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WHERE IS YOUR BUSINESS COMING FROM?

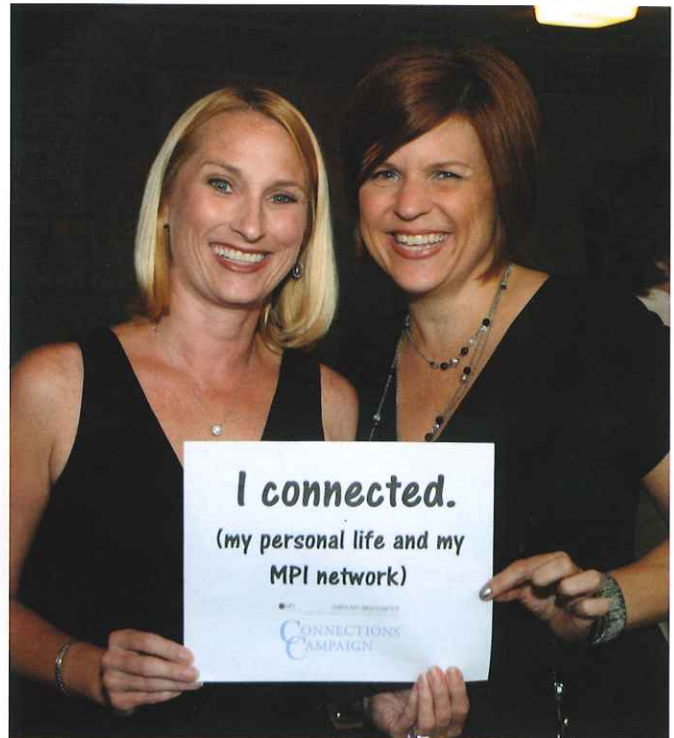


MPITBA examines the hybrid meeting planner
MPISFL launches new leadership strategies
NORTH Florida building success through harmony
GOAMPI strengthens education for members

And it's not all just business. Both suppliers and planners use their MPI connections in their personal lives too:



Aymee Brace, Puff n' Stuff Catering and Jessica Raia-Long, Just Jessica Catering.



Jill Manthey of Yacht StarShip and Devon Murray, formerly of A La Carte Event Pavilion.

Jessica Raia-Long is a supplier member of the Tampa Bay Area chapter of MPI. She is active with St. Timothy Catholic Church. When St. Timothy's began planning its 50th anniversary committee gala dinner, Jessica looked to her MPI connections. The \$25,000 service was awarded to fellow MPITBA member, Aymee, with Puff-n-Stuff Catering.

"Emily, this toffee is incredible! It's the best Valentine's present you've ever given all of us. I know Mom and Dad love it too!"
 "You're welcome, sis. You know, working at The Melting Pot, I meet people from so many aspects of the meetings and events industry. Lisa from Toffee to Go brings toffee for us all to enjoy at our committee meetings. And I'm hooked. I'm glad you like it."

Jill Manthey sits on both the board of directors for MPITBA and on the Parent Teacher Committee board for her child's school, Villa Madonna. When the PTC board began planning their annual fundraiser, Jill encouraged the group to consider an MPITBA member and they booked the \$30,000-plus event with A La Carte Event Pavilion.

Carol Eaves referred her university alumni association reception to member Amy Azzarelli at Tina Tapas.