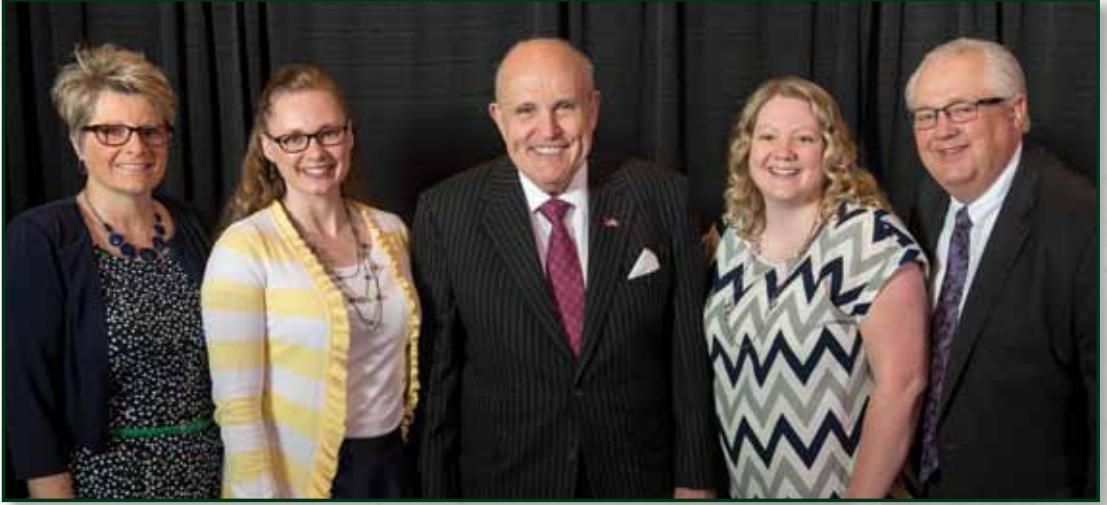




What An Honor!



WPMA President Rick Reese and family with Rudy Giuliani

*W*hat a great experience and honor for Karen and I to be a part of **this great Association.** With the 2017 WPMAEXPO behind us, I would like to personally thank and congratulate our sponsors, exhibitors, WPMA staff, and especially the members who attended the WPMAEXPO. In a special way I would like to thank our Presidential Sponsors, Federated Insurance and Chevron. I truly enjoyed presenting the presidential award to both Adam Noble of Federated Insurance and Loren Chambers of Chevron. The presentation on Scott Lystad was very touching, and I am a better person for having known him. It was also my honor to present Craig Kellerstrass with this year's WPMA Hall of Fame award, given that I have worked for Craig and Jacoy for over 21 years now.

Our Keynote speaker, Rudy Giuliani's presentation was excellent as he talked about strong leadership qualities that earned him great respect and honor, including *Times* "Person of the Year," Knighthood by the Queen of England, and the designation of "America's Mayor." Hopefully you were able to take something away from his comments. Our Ladies' Luncheon Speaker, Noelle Pikus Pace, was fantastic, as she brought to light her Olympic experiences and how they have helped in her life. I know that those present were inspired by her story. Again, it was truly an honor for Karen and I to get to know these individuals on a personal basis.

I would like to thank those that presented during our Tuesday and Thursday educational sessions, I felt that their messages were valuable for our attendees.

And finally, thanks to all who supported our Scholarship Reception on Monday evening, the Scholarship Golf Tournament on Tuesday, and the Silent Auction that ended Thursday.

Work has already begun by the staff and next year's president Ron Berry, to make sure that the 2018 WPMAEXPO will be better than ever.

Again, Thanks to all for your support.

Rick Reese

2016-17 WPMA President