Spring, the time for new beginnings and renewals. Several of our MPPA membership attended one, or both of the free training events provided by MPPA in March. Others attended NIGP courses. A few attended CPPB or CPPO review courses. I am excited to see that all of these MPPA members are participating in these educational events. Others have been active in giving back to our communities. The MPPA Social Committee continues to provide several opportunities to participate. These events not only help the communities we serve, but allow our MPPA members to learn more about each other. I encourage you to begin, or renew your commitment to your profession and participate in an MPPA educational or social event. I also would like to encourage you to consider volunteering to serve on these or other MPPA committees.

MPPA is your organization. I look forward to seeing you at the May meeting.

Mark E. Miller, C.P.M., CPPO, CPPB 2017 MPPA President
A Word from VP DD

Happy Spring everyone! Just wanted to report out that we’ve added eleven new members since our last edition, so to those new members “Welcome to the Association!” Unfortunately, we did not receive any new ideas/suggestions on how to enhance our membership experience. Now, I know a lot of you professionally, and that means I know you have a lot of energy, ideas, and never short on opinions right? Even if it’s on the trend setting, edgy, and just short of illegal side (just kiddin’), we all have something to share. That’s what makes us unique and your membership valued. So, let me hear from you! Until then, be sure to register for our next General Membership Meeting at Hellas on May 11th; and be sure to bring along your Administrative Professionals who are so important in helping us carry out our missions. They deserve to be recognized!

Respectfully,

*Donna DiCerbo, Vice President*
The next general membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 11:30 a.m., at Hellas Restaurant and Lounge, 8498 Veterans Highway in Millersville. We will be honoring our support staff for their hard work, so treat them to one of Hellas’ famous crab balls! Registration cost is $25 and all reservations must be made online at MPPA’s website www.mppainc.org. If paying with cash or check, please indicate check when registering for the event. If you have questions or special needs, contact Brian Snyder directly at bds@annapolis.gov or 410-263-7944. Deadline to register is 2 PM, Monday, May 8th.

**Hot buffet lunch served at 12 noon includes:**
- Chicken Marsala
- Crab Balls
- Greek Salad
- Whipped Potatoes
- Garlic Green Beans
- Bread, Rolls and Butter
- Soft Drinks, Iced/Hot Tea, Coffee

The Guest Speaker will be Mr. Chad Sanchagrin of Cannonball Moments. Mr. Sanchagrin is an international trainer and speaker, and he’s mastered the science of psychology in the art of selling. He is more than just a motivational speaker. He is a revolutionary culture-shock to companies that want more than bottom-line-focused employees. He works with companies that want great people to produce great results as employees. The training and coaching programs offered by Cannonball Moments are designed to: help employees discover their inner-champion; train them to start living their dreams by aligning their skill set with company vision, and; eradicate mediocrity by conditioning a growth mindset.

March’s meeting at the Olive Grove Restaurant was attended by 56 members. Dr. Dean Kashiwagi, PhD, PE, entertained 74 members at the 3 hour workshop on “Best Value Procurement Practices” held prior to the meeting.

**General membership meeting dates for the remainder of the year:**
- **Thursday, July 13** – Location TBD
- **September** – Date and location TBD
- **Thursday, November 9** – Location TBD

Questions, comments and suggestions are welcome. Contact me directly.

Brian D. Snyder, CPPO  
Facilities Chairperson
**Announcements**

Congratulations to MPPA’s Recognition Co-Chair, Amanda Hendrix, for her new position as MDTA’s Lead Procurement Administrator. Amanda has excelled quickly through the MDOT agencies moving from one stepping stone to another. Great Job Amanda!

A Special Recognition to the three (3) Candidates (Marsha Turnipseed, Amanda Hendrix and Rosetta Butler) that have shown an interest in MPPA’s future by entering their candidacy for the vacant Secretary position. Good Luck to all of the candidates. The special election will be held on May 11, 2017.

**Reminder**

As a MPPA member in Good Standing, the following opportunities may be available for you:

**Stanley D. Zemansky Educational Aid Program**

MPPA offers scholarships for courses and reimbursement for certification exams to help members meet their educational and professional goals. MPPA members can apply for available scholarship funds for classes by filling out and submitting an application. Information and the scholarship application are available on MPPA’s website: [www.mppainc.org](http://www.mppainc.org), The Stanley D. Zemansky Educational Aid Program.

**Reimbursement for Recertification of CPPO, or CPPB**

MPPA offers reimbursement for recertification for CPPO or CPPB.

Reimbursement will be limited to candidates who pay for the recertification themselves with no financial support for the recertification fee from their employers. Candidates will be reimbursed for the recertification fee only. Upon successfully obtaining the recertification, candidates must submit the application for reimbursement to the Recognition Chairperson.

Members should request reimbursement within eight (8) weeks of obtaining their recertification. Upon receipt and proof of recertification, the Recognition Chairperson shall request reimbursement of the member from the Treasurer.

Share your good news, or be recognized for your contributions to the profession by sending your information to the MPPA Recognition Committee.

**MPPA Recognition Committee**

Marsha Turnipseed, CPPB - Chair - mturnipseed@sha.state.md.us 410-545-0378
And
Amanda Hendrix, CPPB - Co-Chair ahendrix@mdta.maryland.gov 410-537-7511
May/June Newsletter

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING COMMITTEE

Choice Partners is a regional consortium that is located in the Texas area. https://www.choicepartners.org/about-choice-partners. They recently hosted a local conference that heard from Pam Perkins of the Consumer Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General’s Office. She was joined by Mark Rogers, a lifelong procurement specialist, and Sarah Langlois, an attorney with Rogers, Morris and Grover, LLP. Together they shared best practices in procurement. In their professional opinion, the top three were:

1. **Perception is reality** – emphasizing the importance of transparent purchasing practices that can withstand the tests of public scrutiny and audit.
2. **Sole Source providers are rate** – this means there is NO functional equivalent in the marketplace. A hard test indeed and one that some providers are more than willing to provide you with their sole source opinion. Do not be rushed into a sole source decision.
3. **Cooperative purchasing helps** – collaborate with organizations that do their due diligence a endeavor to meet a procurement gold standard. Everyone benefits from a cooperative contract, especially when your needs exceed your means.

Cooperative purchasing works and is a necessary tool in your toolbox. *What’s in your toolbox?*
Julia Bouie, Procurement Specialist
Dept. of Juvenile Services

Domonic Cusimano, Procurement Coordinator
Howard Community College

Tiara Davis, IT Procurement Supervisor
Dept. of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Rebecca Gotsch, Purchasing Assistant
Howard Community College

Beth Kirk, Procurement Division Chief
City of Gaithersburg, Division of Procurement

Jenna Meinl, Procurement Specialist
Dept. of Juvenile Services

Stephanie Whalon, Procurement Agent 1
Harford County Government

Frank Logan, Agency Procurement Specialist
State Highway Administration

Lisa Mitchell Sennaar, SBR Compliance Manager
Governor's Office of Minority Affairs

Debbie Thornton, Director of Procurement
Dept. of Juvenile Services

Michelle Compton, Procurement Manager
Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene
I thank everyone for their assistance in forwarding potential new members to me. As always, members are encouraged to promote MPPA membership to public purchasers who aren’t members of the association. All members are in some fashion a part of the Membership Committee. Please continue to refer any potential new members to the Membership Chair, and if they have questions.

Whenever you happen to be attending a Procurement type meeting, seminar, or function, strike up a conversation with someone at this meeting, seminar or function and then during your conversation ask them if they are a member of MPPA and if they aren’t, ask them if they would be interested. Emphasize to them or to your co-workers that our Association is promoting education as one our benefits for joining and you might even suggest that they browse the MPPA Website for further information about our Organization. Since everyone across the country is feeling the budget crunch, some employers may not pay for educational training. MPPA has funds available to help members with their education through scholarships and reimbursement so that you may further your careers in the field of Procurement and consider becoming certified as a CPPB or CPPO.

Michelle S. Frierson, CPPB
Membership Chair

Membership is about people.

When you join MPPA, you connect with procurement professionals from your state, federal government, surrounding cities, provinces, counties, colleges, libraries, hospitals, and other public agencies in your area. MPPA offers you the opportunity to improve skills, formulate new directions and strengthen your career options.

- Professional Development
- Connection and Communication
  - Discounts
  - Conferences
  - Networking
- Professional Certification

MPPA helps you close the gap with the resources you need to realize your professional development goals!
Volunteer for an MPPA Committee

To Check out Procurement-Related Legislation
http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frm1st.aspx?tab=home

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<td>Business suits, dress shirts, dress shoes, ties, belts, trouser socks, or accessories</td>
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<td><strong>Paint for a Cause</strong></td>
<td>Party on the Avenue 5407 York Rd. Baltimore, MD 21212</td>
<td>Paint for a Cause, where 50% of sales will go to the Maryland Food Bank. Light refreshments will be provided.</td>
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<td>June 24, 2017</td>
<td><strong>Promise Ride</strong></td>
<td>Davidsonville Park in Edgewater</td>
<td>MPPA Superhero volunteers will assist at the first rest stop, to encourage, scream, and shout for all of the cyclist that stop to rest, eat, or get water. And to enjoy the Superhero props and theme music. Had a Blast!!!</td>
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<td>October 15, 2017</td>
<td><strong>Race for the Cure</strong></td>
<td>McHenry Row 1700 Whetstone Way Baltimore, MD 21230</td>
<td>MPPA Superheroes in Pink volunteering for the 3rd year. This year, Baltimore City Mayor has moved the location of the event. I am waiting on additional information.</td>
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<td><strong>School Supply Drive</strong></td>
<td>MPPA General Membership Meeting</td>
<td>Collect schools supplies for Children in Need, Inc.</td>
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<td>July or August 2017</td>
<td><strong>Fam to Food Bank</strong></td>
<td>2025 Freeland Road Freeland, MD 21053</td>
<td>Volunteers will have the opportunity to plant or harvest fruits and vegetables that will be distributed throughout the community. No age restriction, but children must be supervised by an adult at all times.</td>
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<td>August 2017</td>
<td><strong>Bowl Painting</strong></td>
<td>MPPA Picnic</td>
<td>Bowls will need to be purchased for $10 and you will be able to paint them how you like. The bowls are then collected and will be donated to the Empty Bowls fundraiser where they will be displayed, auctioned or even gifted. All proceeds will go to the St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore organization.</td>
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<td>September 2017</td>
<td><strong>MD Food Bank</strong></td>
<td>2200 Halethorpe Farms Road Baltimore, MD 21227</td>
<td>I need a minimum of 20 volunteers.</td>
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To volunteer or for suggestions contact Janile Scott, Social Chair @ jscott10@mdta.state.md.us
The Historical Committee remains very interested in obtaining MPPA historical information. We are particularly interested in MPPA Newsletters prior to August 1987. Additionally, if you know where we might obtain other MPPA historical information, please contact Bill Davis at 1badd@msn.com.

For an idea of the kind of information needed, please see the proceeding scope of responsibilities for the Historical committee or check the MPPA web site:

Specific Responsibilities:

- Select a committee of members to assist in carrying out the duties of the committee.
- Establish criteria for types of information to be collected, including: MPPA Buyer, and Manager of the Year; Honorary members; Years in which MPPA won national Chapter of the Year awards; Stanley D. Zemansky awardees; Distinguished Service awardees; officers, directors, committee chairpersons (including date(s) of service to MPPA); special events, such as year(s) MPPA hosted NIGP annual Forum; members who have held national office and received national awards (e.g. NIGP's Albert Hall award, and Distinguished Service recognition).
- Verify information and data, to the extent possible to be made a matter of record for the Association. In the event data, such as that which predates the committee is not authenticated in Association minutes or other records, make appropriate notation that the information is deemed correct based upon collaborative interviews with (name the) authorities.
- Collect, catalog, and file the information for future Association purposes.
- Inform the Executive Board in advance for purpose of planning regarding upcoming special programs or ceremony as may be appropriate, e.g., for the 25th Association anniversary.
- Coordinate with other Association committees as appropriate such as Program, Recognition, and Information and Research regarding announcements, programs, special events, and awards.
- Turn over to the succeeding chair Association archives, records and materials relating to the committee’s work and responsibilities.

William A. Davis, CPPO, CPPB - Historical Chair
Chapter Member Sites
City of Annapolis
www.ci.annapolis.md.us
City of Baltimore, Bureau of Purchases
www.ci.baltimore.md.us
Anne Arundel County Purchasing
www.aacounty.org
Baltimore County Purchasing Office
www.baltimorecountymd.gov
City of Frederick, Maryland
www.cityoffrederick.com
Frederick County Government
www.co.frederick.md.us
Harford County Purchasing
www.co.ha.md.us
Howard County
www.co.ho.md.us
Montgomery County
www.montgomerycountymd.gov
Towson University Procurement
www.towson.edu
University of Maryland, College Park, Procurement & Supply
www.purchase.umd.edu
Carroll Community College
www.carrolltraining.com
Washington County
www.washco-md.net
Maryland Department of Transportation
www.mdot.state.md.us
Frederick Community College
www.frederick.edu
Columbia Association
www.columbiaassociation.org

NIGP-related Sites
National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP)
www.nigp.org
Pennsylvania Public Purchasing Association
www.pappaine.org
The Delaware Public Purchasing Association, Inc.
www.state.de.us
The Metropolitan Washington Chapter - NIGP
www.nigpmwc.org
Northern New Jersey Chapter of NIGP
www.nnjnigp.org
Southern New Jersey Chapter of NIGP
www.sjnigp.org

Federal Government Sites
United States Department of Homeland Security
www.dhs.gov
United States Postal Service Zip Code Directory
www.usps.com
Consumer Price Indexes (U.S. Department of Labor)
www.bls.gov

Other Sites of Interest
Cooperative Purchasing Organization
www.baltometro.org
eMaryland Marketplace
emaryland.buyspeed.com
Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission
www.wssc.dst.md.us
Better Business Bureau
www.bbb.org
Dun & Bradstreet
www.dnb.com
National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO)
www.naspo.org
National Contract Management Association (NCMA)
www.ncmahq.org
National Association of Counties (NACo)
www.naco.org
Institute for Supply Management (ISM)
www.ism.ws
National Procurement Institute (NPI)
www.npiconnection.org
Maryland General Assembly
mgaleg.maryland.gov
State Government - Procurement (P2) Legislation by Session
Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC)
www.uppcc.org

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ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Special Election

MPPA has a vacancy for the position of Secretary and will be conducting a special election at the May 11, 2017 General Membership Meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting an absentee ballot will be provided for you. Please see the Bio’s below for those currently on the ballot.

The Absentee Ballot must include the printed name and signature of a member in good standing and be submitted via email to the Nominating Chair, Debbie Pecora, on or before Monday, May 8, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time). The ballot should be emailed to debbie.pecora1@maryland.gov. Ballots emailed and received after that date and time will not be counted.

Absentee Ballots will also be counted if hand-carried by a colleague attending the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2017. As previously stated, ballots must include the printed name and signature of a member in good standing.

As always, members in good standing may be nominated from the floor on the day of the election. Thank you for participating in this most important event.

Debbie Pecora
MPPA Nominating Chair

Maryland Public Purchasing Association, Inc.

Special Election – May 11, 2017

ABSENTEE BALLOT

Check only one name for each office
(Balloons with more than the correct number of checks will be disqualified.)

Secretary

__________ Rosetta Rose Butler, CPPB
__________ Amanda Hendrix, CPPB
__________ Marsha Turnipseed, CPPB
Candidates Bio’s

Rosetta Butler, CPPB  
Chief of Purchasing  
Baltimore County, Maryland

Rosetta Butler received a B.A. in Accountancy from Norfolk State University located in Norfolk, VA. Even though I graduated college with the plan of become an Auditor, I was later introduced to procurement while working for Norfolk Public Schools (NPS). I immediately grew an appreciation and passion for the procurement. I started my procurement career at NPS as a Junior Buyer, then a Senior Buyer approximately a year later, and finally ended my tenure as a Senior Procurement Coordinator. During my tenure with NPS, I achieved the Achievement of Excellence Procurement (AEP) award two consecutive years, play a key role in the integration of an enterprise resource planning (ERP) system, served as a member on the NIGP finance committee, and received my Virginia Contracting Officer (VCO) Certification and Certified Public Purchasing Buyer (CPPB) Certification.

As years went by, I became more passionate about procurement and wanted to learn all that I could absorb. In 2007, I accepted my first managerial position as the Associate Director of Purchasing at Norfolk State University. This was such an exciting time, because I was able to work for the college in which I earned by degree. From learning about the establishment of policies and procedures, to the procurement card program, to hosting the University’s first Small Business Enterprise (SBE) meet and greet the learning opportunity was positively massive.

In mid of 2012, I applied for the Deputy Director of Procurement Services with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. At this point of my life, all I knew was Virginia. To be honest, before applying for the position I never thought about leaving Virginia. Months later I interviewed for the position and accepted the position. I must say it was very different, but a good different. This position was filled with a lot of new challenges, but I was determined to make every challenge a learning opportunity. In 2013 I received the Employee of the Year award and in 2016 I received the Secretary’s Salute. In 2016, I was excited to become the Chief of Purchasing with Baltimore County, Maryland. I am so thankful for my staff and we look forward to our new adventures. Moving to Maryland was one of my best decisions, I appreciate the culture and the love shared by the citizens of Maryland. I look forward to spending many years in Maryland and dedicating my service to MPPA.

During my procurement years I’ve worked on Construction, A/E, Service, Maintenance, IT and commodity procurements. In summary, I hope that voters are able to see my passion for procurement and my dedication to the field we all love. Please vote Rosetta Butler for your new Secretary.

Marsha L. Turnipseed (Harris)

Marsha has been a civil servant for the State of Maryland for over 25 years. During her tenure with the State of Maryland, Marsha has held several positions within the Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration (SHA), Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) and Maryland Department of Licensing and Regulations, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). Marsha possesses a Bachelor in Business Administration with a concentration in Contract Administration. In 2006, she demonstrated her knowledge of the Procurement profession when she was honored to receive her Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) credentials from the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC).
Marsha is an active member of the Maryland Public Purchasing Association (MPPA), a chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP). For the past five years, she has served as the Recognition Committee Chair for MPPA. In this position, she has actively attended bi-monthly membership and Executive Board Meetings; she has provided support in preparation for the MPPA’s yearly Installation of Officers and award ceremony. Marsha has worked closely with the last five (5) MPPA presidents, carrying on the mission of the MPPA Chapter and the duties to uphold the position of Recognition Chair for the association. During the 2016 NIGP Forum, Marsha continued to contribute to the success of the MPPA chapter by initiating a “First Timers” guidance program. This shadowing program paired MPPA members that attended the NIGP Forum for the first time with veteran attendees. The veteran attendees provided guidance and support to ensure that the First Timers were able to maximize their time and efforts, while successfully maneuvering through the demanding schedule of the Forum. Marsha continues to support her Chapter efforts to be amongst the elite group of NIGP recognized Chapter of Year Award recipients, as she has participated in the Chapter’s application submission process for the last 3 years, in which MPPA received an Honorable Mention for their submission in 2015.

Marsha is an organized, procurement professional, that exhibits strong and diverse people skills. She is detailed oriented, her active role in MPPA, and her many years as a dedicated civil servant to the citizens of Maryland will prove to be valuable assets in her role as MPPA’s newly elected Secretary.

**Amanda Hendrix, CPPB**

Lead Procurement Administrator II  
Maryland Transportation Authority

I started my public procurement career with the State of Maryland in 2010 at the Maryland Transit Administration as an Administrative Assistant. Even though I was a Consultant at the time, I was very eager to learn as much as I could about how the State performed procurements. Within 3 months, I went from being an Administrative Assistant to being a Contract Specialist, assisting the Procurement department any way that I could. I had, unexpectedly, stumbled upon a career path that I started to become quite passionate about. I wanted more! In 2013, I accepted a pinned position with the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services as a Procurement Specialist II. This position brought a lot of new challenges and opportunities my way. Later that year, I accepted a position with the Maryland Port Administration. Within a year, I was re-classed to a Procurement Administrator I. By May of 2016, I received my Certified Public Purchasing Buyer (CPPB) Certification issued by the Universal Professional Procurement Certification Council. In 2016, I was also honored among NIGP’s top five Most Engaged Young Professional Members Under 30. Recently, I accepted a new position with the Maryland Transportation Authority as a Lead Procurement Administrator II. In total, I’ve worked on Construction, A/E, Service, Maintenance, IT and commodity procurements.

I have been a member of NIGP and MPPA since 2013. I currently am a co-chair on the Recognition Committee with the MPPA. I am also a member of the Pipeline, which is a new Task Force that assists the NIGP’s Talent Council recruit, review and conduct interviews with potential volunteers for NIGP councils, committees and other volunteer opportunities.

The Secretary plays a crucial role in the structure of the MPPA. I truly respect the current President and his vision for the MPPA. I would be honored to be able to assist in taking the minutes, keeping the data base up to date and keeping everything organized to ensure that the MPPA remains a well-oiled machine. The Secretary has many responsibilities and I am ready to take them on. Please vote for me as your new Secretary.
Education

Advancing Your Negotiation Skills  
5/17-18/17

Legal Aspects of Public Procurement  
5/22-24/2017

Developing & Managing Requests for Proposals  
6/21-23/17

Contract Administration in the Public Sector  
7/19-21/17

Strategic Procurement Planning  
8/15-17/2017

CPPB Prep  
9/11-12/17

Tips for Class  
Dress Comfortably / Business Casual, Bring Pen/Pencil/Highlighter,  
Notepad Folder for handouts, Bring Sweater & Arrive 5-10 minutes early

Please contact Tina to host an education session at your location. We are now planning sessions  
for Fall and Winter 2017-2018

Tina Wilson, CPPB  
Education Chair  
Phone: 240-313-2335  
twilson@washco-md.net

REMINDER! CHECK OUT THE NIGP WEBINARS, FREE TO MEMBERS!  
http://www.nigp.org/grow-professionally/education/webinars

NIGP’s courses provide the essential framework for you to better understand and master the world of public procurement and your path to certification. For many, professional certification is a pinnacle achievement that reflects superior knowledge, experience and status as a public procurement professional. Whatever your motivation for certification, NIGP provides courses with the knowledge and the qualifying credits you need.  – NIGP website
MEXICAN LASAGNA

INGREDIENTS
12 Servings

1 pound lean ground beef
2 jars (15 to 16 ounces each) medium salsa
1 can (15 oz) black beans, drained and rinsed
1 can (8 3/4 oz) whole kernel corn, drained
4 tsps McCormick® Chili Powder
3 tsps McCormick® Oregano Leaves, divided
2 tsps McCormick® Cumin, Ground
2 eggs
2 containers (15 ounces each) ricotta cheese
2 cups (8 oz) shredded Mexican blend cheese, divided
9 lasagna noodles, uncooked

Preheat oven to 350°F. Brown ground beef in large skillet on medium-high heat. Drain fat. Add salsa, beans, corn, chili powder, 2 teaspoons of the oregano and cumin; mix well. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer 5 minutes. Beat eggs in large bowl. Add ricotta cheese, 1 cup of the Mexican blend cheese and remaining 1 teaspoon oregano; mix well. Spread about 1 cup of the meat sauce onto the bottom of 13x9-inch baking dish; top with 3 noodles. Spread 1/2 of the cheese mixture over the noodles. Repeat meat sauce, noodles and cheese layer once. Top with remaining noodles and meat sauce, making sure to cover noodles with sauce. Sprinkle with remaining 1 cup Mexican blend cheese. Cover with foil. Bake 45 minutes. Remove foil. Bake 15 minutes longer or until noodles are tender. Let stand 15 minutes before serving.

MEXICAN COFFEE

3/4 cup ground dark roast coffee, (regular or decaffeinated)
2 tsps McCormick® Cinnamon, Ground
6 cups water
1 cup milk
1/3 cup chocolate syrup
2 tsps light brown sugar
1 tsp McCormick® Pure Vanilla Extract

Place coffee and cinnamon in filter basket of coffeemaker. Add water to coffeemaker; brew as directed. Simmer milk, chocolate syrup and sugar in small saucepan on low heat until sugar dissolves. Stir milk mixture and vanilla into brewed coffee. Pour into serving cups. Garnish with whipped cream and cinnamon, if desired.

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Happy Spring! Spring is here and Summer is quickly approaching...budget years are ending and beginning for some...and the national forum in Salt Lake City, Utah will be here in no time; 116 days to be exact! Don’t miss out on the great opportunities the NIGP forum has to offer. Speakers, workshops, education...and the NETWORKING! The forum continues to be the place where we as procurement officers can gather to share our thoughts and experiences...and enjoy the company of others who understand our everyday “pleasantries”. SO DON’T MISS IT!

MPPA has many great things ahead. We have a large number of educational opportunities available, Volunteering for community outreach is booming, the attendance at our general membership meetings continue to grow with the great venues and speakers; these meetings are never a letdown. Speaking of which during the May 11 meeting our special guest will be Chad Sanchagrin of Cannonball Moments; you definitely want to be there! Get involved; get to know your chapter...VOLUNTEER! We are one big family and we continue to grow...The word is out folks “MPPA Rocks!” “Procurement with Integrity!”

See you soon!
Brandi

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.” - Henry Ford

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