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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES 2003-2004 SLATE

The *2003 Nominating Committee*, chaired by Past President, Liliane Nash, CTC, was comprised of Liliane, Patti Pitt, Emmy Lou Sachs, Lynn Fox, Connie Brown, Judi Stern, and Thierry Vuolo. The following slate was presented to Board of Directors at their regular meeting on March 10, 2003 at Humbert Travel, 545 Madison Avenue, New York, NY. Board Members attending were; Maire Caverley, Gilda Braveman, Sharon Ullrick, Valerie Martin, Lorraine Leonard, Melissa Murray Bance, Mary Rita Zendt, and Lucille DePerro.

### 2003-2004 Slate

**President:** Sharon Ullrick, VP of Business and Founder of SpaQuest, Inc. Current EVP of 41°-74°, 2002-2003. Corresponding Secretary and Website Development 2001-2002; Philanthropic Chairperson 2000-2001; Committees served: Philanthropic, Special Services.

**Executive Vice President:** Sue Schiff, CTC, President of Travel People Personnel since 1984. Corresponding Secretary 2002-2003; Immediate Past President 2000-2001; President 1999-2000; EVP 1998-1999; First VP 1997-1998; Corresponding Secretary 1995-1996. Committees served : all of them.

**First Vice President:** Sylvia Berg has been a travel agent working under the aegis of Elaine Goldhill Travel Consultants for 20 years. A member of 41°-74° since 2001 she has enjoyed working with Melissa Murray-Bance on the Membership Committee and with Diane Curtis on the Reception Committee. One of the major honors of her life has been being nominated and chosen for inclusion in "Who's Who of American Women".

**Second Vice President:** Thierry Vuolo, August 2002 – Present, Regional

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41°-74° Past Presidents in attendance at the January Luncheon Meeting at Bouterin (standing, left to right): Ramona Manzi, Josephine Savoy, CTC, Honorary Member Eva Pinkus, Cecily Whitaker, Lyn Fox, Liliane Nash, CTC, Laurel Scott, and current president, Maire Caverly. Seated, in front Lorraine Leonard and Patti Buffolano.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members and Auxiliary Members:

It's difficult to believe that we are more than half way through the Club year. Its been a time filled with challenges but also many successes. Our Christmas luncheon at *The Pierre* was one of the best ever with 250 attendees and we raised over \$3,550 for *New Yorkers for Children* and collected 350 toys to make the holidays brighter for these kids.

In January, many members braved the cold weather to attend the Club's 65th birthday celebration at *Bouterin* where the cozy atmosphere and abundance of flowers made us forget the chilly temperature outside.

Along with the birthday celebration, we had two other special occasions to mark. *Eva Pinkus* celebrated 50 years as a member of the 41°-74° Club and we bade a fond farewell to Past President, *Laurel Scott* who is moving to Australia. Both Eva and Laurel have made significant contributions to the Club over many years.

February brought the first open meeting of 2003 with a lovely event, co-hosted by member *Patti Pitt* and the *Bermuda Office of Tourism*. Special thanks to Patti and her colleagues for an educational and elegant evening and to the prize donors.

On March 13, *Jeanne Tingo of Communispond* once again sponsored an

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## “Babes In Toyland” Raises \$3,550 for New Yorkers for Children

Our Annual Christmas Luncheon was held Tuesday, Dec. 17 at The Pierre from Noon to 2:30PM. It was once again an outstanding success thanks to the combined efforts of this year's co-chairs; Ramona Manzi of Alitalia, Barbara Gally of Linden Travel, and Judi Stern of Travels with Judi.

With the raffle of a 7-night voyage for two on board Residensea's luxury vessel, THE WORLD we were able to raise \$3,550 for this year's philanthropic effort to support New Yorkers for Children. Winner of the 7 night voyage was Ephriam Abramson of Cruise Enterprises.

### Door Prize Winners

In addition to the grand prize, we were fortunate to have several door prizes which increased the fun and suspense! Gloria Greenstein of Gloria and Associates won the American Express gift certificate, courtesy of American Express;

Jane Hooper of Tourism Ireland won the Kimberly Hotel's Weekend, courtesy of the Kimberly and club member Valerie Gerard Martin; past 41°-74° President, Rena Udell of Orient Express won a stay at the Scottsdale Fairmont Princess; Lillian Brezis of ANA won Brunch at the Pierre.; and Stephanie Faviano won the Doral's Gold Resort Weekend.

### A Special Thanks to our Co-Hosts

Co-Hosts are essential in helping us donate all the money raised by the raffles to our Philanthropic goals.

#### Platinum Level

- *Avis Rent A Car*
- *British Tourist Authority*
- *Tourism Ireland*

#### Silver Level

- *Canadian Tourism Commission*
- *Crystal Cruises*
- *Micato Safaris*

#### Patron Level

- *La Samanna*
- *Lifetime Television for Women*

A special thanks to *American Express* for generously donating the flowers.

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Sales Director for Maupintour/Gutsy Women Travel; 1999 – 2002, DSM Royal Caribbean Int'l and Celebrity Cruises; 1997 – 1999, IATAN's Director of Travel Agent Educational Programs; 1993 – 1997, DSM Certified Vacations; 1986 – 1993, various travel retail & training positions. Earned CTC from ICTA in 1998. 41-74 Committees: Recording Secretary, 2002-2003; Philanthropic Chair, 2001-2002; Publicity Chair, 2000-2001; Publicity Committee, 1999-2000.

**Recording Secretary:** Patti Pitt is currently the Assistant Field Marketing Manager for Bermuda Department of Tourism where she has been employed for the past 26 years. She joined the club in 2000. Member-At-Large 2002-2003. Committees served: Program.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Norma Spadola is currently the Regional Director of Sales for Silversea Cruises in Eastern Canada and New England since 2000. Prior to Silversea, she was Regional Sales Manager for Seabourn/Cunard for 7 years. Committees served, By Laws.

**Treasurer:** Gilda Braveman, Independent contractor, Humbert Travel Agency. 1989-1991, Philanthropic committee; 1991-1992, Reception Committee Chairman; 1992-1993, Treasurer; 1993-1994, Treasurer, 1995-1996, Second VP; 1999-2000, Treasurer; 2000-2001, Treasurer; 2001-2002, First VP; 2002-2003, Treasurer.

**Member at Large** (two year term): Cheryl Bennet of The Ritz Carlton Hotel Company. Member since 2002.

**Member at Large** (two year term): Joan Novack, Co-owner, Majesty Travel since 1995. Joan joined the club in 1997 and has served on the special services, reception, and reservations committees.

**Member at Large** (one year term, vacancy created by Patti Pitt who is running for Recording Secretary): Iris Salazar of Micato Safaris. Member since 2001. Philanthropic Chair 2002-2003.

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informative seminar to help us with our communication skills. As you can see, EVP and Programs Chair, **Sharon Ullrick**, and her committee are working hard to arrange interesting, educational and entertaining meetings, so please support their efforts by attending and taking the opportunity to network with fellow members and colleagues. In this challenging period for our industry, communication and networking help us all to move forward and deal with the changing times.

The May meeting which will incorporate our Spring Charity fundraiser will be May 15th at the Union League Club. Awards Chair, **Helena Papadelis** and her committee are assembling some wonderful travel prizes for the charity raffle which will benefit The Women's Center/The Children's Center. The Women's Center operates as a community based center to support HIV infected women and their families and in 1996 added The Children's Center to provide

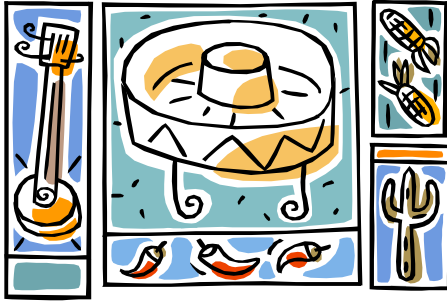
remedial education, foster social skills and provide needed support for HIV infected and affected children ages 6 to 18. The Children's Center's goals are to strengthen and empower participants, alleviate depression and provide health education to reduce the risk of drug abuse, early pregnancy and family violence. The Center provides an after school and summer program and has been successful in improving educational scores for all participants and in instituting a Peer Tutoring program with some of the older children. The raffle books have been mailed. Let all your friends, family and co-workers have an opportunity to win a great prize and support our charity.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meetings. Let's enjoy Spring and look ahead toward a peaceful and prosperous time for our industry.

Best regards,

*Maire*

*Save The Date!*



## MEXICO

Thursday, May 15, 2003

Union League Club

38 East 37th Street

Reception: 6:00PM

Dinner: 7:00PM

### Benefit Raffle Drawing

Proceeds to Benefit

#### The Women's Center/The Children's Center

Members, Auxiliaries, Prospectives bring your industry friends to join us for our last open meeting of the year. Our Co-Hosts, the **Mexican Tourist Office**, the Program Committee and the Event Chair, *Helena Papadellis*, *Air Jamaica* have put together a **FIESTA!** Not only will we be drawing the winners of the 2003 Spring Philanthropic Raffle, the club and its co-host have lined up a number of door prizes as well. Courtesy of club member, Wendy Wegner and Wegner Associates, 3 nights at the **Blue Waters** in Antigua. From **Emerson Inn & Spa**, a mid-week, overnight spa escape; and from **Utell** 3 nights at the **Royal Hotel Zona Rosa in Mexico City**. There are others being added but you must be in attendance to win the door prizes. Raffle tickets will be sold during the Reception so those who may not have had a chance to buy, may buy before the drawings begin. However, winners of the raffle prizes do not need to be present to win. For a list of raffle prizes, see page 2 of this issue.

#### A Special Thanks to:

#### Bermuda Tourism

Our generous 2003 Bermuda Night Co-Hosts (pictured below, around Patti Pitt, front row and center) helped us present a festive night of door prizes, dinner, and networking! 75 members, prospectives, and guests attended at *The Penn Club*, on February 13, 2003. Kudos to Patti Pitt, Bermuda Tourism, Member-at-Large, and the Program Committee's Chairperson of the evening.



#### OFFICIAL NOTICE:

*Annual General Meeting  
And  
Election and Installation of  
Officers and Members-at-Large*  
Thursday, June 12, 2003

**Closed Meeting**

**The VUE**

**151 East 50th St.**

**Cocktails: 6:00PM**

**Dinner: 7:00PM**

**Members: \$52.00**

**Retirees: \$45.00**

**Prospectives: \$60.00**

#### Attendance Requirements

Members who have not attended three (3) meetings this year, should plan to attend this meeting (*Our most important meeting!*) in order to fulfill the bylaw membership requirement. Those who have been unable to attend the required three (3) meetings, please advise the membership chairperson, Melissa Murray-Bance of their extenuating circumstances.

This has been a tough year for everyone. Please help the club by honoring the integrity of the by-laws by notifying the membership committee, in writing (see bottom of page for contact information).\*\*

#### Proposed By-law Change

There will be a discussion by the membership of proposed by-law changes being presented by the By-law committee. Anyone wishing to serve on the committee should contact: **Chairperson, Susan T. Schiff, CTC (contact information below)\*.**

#### Send Information for Next Issue to:

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Deadline for materials: June 15, 2003

**\*\*Name, Address & Affiliation Changes/ Corrections or Membership Questions?  
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