



*WPMA President
Ron Berry*

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone involved in the 2018 WPMA Expo. It was such a whirlwind experience for Michelle and me! We feel so honored to be a part of this great organization and see so many of our dear friends and associates come and support us in this wonderful experience.

I would personally like to thank each of our sponsors and exhibitors, our wonderful WPMA staff who do so much behind the scenes, and all of you wonderful members who attended the *WPMAEXPO*. We were lucky to have four Presidential Sponsors: Chevron, ExxonMobil, Federated Insurance, and Sinclair. Thanks to each of you for your generous contribution to this wonderful organization. I would again like to personally congratulate my good friend Robert Fung for being inducted into the WPMA Hall of Fame; a person very deserving of the award, who puts a lot of time into serving this organization. Robert is a great example to all of us.

Our Keynote speaker, Governor Chris Christie, was a homerun! I think he gave each of us better insight into our current President and his policies. I thought his message from John Adams was a perfect way to end his speech. I hope each of us realizes the important role we play in this country as we seek to fight for the freedoms we have enjoyed for so long. I hope each of you enjoyed his speech. Our Ladies' Luncheon was a great success also. Elizabeth Smart's presentation was absolutely amazing. Her message that "what happens to you does not define who you are" inspired all of us. I think everyone went away with respect for a wonderful young lady who has overcome such a tragedy and has turned her life into a living example that we can overcome anything. Michelle and I were honored to be able to get to know Chris Christie, his sweet wife Mary Pat, and Elizabeth Smart. It was a wonderful day for all of us.

I would like to thank all the golfers who braved the coldest day of golf that I have ever participated in. We had to remember it was for the Scholarship Foundation and was worth it. The scholarship reception on Monday night was well attended and everyone had a great time. The scholarship silent auction also turned out well. Thanks to everyone for participating in these events.

The trade show was a success, and I hope each of you had the chance to tell all the vendors "Thank You" for supporting our trade show. We would not be successful without them.

Finally, a big thanks to all who attended management sessions. They were all well attended and I hope each of you walked away feeling like you learned something to take back to your organizations.

We look forward now as next year's President, Mark Lytle, and the WPMA staff put together another great Expo for 2019.

Again, our thanks to all of you for your support and kind words. You are some of the greatest people we know.

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