members. MPI/NE is the eighth largest chapter in the nation. However, membership retention has been an issue for our chapter as members change jobs or

move to other locations. We need your help, ideas and inspiration to help MPI/NE raise its retention rate. Volunteer and get involved in helping to make MPI/NE the best chapter in the country and I guarantee you will get back ten times what you put in while having a great time serving your association. All right, by this time you're thinking

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we should spill the beans on who the winners were! The three runner up prizes were randomly drawn from a list of new members and their sponsors.

Karen King, CMP meeting and conference planner for the Gillette Company was the winner of the Stowflake weekend getaway for two. **Jill Keaveney,** Senior Event Planner for Network World won the weekend getaway for two at the Ritz Carleton in Boston

complete with a welcome basket filled with finery from the Ritz! **Damali Brooks,** a student member won the getaway for two at the Tropicana in Atlantic City. The second place prize was awarded to **Trudi Woods, CMP,** Meeting Manager for PGI. Trudi won a weekend getaway for two at The Park Plaza in Boston that includes breakfast and dinner at the hotel and a fabulous meal in Boston's historic North End at Maurizio's Ristorante Italiano. The Grand Prize five-day four-night trip to the Sonesta Beach Resort and Conference Center in Bermuda complete with round trip airfare provided by our friends at Delta Airlines was awarded to **Laurie Stroll,** Director of Sales and Marketing for Newport Hospitality. Laurie sponsored the most new members to MPI/NE this year. Good work and congratulations to Laurie, Trudi, Karen, Jill and Damali. I would also like to thank the M TEAM and everyone else who helped spread the message about joining MPI this year. Remember MPI membership has its privileges! The M TEAM wishes you and your family all the best this summer.

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Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston

Watch for MPI's new look! To be unveiled
at the September meeting.

Don't Miss It!