

Networking with Style

By Joanne Durham, CMP and Shelley Griffin

It was still winter outside but a warm and inviting ambience greeted everyone the MPI/New England networking meeting at the Hyatt Regency Boston on February 21. More than 130 MPI/New England members and their guests attended this lavish event offering great music, food, and yes, chocolate, to conduct business. Meeting professionals mingled in a perfect setting for colleagues to network with new contacts and meet old friends.

Craig Sutton Entertainment, provided a talented strolling violinist and jazz pianist as well as creative visual touches at this event. His talent for coordination and creativity were duly noted. Thanks to the expertise of Suzanne Oakley, President of Experience: CHOCOLATE, LLC, there was plenty to see, taste and learn about chocolate. A highlight of the event was the "scavenger hunt" with three chocolate stations offering exotic chocolate tasting squares, bon-bons and strawberries to try out a special dipping sauce.

The Hyatt Regency Boston Hotel, provided an elegant candle-lit setting for this networking event in the Grand Ballroom and the Adrienne de Lafayette Salon. They also generously provided a wonderful arrangement of cheeses, fruits, crackers, and hors d'oeuvres.

Although there was no formal program, MPI/New England President Chris Gasbarro took a few minutes to greet the group and raffle off some wonderful prizes.

The Co-Chairs of this event were Joanne Durham, CMP, Events Manager at Northeastern University and Shelley Griffin, President of the Griffin Conference Group.

RAFFLE PRIZES

- **SCULLERS JAZZ CLUB** – DINNER & SHOW PACKAGE, courtesy of the Doubletree Guest Suites Boston, which included dinner at the Boathouse Grille, followed by an evening of wonderful music.
- **HYATT REGENCY BOSTON** – An overnight stay for 2 as well as complimentary parking.
- **ROYAL SONESTA BOSTON** – A one night stay at the Royal Sonesta Hotel including breakfast for two the next day.
- **28 ATLANTIC** – Dinner for 2 at one of Cape Cod's most acclaimed restaurants. Compliments of the Wequassett Inn resort & Golf club, located in Harwich, MA



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