

Connected and Tuned-In, Dependable, Fun, Imaginative, Optimistic

MiPPA is dedicated to providing fun experiences and educational exchanges for suppliers and distributors to help build promotional products professionals and increase industry awareness.

THIS MONTH!

June 2023

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Tuesday Learning Lab on Company Stores

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Traverse City Mini Showcase

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Wild Wednesday Webinar on Trend Spotting

Spring to Summer in the Mitten State.

Step into the enchanted month of June, where the summer season dances upon our doorstep. Ah, the sixth month of the year, a gateway to pure delight! Michigan, our wondrous abode, offers a landscape so breathtaking, it will steal your heart away. Finally, we bask in the warm embrace of the weather we yearned for during those chilly winter nights.

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However, as we glance at the calendar, we find ourselves at the crossroads of summer's beginning and looking forward to the year's grand finale. Planning a joyous summer escapade mirrors the art of nurturing client success. While a spontaneous adventure to your cherished camping spot might tickle your fancy, chances are it won't unfold as you desire. Just as you wisely secure a campsite six months in advance, so too must we embrace foresight and plan ahead for our clients' marketing endeavors.

So, amidst the serenity of your campsite, upon the tranquil waters of your boat, or even within the sanctuary of your backyard, peer into the future. Fast-forward your marketing efforts by six months, and behold the majestic fourth quarter that awaits. With this simple act, we can savor the sweet nectar of summer, while our minds flutter to the crisp embrace of winter. For in the winter's embrace, we shall once again fashion grand plans for the joyous summers yet to come in 2024.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Getting Carried Away

Casey (photographer): Glenn, I'd like you to take

some fun pics of you on

the show floor.

Glenn (as in me): I stink at posed photos.

Casey: I'm sure you can

improvise.

Me: >grumble<

Casey: Let's find Scott.

The rest as they say is . . . well, it's something.

Which isn't half bad considering it's my first decent posed picture in two years.

Ideas in Bloom was a great success and it's difficult for me to decide who to thank first without doing a <u>Sally Field</u> on behalf of MiPPA. I guess it's a three-way tie for first between the enthusiastic end users, suppliers and distributors though the Bloom committee headed by Mike Freestone and our incredible volunteers, including the students from Genesee Intermediate School District, were incredible as well. But I'll leave this decision to others to sort out because presidents delegate, right?

The momentum MiPPA has created in 2023 is carrying our region and industry forward at an almost breakneck pace. We're just weeks away from the Traverse City Showcase on June 13th, pausing for nutrition in Frankenmuth on July 20th for "Chicken with the Stars" and Promo 101 because you should be well fed for our first event at Total Golf in August. Details to follow.

September will ROAR once again at Ford Field on September 20th. We're well on the way to a great show given how many suppliers have already registered. Which isn't a surprise since our October Power Partner is already sold out on the supplier side.

All of this plus our award winning online Wild Wednesday Webinars and Tuesday Lunch and Learns! OK now to catch my breath until next month.

Glenn Miotke 2023 MiPPA President



WELCOME NEW MIPPA MEMBERS!

New Distributors: Leslie Wheeler • T.R. McTaggart

New Suppliers: TravelChair Co. • Pride Slides

For many members, membership renewal invoices are being sent out now. Your dues are based on the anniversary date of your last renewal and automatically generated from our membership softward. This gives you the ability to quickly pay the invoice online or mail a check or even call in and give your number over the phone.

MiPPA provides you with incredible value with great events and services...

- Informative and motivational meetings with guest speakers, dinners, luncheons, samples and networking.
- A professional community of supportive industry colleagues willing to share and help each other grow and thrive.
- The TOM Show
- Promotional Products 101 Course
- Luncheon With The Stars
- Product Safety Aware Training
- Legislative Education Action Day (LEAD)
- Michigan Leadership Conference
- Special Social Gathering in August
- Wild Wednesday Webinars our monthly webinar series
- Free Processing of CAS/MAS Credits to PPAI for certification

- Annual Member Meetings on both sides of the state
- Volunteer and Leadership Development Opportunities
- Smitten With The Mitten Factory Tours
- Exclusive Members Only Coupon Book
- Promo Hunt coupon browser extension
- Discount on all SAGE products
- Healthcare Plan through SALA
- Discounts on Constant Contact
- MiPPA Monthly our monthly newsletter
- www.mippa.org an informative website with rep directory
- Discounts on Zoom Catalog

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS June 2023

Distributor Renewal:

Everything Ink LLC

Gap Advertising

Professional Promo Products

Proforma Printhouse

Exclusive Marketing Concepts

Supplier Renewal: Baudville

Rustico, LLC

GRX

Gaco Sourcing

Greengiftz

Shoreline Promotional Products LLC

PAST PRESIDENTS OF MIPPA

1969	Chris Franklin	1992	Jim Thomson MAS
1970	Harold Burnstein	1993	Linda Hall MAS
1971	Harold Burnstein	1994	John Wanat
1972	Bernie Brauer	1995	Christine Haberski MAS
1973	Bernie Brauer	1996	Ruth Kramer CAS
1974	Mike Harrison	1997	Jess Elson MAS
1975	Mike Harrison	1998	Pauline Listerman MAS
1976	Mike Harrison	1999	Al Bates MAS*
1977	Al Thomas	2000	Ralene Ehardt
1978	Ken Kelsey MAS*	2001	Eric Wittel /
1979	Ken Kelsey MAS*		Jess Elson MAS
1980	Ken Kelsey MAS*	2002	Michael Crawford MAS
1981	Tim Quinn MAS	2003	Penny Koch
1982	Tim Quinn MAS	2004	John Bell
1983	Joseph Nelson	2005	John Bell
1984	Joseph Nelson	2006	John Andersen MAS
1985	Tim Quinn MAS /	2007	Tim Hill
	Jim Thomson MAS	2008	Tim Hill
1986	Jim Thomson MAS*	2009	Cyndi Waldren
1987	Jim Thomson MAS*	2010	Kari Moravec Caruso
1988	Greg Campagna MAS	2011	Roger Burnett CAS
1989	Earl Sisson	2012	Scott Petrowski
1990	Earl Sisson	2013	Tim Stedman
1991	Doug Fraser	2014	Chaundra Haynes CAS

2015	David DeWitt*
2016	John Bates
2017	Paul Zafarana CAS
2018	Jane Mitchell MAS
2019	Roger Burnett CAS
2020	Sarah Merrill
2021	Sandra Kelley MAS
2022	Eric Pehrson

Executive Directors

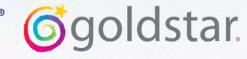
1993-2012	Donna Hall*
Interim 2012 2012-Present	LaDonna Belcher* Paul Kiewiet
	MAS+*

^{*} Indicates MiPPA Hall of Fame

Please click on highlighted presidents for their podcast with Roger Burnett.









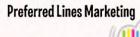


















THANK YOU SPONSORS!

MORE THAN 500 CLIENTS AND DISTRIBUTORS ENJOYED OUR AWARD-WINNING, DESTINATION END USER SHOW.

SAVE THE DATE!

IDEAS IN BLOOM RETURNS MAY 15, 2024







We finished the 2023 Ideas in Bloom event last month and have to pause and say **thank you** to the many volunteers who help make it a beautiful event!

Our Bag Assembly Team:

Kris Villarreal, Emilina Mancha and Stephanie Sims from Winners Brand and

Mary Szumski from Professional Promo Products.

Dan and Hollie Hartlieb helped with vendor load in and getting everything to the correct booths.

John Anderson helped plan and staff the Gift of Life Booth.
Michael Crawford with Genessee Career Institute and the
student swho helped with SO much the day of the show.

We can't say thank you enough and please know we appreciate everyone who volunteered as well as the distributors who brought their clients!







featuring

Ben Haynes Corporate Program Manager SAGE

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 12:30 pm ET /11:30 am CT / 10:30 am MT / 9:30 am PT

Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6643663102738904918

What can the New Al-Powered Functions in SAGE do for You.

Join Ben Haynes with SAGE for a special webinar covering the brand-new AI-powered functionality in SAGE Online, SAGE Web, and SAGE Website Professional Plus. We'll show you how you can use the power of AI to brainstorm product ideas for an event or promotion, create tailored content for sales presentations and projects, and generate homepage text, blogs, and more for your website with these revolutionary new features!

Learning Objectives:

- Learn how to Brainstorm Product Ideas.
- Create Content for a variety of projects.
- Generate Blogs, Post & Homepage Text
- Tailor Sales Presentations
- And much more!

About Ben: Ben Haynes is currently the Corporate Program Manager and joined SAGE as a Distributor Account Executive in 2011. He holds a degree in Secondary Education from Texas Christian University. He enjoys finding solutions for distributors' most challenging obstacles. Ben was awarded the Top Distributor Sales Award in 2012, 2013, 2015, and 2016. Outside of work if he was not social distancing, you can find Ben at either a Texas Rangers game, or a TCU Football games. But for now, he is spending as much quality time with his two young daughters and wife at home.

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Your Regional Associations — Where Professionals Go to Grow!







Wild Wednesday Webinar

Vicki Ostrom Trend Editor, SanMar Founder, Trendependent

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 12:30 pm ET /11:30 am CT / 10:30 am MT / 9:30 am PT

Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8254291506780896344

WHAT'S NEW?

Each season we embark on an epic journey to discover **WHAT'S NEW?** Not surprisingly, after several transformative years, it's understandable that our lives have shifted in many ways and **A CHANGE IN PERSPECTIVE** can be expected.

Preppy is back...again. We'll explore why and what that looks like this time around in our **CLUB HOUSE** trend. We'll also revisit what it takes to gear up for an increasingly active life in our trend called **THE MODERNIST**.

Then we'll journey into *A LIFE REIMAGINED* - where our health and eagerness to reconnect become tangible products we can offer our customers. We'll identify and outfit ways to **BREATHE EASY** and we'll build a case as to why **PLAY DATES** that creatively mix work and play, could be the key to our success in 2023. These are the trends we're here to reveal on our exploration of *WHAT'S NEW?*

Learning Outcomes:

- PREPPY is all about COLLEGIATE influences of the IVY LEAGUE variety, in sporty, key itemsTwo of the four
 pillars that structures HAPPINESS is Connectedness & Being Part of Something Bigger Than Yourself and
 why that is important.
- THE MODERNIST defines a very different, yet equally important way of dressingLooking out to 2022, what will be relevant in wearables.
- PREPARE-WARE is apparel for changeable conditions.

About Vicki: Vicki Ostrom, is a futurist, trend editor for SanMar and founder of Trendependent, a collective of curious people looking at how society works. Trend moves brands forward when applied to real life situations. Over the past 22 years, Vicki has learned to OBSERVE and INTERPRET trends and identify how they are ACTIVATED in products.

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



CASEY LOUNSBERY



Here's a "real talk" moment...the MiPPA Board of Directors is terrible at capturing moments at our events. There are always the best of intentions but things come up and we get distracted. In comes Casey Lounsbery (QMI Group, Madison Heights MI) to save the day at Ideas in Bloom!

Casey made the trek across the state to document all the amazing moments from our award winning show. She roamed the floor capturing the spirit of Bloom. She even got our President, Glenn Miotke, to pose for a picture. That is no easy feat! Thank you Casey for volunteering your time and talents to MiPPA. We sincerely appreciate it!



Call for Volunteers and Future Leaders

Ideas in Bloom Show



Committee Advisory Set-up Day Day <u>of Show</u>

Join ZOOM committee calls when available on consecutive Fridays at 10 am beginning in April to understand the various components of the show.

The show returns to Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids. Assist on Set-up Day - May 16 from 1 - 5 Involves stuffing bags, setting up our registration area, and helping exhibitors find their tables.

Assist on Show Day - May 17 - Assist with late set-up exhibitors, assist with registration, giveaways, signage and tear down.

Volunteers get free admission to the Supplier Love Party on Tuesday evening at Gravity Taphouse.

Commit to a few hours or many as schedule allows.

Contact Ideas in Bloom Show Chair - Mike Freestone mike@thepromoagency.net or volunteers@mippa.org



Professional Development

Join a Winning Team

MiPPA's Professional Development Committee produces the Award-Winning Tuesday Learning Labs and Wild Wednesday Webinars, a national and international offering that covers the USA and Canada.

We're looking for the next generation of producers to continue this popular programming.

Want to learn more? Contact: Sandra Kelley MAS webinars@mippa.org

Advocacy Committee

Committee Chair
Committee Members
Participants in LEAD Lansing
Advocates to find speaking engagements

- LEAD Lansing invite members to join us and invite lawmakers to a breakfast meeting on March
- LEAD Washington identify members to advocate in the nation's capitol with a PPAI delegation and ask members to send emails to their representatives
- Invite local officials to attend MiPPA Trade Shows and events and learn about our industry
- Promote speaking opportunities at schools, colleges, and service clubs
- Monitor PPAI Government Relations efforts and recommend Action Alerts to members about critical issues.
 Contact Eric Pehrson - volunteers@mippa.org



Marketing Committee

Contributors - Helpers - Influencers

- Work with editor to publish MiPPA Monthly Newsletter
- Develop a Social Media Strategy
- Bonus! Actually be GOOD at Social Media
- Engage members through a variety of channels and promote fun events, educational programs, trade shows, experiences and all that MiPPA offers.
- Find other like-minded, creative, fun people to continue the work of the committee.

Contact: Mike Freestone - newsletter@mippa.org



June 2023





delivered by MiPPA

WEBINARS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

12 **Wild Wednesday Webinars** with industry thought leaders.

12 **Tuesday Learning Labs** — monthly skill-building instruction.

Luncheons With The Stars in Grand Rapids, Troy,
Northville, and Frankenmuth
Promotional Products 101 in Livonia and

Grand Rapids

EXCLUSIVE COUPON BOOK

Our Members' Only Coupon Book provided thousands of dollars of exclusive savings. More than 30x the cost of our membership.

Promo Hunt Coupon Finding Browser Extension

Members' Only Browser Extension that finds discounts and values for you everytime you search for products with a handy supplier reference too.

ADVOCACY

MiPPA once again monitored legislation and actions and sounded timely alerts. We make sure your voices are heard and your interests are protected in Lansing and in Washington D.C.

MiPPA monitors government actions and sends out Action Alerts to our members throughout the year.

HEALTHCARE ALTERNATIVE

Our members can choose a shared benefit healthcare program through the Small Association Leadership Alliance that can provide big savings over traditional insurance plans.

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DISCOUNTS

Member distributors receive a 10% discount on SAGE services.

PromoHunt coupon finding browser extension finds savings for you on the products you search for.

Discount on Constant Contact email services.

Discounts on ZoomCatalog.

THE GOOD TIMES CONTINUE TO ROLL

January 20 - The TOM Show at the San Marino Club in Troy
February 9 - Promo 101 and Luncheon With the Stars - Grand Rapids
February 28 - Product Safety and Sustainability Workshop - Grand Rapids
March 1 - Legislative Education Action Day Breakfast - Lansing
March 2 - Product Safety and Sustainability Workshop - Livonia
March 23 - Pizza With the Stars - Shields Pizza in Troy
April 13 - Northville Luncheon With The Stars

June 13- Traverse City Mini Showcase at the Hotel Indigo
July 20 - Promo 101 and Chicken With The Stars - Frankenmuth
September 20 - Promotions That ROAR! Show at Ford Field in Detroit.
November 9 - Annual Members Meeting and Awards Celebration Dinner
December 7 - West Michigan Holiday Luncheon

WEBSITE & NEWSLETTER

Manage your membership and get the latest information about our Events, Professional Development, Volunteer and Trade Shows.

www.mippa.org

Our MiPPA Monthly Newsletter brings you the latest news and events fresh every month.

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Traverse City Mini Showcase Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Traverse City

11 am - 1:30 pm Hotel Indigo

PURE MIPPA



Do you really need a reason to come to Traverse City in the summer? Besides the Lake, the views, Sleeping Bear Dunes, the wineries, the craft beer, the foodie heaven and world class golf and resorts, we put on a little show for you.



Visit with twenty-five top suppliers in the most laid-back show you'll ever experience. There must be something in the air. At this little show, you have time to meet with the suppliers and ask questions, request samples and do business. The surroundings are conducive to creative thinking and new ideas.

Enjoy the area and bring back ideas you can sell right now. Traverse City does that for you.

Come up for the weekend if you like. Bring your spouse or family too. This is one business trip that everyone can enjoy.

This is a distributor-only show. No end users please. No charge for qualified distributors. Prospective member distributors are also welcome to attend. Encouraged, actually.

Register today and we'll have a badge ready for you.

Reserve your hotel room at 231-932-0500 requesting the MiPPA rate of \$199.00 per night by May 15th.

Hotel Indigo, 263 West Grandview Parkway, Traverse City, MI 49684







Join John Andersen MAS - Showdown Display, Joe Eberz - Eberz & Associates, Regina Harrington - Tekweld, and Kurt McGovern - McGovern Marketing as they present what's hot, what's new and what's selling in this delightful luncheon. Arrive early to view their display tables and then sit down to enjoy a great lunch while each highlights the best of their lines. You'll learn about the hottest new products and how to work smarter and get better results. You also have a chance to pick up new literature, samples and maybe even win a fun door prize.

Lunch includes: Two Pieces of Zehnders World Famous Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Grandma Zehnder's Dressing Served with Cabbage Salad, Freshly Baked Breads, Whole Fruit Preserves, Ice Cream, and Coffee, Tea, Milk or Soft Drink Members: \$10.00



COME PLAY AROUND

SAWE THE DATE

AUGUST 16, 2023

Top Golf -500 Great Lakes Crossing Dr.
Auburn Hills
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

18 GREAT SUPPLIERS EXHIBITING
GREAT GAMES AND FUN
FUN FOR NON-GOLFERS AND GOLFERS ALIKE
INCLUDES 2 DRINK TICKETS
LEADER BOARD AND COACHES
PRIZES

ULTIMATE BITES APPETIZERS, SNACKS

UNLIMITED SOFT DRINKS

MUSIC, BIG SCREENS, GIANT TARGETS

Registration is opening soon. Watch your email and www.mippa.org





DESSERTS



Promotional Products 101

What every promotional professional should know

The Foundation for Success

The perfect on-boarding course for your new hires to quickly learn the basics of the promotional products industry— its history, terminology, culture, and how things work (or don't).

Attendees will learn:

- The history of the promotional products industry from George Washington's presidential commemoratives to the present day.
- The trade association (PPAI) and the regional associations their roles and how they work together and independently
- Significant Industry Service Providers and leaders such as ASI, SAGE, Distributor Central and other major industry professionals. Who they are and what they do.
- Industry sales by Product Category and Industry Sales Volume Trends
- What promotional products are used for Industry Sales by Program Category
- Who Buys Promotional Products? Top Buyers by Industry
- The Channel of Distribution the S-D-E Model, why it's important and the many interruptions
- Why Promotional Products Work and proof from the latest research
- Defining the differences between incentives, premiums, awards, gifts, giveaways and prizes
- · Industry Publications, Websites and Resources
- Professional Development and Certifications
- Supplier and Distributor Relationships
- Product Safety, Compliance and Social Responsibility
- Product Decorating Methods
- . The Perfect Order what every order must include
- From Concept to Artwork to Product to Delivery to Satisfied Customer

Presented by Paul A Kiewiet MAS+ author of Summit: Reaching the Peak of Your Potential

Paul presents and shares nearly 40 years of industry experience and leadership to quickly bring new industry practitioners up to a higher level of performance and productivity. He is the Executive Director of MiPPA and a successful industry speaker, educator, writer, consultant and coach. He founded a successful distributorship and



had personal sales production of over \$2.5 million per year working with great international brands such as Coca-Cola, Kellogg's, Whirlpool, Borden and Wolverine Worldwide. He is a former Chairman of the Board of PPAI. He has been inducted into the MiPPA Hall of Fame and the PPAI Hall of Fame. His passion for the industry is contagious.



Thursday,July 20 9:30 am - 3 pm Zehnders of Frankenmuth

730 S Main St, Frankenmuth, MI 48734 Keeping Room

9:00 am - 9:30 am: Arrivals and Intros 9:30 am - 11:30 am: Part 1: History, Culture, Channels, Players, and Industry Facts.

11:30 am - 1:30 pm: Join "Chicken With the Stars" product displays and presentations in the Garden Room and enjoy World Famous Chicken Luncheon, networking and ideas.

1:30 - 3:00 pm: Part 2: Promotional Products Work!, Product Responsibility, Writing the Perfect Order, and Avoiding Commoditization.

Earn 5 CAS Credits and receive a free copy of Summit: Reaching the Peak of Your Potential. Members: \$50.00

Non-Members: \$95.00 REGISTRATION: <u>http://bit.ly/3FKw7yp</u>





June 2023

TOP FIVE PRODUCTS





#4038 Spot





Why PowerStick?

5 Reasons to Choose PowerStick.com



MOQ 1 Unit on Most Products & Packaging



Quick Turns / 5-7 Day Production



Certified to the Highest Safety Levels



Selection of "Made in Canada" Products



High Impact Branding Capabilities

Represented By:



ASI # 51566 | SAGE # 69081 | PPAI # 383252





Looking for Talent? Looking for a new position?

MiPPA Members may post job openings or job search listings to be posted on the MiPPA Website and MiPPA Monthly Newsletter. Please send a pdf of your listing to: newsletter@mippa.org

The listing should include your company name, the position title and include important information such as:

Compensation: (Hourly, Salary, Commission, Draw, etc)

Location: (Office, remote, home based, etc)

Company Background: (Tell them about your company)

Essential Duties and Responsibilities: (what is required of the candidate.

Requirements: What educational or professional experience is required of the candidate.

Who to contact: All inquiries must be directed to the company listing the opportunity. Remember: This listing should be in the form of a pdf file that we can link to your message.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS!





13th: Tuesday Learning Lab on SAGE 13th: Traverse City Mini Showcase 28th: Wild Wednesday Webinar on Trend Spotting



11th: Tuesday Learning Lab on Social Media 20th: Promo 101 and Chicken With The Stars Frankenmuth 26th: Wild Wednesday Webinar with Anne Stone on Sustainability









10th: Tuesday Learning Lab on Winning Distributor Promotions. 11th-12th: Power Partner Meetings in Livonia 25th: Wild Wednesday Webinar on Retirement Planning

8th: Tuesday Learning Lab on Selling Food Programs 16th: Come Play Around at Top Golf 30th : Wild Wednesday Webinar



November



7th: Tuesday Learning Lab on Selling Name Brand Premium Items 9th: Annual Members Meeting and Gala Awards Celebration in Southfield 10th-11th: Board of Directors Strategic Planning Retreat 15th: Wild Wednesday Webinars featuring Rick Brenner on Exit Strategies and Valuations.





5th: Tuesday Learning Lab on Writing the Perfect Order 7th: West Michigan Holiday Luncheon at Grand Rapids Downtown Holiday Inn 13th: Wild Wednesday Webinars

featuring Paul Kiewiet MAS+ 14th: Annual Ugly Sweater Reindeer Games Members Happy Hour Zoom





9: Tuesday Learning Lab 26: The TOM Show at the San Marino Club in Troy. 31: Wild Wednesday Webinar

Visit www.mippa.org for more details.

