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Spring Charity Raffle Raises \$7,336 for Women's Center/ Children's Center

Winning tickets for our Spring Philanthropic event were drawn at our open meeting on May 15, 2003 at the Union League Club.

Thanks to your support the 41°-71° Club Spring Raffle was a success. It is rewarding to submit this report knowing that together we have made a difference.

The proceeds of this event totaling \$7,336 were donated to The Women's Center/The Children's Center, a community based family focused on mental and primary health care program for HIV infected women, their children, partners and family members.

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Club Votes in New Board at June Annual General Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting, held June 12, 2003 at the *Vue*, members voted in the slate for next years board. See Box on Page 2 for the 2003-2004 Board Members, affiliations, and contact information.



The 41°- 74° Club of New York, Inc. 2003-2004 Board of Directors. The slate was approved by the membership at the Annual General Meeting on June 12, 2003 at The Vue. Top Row, left to right: Sue Schiff, EVP; Gilda Braveman, Treasurer; Iris Salazar, Member-at-Large; Norma Spadola, Corresponding Secretary; Theresa Vuolo, Second VP; Patti Pitt, Recording Secretary; Front Row, left to right: Valerie Martin, Member-at-Large; Sharon Ullrick, President 2003-2004, and Sylvia Berg, First VP. Not present: Immediate Past President, Maire Caverley and Members-at-Large Joan Novack and Cheryl Bennett.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Your new Board has met and, along with the new Committee Chairs, we are full of ideas for a spectacular year. We agree that to remain a vital Club we need to enhance Member participation and attract new Members for the Club and Auxiliary who will renew the Club's energy. We have an impeccable reputation for quality events and we always attract the finest support. I am proud to announce that Mr. Raoul Delgado of RDM Hotels will be your Auxiliary President this year. I know Raoul will be influential in increasing the size and participation of our Auxiliary. I am certain the meetings will be fun and informative. Our September Closed meeting, for example will celebrate our Past Presidents. The complete schedule for meetings is available at www.4174.org.

I want to open a discussion on some changes to our By-Laws in the hopes of making some of the administration of the Club's

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*Calendar of
Events
2003-2004*

September 11, 2003

Bill's Gay Nineties

Closed Dinner Meeting

October 10, 2003

Metronome

Islands in the Sun

Open Dinner Meeting

Sunday, October 19, 2003

Central Park

Walk against Breast Cancer

Open Event

November 13, 2003

Rihga Royal

New Member and Prospective Night

Closed Meeting Cocktail Reception

Tuesday, December 16, 2003

The Pierre

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Open Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2004

67th Birthday

Closed Meeting

Thursday, February , 2004

Open Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 2004

Closed Meeting

Thursday, May 15, 2003

Open Meeting

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Annual General Meeting

Closed Meeting

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The Happy Toiletries Basket for Homeless Women

You know those little toiletries the hotels so graciously provide to us when we travel? All of us take them with us. Please bring them or any other unopened toiletries you would like to offer to the next 41-74 meeting. When you sign in at the meeting, there will be a basket at reception to collect all of your toiletries. The following day someone from the Philanthropic Committee will deliver what we have collected to a local Women's Shelter.

This is one way all of us can contribute at every meeting. Thanks so much to all of you for your support of this (small) endeavor.

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President's Message

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affairs go more smoothly. The new Board considered these areas of concern:

- The difficulty in getting a quorum for the monthly Board meetings.
- Increasing the Board with the creation of a Third VP position and that this woman would be in charge of the Philanthropic aspects of the Club. (This will bring the Board back to thirteen members. For a number of years the Board has been short one member since we voted to leave the International Federation of Women in Travel Org. in 2000.)
- Moving to communicate as much as possible via email to save on printing and mailing costs. This requires some small changes in the text and it also requires that accurate email addresses be reported and maintained on an on-going basis.

When we began a discussion of another proposed By-Law change at the June 2003 meeting to alter the quorum for Board members to a number lower than the current seven required, there was a lot of strong feeling about it. While the By-Law Committee is clear that changing the number for a quorum in **NO WAY** lessens the commitment defined for an

officer in the By-Laws, it is also clear that the Club needs to think this matter through for a bit before we move to a vote. The process to amend a By-Law is pretty intense.

The reality is that the new Board members are taking on their new responsibilities and we need to move ahead together with our priorities clear. We had the luxury of several years with Board members remaining at their posts and it takes time to do any of these jobs efficiently, so I ask that we cool it and let these women learn the ropes. I ask that we not take up a By-Law question until the January meeting (at the earliest) so we can be focused on the demands of the Fall, namely, seeking new members and bringing them into the Club and preparing for a wonderful Christmas luncheon to benefit our charity. I want us to have a well developed discussion that can clearly state the issues, not an occasion where we are speaking off the top of our minds after a long day and a fine dinner.

And for heaven's sake let's enjoy our time together! I know it is vital for all members to be informed and involved. I also know it is vital that our dinner meetings are events where our fellowship transcends any agenda.

Together, we travel well,

Sharon

Sharon Ullrick
President

Philanthropy: One of the Club's 4 Cornerstones by Iris Salazar

Philanthropy is one of the 4 cornerstones of our Club. So what is Philanthropy?

An active effort to promote human welfare... that's philanthropy.

A voluntary action for the public good, with or without a financial component...that's Philanthropy

An act to make life better for someone else...that's Philanthropy.

When you tithe at church...that's Philanthropy

When you drop a few coins in a container of a Deli store...that's Philanthropy.

When you donate a toy for a needy child at a Christmas event...that's Philanthropy.

Something voluntarily given

by one person to another without compensation... that's a Gift.

Something voluntarily given to show friendship, affection, support, and care... that's a Gift.

Something voluntarily given to launch a campaign, further a cause... that's a Gift.

Philanthropy is a gift, freely given, with no product or service given in return.

One who freely offers her or his time to perform a service...that's Volunteering.

Someone who works for no monetary payment...that's Volunteering.

The ability to build something you believe in, acquire new skills, form new relationships, find self-fulfillment and more...are some of the rewards

of ...Volunteering.

At the 41-74, "together", we are more—we share our resources, whether it is money, time, effort, or ideas. "Together, we can provide help, comfort, education, and more to people in need". Putting together solutions is hard work—and passion is an essential ingredient to carry out the idea from the initial spark of a recognized need to the realization of a program that achieves its mission."

Find your passion and enjoy it—collaborate, commit, and celebrate the power and potential of the Philanthropic spirit...and that's our mission!

Iris Salazar of Micato Safaris was the 2002-2003 Philanthropic Chair. She has joined 2003-2004 Board as a Member-at-Large.

SeaDream I Lives Up To Its Name

A generous offer from SeaDream Yacht Club Representative Lucille DePerro inspired 41-74 members Patti Bufolano, Dorothy DeNonno, Lee Pearson, Iris Salazar, Phyllis Sauter and me, Linda Getter to embark on a 3-night SeaDream I Caribbean cruise round-trip Barbados-Grenada-Mayreau-Barbados.

With Lucille as our host, we were in for three days of continuous luxury and fun. (Thanks Lucille for a terrific experience!) As travelers boarded the yacht, they were met by the Activities Director and handed a glass of

Champagne, a hint of what was to come. At our first meeting, a cocktail reception with the captain held in the bar/lounge on deck three, we were informed that our contingent of 52 cruisers would be served by a crew of 91. Good odds.

Dinner that evening in the Yacht's formal dining room offered us a choice of up to Six courses craftfully prepared and impeccably served by an expert staff. Later we retired to our beautifully appointed cabins to be gently rocked to sleep by the sea.

First port: Grenada

where Dorothy DeNonno, who is familiar with the Island, offered to lead an excursion to Grenada's famed spice market. Redolent with nutmeg and cinnamon the market is one of the focal points of this "spice island." Another sumptuous dinner was served this time on deck where the breezes and rhythm of the Caribbean began to take travelers to the depths of relaxation and camaraderie. Drinks "top side" (a bit of disco with the BeeGees in the lounge) and another restful night were good preparation for our Mayreau beach party on day three.

Mayreau, with only 200

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Spring 2003 Philanthropic Raffle Winners

U.K.-Paris Getaway

- Winner: Samath Jones

Courtesy of: British Airways; Isabella Santoro, Rail Europe Group; Susan Barber, Oatlands Park Hotel; Maire Caverley & Avis Rent A Car; and Valerie Martin, Kimberley Hotel.

The Body Holiday

- Winner: Iris Salazar

Courtesy of Diane Curtis, SunSwept Resorts and George Arakelian, BWIA West Indies Airways.

Los Cabos

- Winner: Judy Stern

Special Thanks to Mayforth Carroll, Marquis Los Cabos and Minny Morel, AeroMexico.

Jamaica

- Winner: Susan Nacey

Special Thanks to Cheryl Bennett, Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company and Christina Mucha, Air Jamaica.

O! Canada

- Winner: Molly Dunlap

Special Thanks to Leslie Dodson & Fairmont Hotels & Resorts.

Cairo

- Winner: C. Beharry

Special Thanks to Jessica Nancy O'Keefe, Egypt Air.

Rail Europe!

- Winner: Gloria Bakah

Special Thanks to Isabella Santoro & Rail Europe Group.

Florida

- Winner: Debra Weinberg

Courtesy of Laura Faucetta-Pazzini & Noble House Resorts.

Millennium Bostonian Hotel

- Winner: Jason Lewis

Courtesy of Lee Pearson & Millennium Hotels and Resorts.

Ski Weekend

- Winner: Rebecca Pontal

Courtesy of Daniela Marino & Green County Tourism.

The following door prizes were also presented as part of the evening's festivities:

- *Blue Waters Antigua* won by Diane Curtis
- *Emerson Inn & Spa* won by Leslie Dodson
- *Marriott Cancun* won by Bob Van Ess
- *Hotel Zona Rosa Mexico* won by Sandra Scime
- *Oberoi Hotel, Bali* won by Linda McFie

Special Thanks to *The Mexican Tourist Office* who co-hosted the evening.

Spring Charity (Continued from page 1)

Together, we have contributed to the improvement of the lives of hundreds of women, and their families that need our help the most. The funds will serve to:

- Strengthen and empower participants in the program
- Improve their mental and physical health
- Reduce their risks for drug abuse
- Prevent early pregnancy and family violence
- Prevent HIV infection



Left to Right: Sharon Ullrick, President 2003-2004, Noel Carroll, The Carroll Group, Maire Caverley, President 2002-2003, and Espondo Rodrigo, The Mexican Tourist Board, Co-Host of the 41-74 Club of New York, Inc.'s Annual Spring Philanthropic Event. Raffle Ticket sales raised \$7,336 for The Women's Center/The Children's Center

Save the Date!

Sunday, October 19

The American Cancer Society's Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk

Where: Central Park @ 72nd Street
Time: 9:00AM - 1:00PM
Distance: 5 miles
Registration Time: 9:00am
Ribbon cutting: 9:30am
Walk is rain or shine

Seadream I (Continued from page 4) permanent inhabitants, is a perfect venue for Caribbean bliss. Met on the Island's dock by welcoming tray of rum punch, our group was enticed to swim in warm Caribbean waters by several SeaDream crew members, waist deep in the surf, serving (what else?) champagne and caviar from a surfboard.

After breakfast on our final day aboard the SeaDream I, we were transported (by the Barba-

dos Tourist Authority) to The Crane Hotel where Crane Representative and 41-74 Club member Phyllis Sauter had invited our group to a "Gospel Brunch" with local Gospel singers providing beautiful harmonies to accompany an abundant brunch buffet. Thanks for the gracious hospitality Phyllis!

On to the airport for our flights home and dreams of Caribbean breezes.

4174.ORG Update: American Express Renews Support

Our website came in under budget for the year 2002-2003. We are seeing over 100 hits a day and nearly 4,000 files opened a month. Which means members are using the site for reference and to download meeting notices, AMEX forms, and referring to the Meteor.

A special thanks to American Express for renewing their commitment to co-host our site and its development!

News From Our Members

Congratulations to *Ms. Valerie Martin*, Member-At-Large and Club Member since 1999, on her engagement to Mr. Michael Blasi. He proposed on the 4th of July! The spring wedding will take place at The Blessed Sacrament Church with Valerie's son as ring bearer.

Lyn Fox reported at the June Meeting that *Laurel Scott* is well established in Brisbane, Australia and said, "Please tell everyone I miss them so much."

IN MEMORIUM

Our condolences to the family of Sandy Abrams a club member since 1983. Sandy was very active with the Philanthropic Committee. Her warm smile and generous spirit will be missed.

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