

## Minneapolis - St. Paul Chapter Calendar of Events 2008-2009

Date	Topic	Description	Logistics
<p>Thursday, <b>September 18</b></p> <p>Evening Program</p> <p>.20 CSEP points</p>	<p><b>10th Anniversary Celebration</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> None</p>	<p>Guests arrived at the 10th Anniversary Celebration, hosted at Brunswick Zone, and were treated to complimentary bowling, darts, pool, drink vouchers, and delicious appetizers. Guests were also treated to a 10th Anniversary champagne pour sponsored by Forest Glen Winery. The event decor, linens and flowers were provided by Linen Effects. The new Board was introduced and the Milestone program was launched, honoring 5 &amp; 10 year members for the continued support and dedication to ISES.</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> Event was hosted at Brunswick Zone</p> <p><b>F&amp;B:</b> Catering sponsored by Brunswick Zone, Champagne sponsored by Forest Glen Winery</p> <p><b>Decor:</b> Linens, Flowers, and tableware provided by Linen Effects (member)</p>
<p>Thursday, <b>October 16</b></p> <p>Lunch Program</p> <p>.25 CSEP points</p>	<p>Joint Program with NACE</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Sylvia Weinstock</p>	<p>ISES &amp; NACE Members combined for this incredible program featuring cake diva Sylvia Weinstock. The program was hosted by the just opened Westin Edina Galleria who surprised guests with an exquisite five course meal. There was a VIP reception for 35 members that proceeded the program where you had the chance to talk with Sylvia on a one-to-one basis. Beautiful tablescapes were created by Apres Party &amp; Tent Rental featuring linens and centerpieces that matched the existing ballroom decor.</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> Event was hosted by Westin Edina Galleria (member)</p> <p><b>F&amp;B:</b> Catering sponsored by Westin Edina Galleria (member);</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Sponsored by Twin City Bridal Association</p> <p><b>Décor:</b> Apres Party and Tent Rental</p>
<p>Thursday, <b>November 13</b></p> <p>Lunch Program</p> <p>.25 CSEP points</p>	<p><b>Designers Showcase</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Wendy Creed</p>	<p>The 2nd Annual 'Designers Showcase' was a huge success hosted by the Hilton Minneapolis. Our special guest speaker was Los Angeles based designer Wendy Creed who enthralled our guests with pictures and stories of movie premieres and large-scale events that can only happen in LA. This program brought together twelve of the Twin Cities premiere event designers who were asked to design a table scape. As guests arrived they could walk amongst the incredible tables getting ideas and enjoying the expertise design. Lunch was served by the Hilton.</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> Hosted by the Hilton Minneapolis</p> <p><b>F&amp;B:</b> Hilton Minneapolis</p> <p><b>Decor:</b> Tablescapes were designed by: Event Lab (member), Bungalow 6 (member), Violets Weddings and Events (member), Apres Party and Tent Rental (member), MetroConnections (member), The Late Bloomer (member), Midway Party and Tent Rental (member), BeEvents (member), Ice Occasions (member) Aarcee Party &amp; Tent Rental (member), Studio Specialty Linen (member), &amp; Linen Effects (member)</p>

<p>Thursday, <b>December 11</b></p> <p>Evening Program .20 CSEP points</p>	<p><b>“Jingle Mingle”</b></p> <p>Social Event Membership Drive</p>	<p>Our annual December social and membership drive was held at Skyway Classic Events in Bloomington. Guests were blown away by the incredible nightclub like atmosphere created by Classic Events. Activities included a live DJ, flare bartenders, prizes &amp; delicious food catered by Mintahoe. Guests started out in their large showroom and eventually made their way to a tent that was connected to their warehouse. Lighting, furnishings, cool bars and beautiful tables created an incredible atmosphere for guests to socialize and network. The highlight of the evening was the specialty 'Chocolate Covered Candy Cane' martini!</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> Skyway Classic Events</p> <p><b>F&amp;B:</b> Mintahoe Hospitality Group</p> <p><b>Decor:</b> Skyway Classic Events, Aarcee Classi Events</p>
<p>Thursday, <b>February 19</b></p> <p>Lunch Program .25 CSEP points</p>	<p><b>Doing More with Less in 2009</b></p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p><b>Panel Moderator:</b> Jim Leighton <b>Panel Members:</b> Ami Cervin - United Way, Joy Houska - Target Marketing, Julie Orlando - The Salvation Army, Annette Lee - Mintahoe Hospitality Group, Kris Young, Martin Bastian Productions</p>	<p>This program was part of our Non-Profit Series and was held at the Greater Twin Cities United Way. A distinguished panel was put together to discuss the topic of "Doing More with Less in 2009." The event had a surprise Mardi Gras theme and guests were treated to a Cajun meal sponsored by Catering by Lund's and Byerly's. Apres Party and Tent Rental supplied all of the event rental (decor, linens, plates, silverware, tables, and chairs). Instant Request DJ supplied the lighting for the event, and Tarot by Annie gave Tarot Card readings at the event. Guests walked away feeling energized about the future realizing the support of ISES and all its members were there for them.</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> Greater Twin Cities United Way (Member)</p> <p><b>Catering:</b> Catering by Lunds and Byerly's</p> <p><b>Event Rental Sponsor:</b> Apres Party and Tent Rental</p> <p><b>Lighting:</b> Instant Request</p> <p><b>Tarot Card Reading:</b> Tarot by Annie</p>

<p>Friday, <b>March 21</b></p> <p>Evening Program</p> <p>.20 CSEP points</p>	<p><b>ISES MN Star Awards</b></p> <p>Annual Awards Program</p>	<p>After registering we went upstairs for a pre-ceremony reception of passed hors d'oeuvres and champagne. The expected crowd was 300 people (up 100 from last year!), and in this space you could really tell. But the mood was sunny and bright, with many fun, glam outfits, which definitely made up for the rainy weather outside. The ceremony was held on the main stage of the CTC, with the first several rows completely filled with attendees. Comfortable, roomy seating with great sightlines of the stage. Throughout the ceremony, little breaks were taken for entertainment. Either the envelope was presented in a unique way (on an alpaca (um... ?), an ISES member rising from beneath the stage), or a fun Circus Juventas presentation of acrobatics and high-flying marvels. These touches definitely added a bit of a "wow" factor to the ceremony. I also thought one of the best parts of the ceremony was when, for the final award - Best ISES Team Effort - the Immediate Past President of ISES International and the President-Elect of ISES International were on hand to not only to help present the</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> The Children's Theatre Company</p> <p><b>Catering:</b> Lancer Catering, Mintahoe, Prom Catering, St. Paul Hotel, Muddy Paws Cheesecake, D'Amico Catering, Chow Girls, Coca Cola, Summit Brewing Company, Complete Beverage</p> <p><b>Sponsors:</b> Twin Cities Business Magazine, Childrens Theater Company, CORT, Freestyle Productions, The Wedding Guys, Aarcee, Apres, Atomic Design, AVEX, BeEvents, Chrom Creative, Coppersmith Photography, Event Lab, Sadies Floral Design, Sand Story, Skyway, 20.21, Actors Theatre, AlphaVideo, getFlipped!, Ice Occasions, metroConnections Studio 6, Heroic Productions, Holo-Walls, Midway, ReliaDrive, Traveling Photobooth, Abbey Alpaca Farm, Allied Audio, Blue House Photography, Carey Transportation, Circus Juventas, Coca Cola, CostumeRentals, Debbie Turner Originals, Griggs Cooper &amp; Co., GEMS Ranch, Grosh, Hire A Host, Hotel Minneapolis Ice Magic, Jigsaw Unlimited, The Late Bloome</p>
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<p>Wednesday, <b>April 15</b></p> <p>Breakfast Program</p> <p>.25 CSEP points</p>	<p><b>Roundtable Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Joint Program with MPI</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> None; Roundtable Discussion Topics led by MPI and ISES Members</p>	<p>The Joint Program with MPI and ISES focused on roundtable discussions on topics popular within the event and meeting planning industry. A total of seventeen ISES or MPI members were in charge of leading each topic at the roundtable discussions.</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> Hosted by Graves 601</p> <p><b>F&amp;B:</b> Catering provided by Graves 601</p> <p><b>Decor:</b> Graves 601</p>
<p>Thursday, <b>May 21</b></p> <p>Lunch Program</p> <p>.25 CSEP points</p>	<p><b>Social Networking</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> James Spellos</p>	<p>Over 100 members and guests gathered at the beautiful Edinburgh USA to learn about Web 2.0 and how different applications could be used for your business. James Spellos was our Platinum level guest speaker who talked on "Essentials of Digital marketing". A delicious lunch was provided by Lancer Catering along with Ginger Mint cocktails. The Late Bloomer provided fresh floral centerpieces while Event Lab dressed the tables in matching linens. Guests left with several takeaways and practical knowledge that they could use in their everyday lives.</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> Hosted by Edinburgh USA</p> <p><b>F&amp;B:</b> Catering provided by Lancer Catering</p> <p><b>Decor:</b> Event Lab, The Late Bloomer, Midway Party Rental</p> <p><b>Hotel Sponsor:</b> Hyatt Regency</p>

<p>Thursday, <b>June 11th</b></p> <p>Evening Program</p> <p>.20 CSEP points</p>	<p><b>5th Annual Restaurant Tour</b></p>	<p>Members, Guests, Associates &amp; Students gathered for the 5th Annual ISES Restaurant Tour. Northeast Minneapolis was chosen this year for the tour to highlight some well known and new spaces that event planners may not think about for event spaces. Seven locations participated offering samplings of their menu along with specialty cocktails. Four modes of transportation shuttled guests to the different locations making it possible for each group to meet up with a different group of people at each venue. It was the perfect chance to network and socialize while reacquainting yourself with old venues and taking in some new sights. After the tour, participants were treated to a free showing of "Power Balladz" at the Guthrie LAB Theater. This rock musical was a great nightcap full of energy and just plain fun.</p>	<p><b>Locations:</b></p> <p><b>Restaurant #1:</b> Red Stag</p> <p><b>Restaurant #2:</b> Elsie's Restaurant</p> <p><b>Restaurant #3:</b> Nye's Polonaise Room</p> <p><b>Restaurant #4:</b> Gasthof zur Gemutlichkeit</p> <p><b>Restaurant #5:</b> Jax Cafe</p> <p><b>Restaurant #6:</b> Northeast Social</p> <p><b>Restaurant #7:</b> Rogue Buddha Gallery</p> <p><b>Transportation:</b> propel Event Transportation Management</p> <p><b>Entertainment:</b> Power Balladz</p> <p><b>Catering:</b> We Cater To You</p>
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