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## *Hope is Our Mission*

A Message from Thierry Vuolo,  
Chairman Philanthropic Committee



*Sandy Abrams, Tzell Travel and Thierry Vuolo, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines share smiles and ideas to lead the Philanthropic Committee to their goal.*

A day has changed the landscape in New York City. I do not mean the physicality of the horrific leveling of buildings but I refer to the personality and psychology of the great neighborhood called New York.

Firehouses in New York have been converted to chapels and the arch at Washington Square Park has transformed into a cathedral. It is tragic and touching. Walk through Manhattan and the outer boroughs and you will see posters of the missing, candles and flowers to honor a loved one, poems and prayers asking for guidance. The missing buildings are not only noticeable from lower Manhattan but from Queens and New Jersey, Staten Island and Brooklyn, small town USA and the world.

We at the 41-74 Club are not just members of this association but party of a bigger family. Given that, the Board has allowed the Committee to take additional research time to find a worthy charity for your vote. As we were given this assignment in late August, and after a preliminary Committee meeting on Monday, 10 September, it is the focus of the Philanthropic Committee to locate such a charity for this year's Christmas luncheon. After the tragic attack on Tuesday, 11 September, the Committee feels we should diligently collect information on existing and newly established 501(c) (3) charities which would donate monies to assisting victims of the attack in New York as well as local firefighters and other uniformed workers and their families. If you would like to suggest a charity, please send it via email to [tvuolo@rccl.com](mailto:tvuolo@rccl.com).



*President, Lorraine Leonard  
2001-2002*

### *Dear 41°-74° Club Members,*

People from all over the country, and the world, were shaken by the tragic events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Our prayers, thoughts and deepest sympathy go out to those who have lost a loved one or friend.

This is the time to unite and be strong. The 41°-74° Club is a unique organization of dynamic and talented professional women in the travel industry. The Club was created to help others. The Philanthropic Committee is carefully researching charities set up to benefit the victims and the families affected by the collapse of the World Trade Center. In order to give the committee enough time to research and present their recommendations, the members voted to table the decision until next month.

A great big thank you to all members who attended our first closed meeting of the year, which took place at the Hotel Inter-Continental on September 19<sup>th</sup>. It was an excellent opportunity for members and prospectives to get together and show our support for each other in this difficult time.

In lieu of the 50/50, the Philanthropic Committee suggested taking a collection for the families of the World Trade Center victims and depositing 100% of the \$376.00 that was collected, into this fund.

The 41°-74° Club is stronger than ever before. Membership is growing, meetings are well attended and there is a pleasant atmosphere of camaraderie. We have a new website, which you can access at [www.4174.org](http://www.4174.org), and we will soon be accepting the American Express card for payments for attendance at our meetings.

There are many ways to assist the Club and its' members – volunteer to work on a committee, sponsor a new member, support the Clubs' philanthropic efforts or co-host an event. You will get so much more out of the Club when you put more into it. Please get involved. We would love to have you!

I am delighted to announce that Richard Gamache, President of TCA Travel Corporation of America has accepted the appointment of Auxiliary President for the 2001/2002 Club year. He will be officially inducted at the upcoming open meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

**Lorraine**

# Club Dinner Meetings 2001-2002

OPEN MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2001

## *"The Many Moods of Mexico"*

THE CORNELL CLUB - COCKTAILS: 6:00PM  
CO-HOSTED BY THE MEXICO TOURISM BOARD  
ALSO BY The Luxury Collection and Avis Rent A Car  
PRIZE DRAWING FOR A TRIP TO MEXICO

Discover  
the many moods of  
**MEXICO**

  
THE LUXURY COLLECTION®  
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**AVIS**

**Friday, December 14th, 2001 / Open Meeting**

Christmas Luncheon / Cipriani

**Thursday, January 10th, 2002 / Closed Meeting**

Birthday /Membership

**Thursday, February 14th, 2002 / Open Meeting**

**Thursday, March 14th, 2002 / Closed Meeting**

**April 2002 Gala / To Be Advised**

**Thursday, May 9th, 2002 / Open Meeting**

**Thursday, June 13th, 2002 / Closed Meeting**

**Annual General Meeting**

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2001-2002

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## Longitude, Latitude, Attitude

Kate Otto and Rena Udell plan tee shirt project to raise funds and spirits.

## Tradition of Leadership

Current Board members feted thirteen past presidents at Bruno's dinner August 16, 2001 to set club priorities and toast a new year. Highlights included commitment to philanthropic endeavours, support of the new President and Board members, concern over the economy and the travel industry as well as encouraging more travel agent members, excitement for our Web site and the need to enlist a dynamic Auxillary. **Executive Vice President Maire Caverley** opened the meeting and introduced **2001/02 President Lorraine Leonard** who welcomed all past presidents and commended them for their contributions to The 41-74 Club and for their ongoing support. She encouraged all past presidents to share their experience and expertise with the board.

**Susan Schiff (1999/00)** felt the country is entering into tougher economic times. Recession reduces participation, thereby making it more difficult to attract new members. Her suggestion was to keep core members active, maintain a high level of prestige and tighten our belt. **Alicia Oliphant (1987/88)** expressed excitement about the Club's web site. **Patti Buffolano (2000/01)** felt the organization was moving forward by accepting American Express and our Web site. She also felt maintaining a level of prestige was very important. Quality versus attendance. She felt we should be more open to different types of venues, perhaps not quite as expensive. **Ramona Manzi (1997/98)** thanked Past President Patti Buffolano, welcomed the new board and committed her support. Ramona will again chair the Christmas luncheon along with co-chair **Kate Otto (1998/99)**.

Kate proceeded to suggest a different approach to "Cruise Night". With the help of CLIA, travel agents attending could earn credits toward their ACC or MCC. This would attract more travel agents to attend. She offered to be part of that committee. **Rena Udell (1993/94)** feels the organization needs to approach younger members. There are many young capable people that are unaware of the 41-74 Club. They need to see what we are all about. If members would bring a guest it would allow young people to see the great tradition in progress. We need to advertise ourselves more. People need to be invited to serve. Most people are intimidated by lack of information about job or committee. **Member-at-Large Emily Short** shared her experience as a new member. She was asked to sell the 50/50. By doing so, she was able to meet other members and feel part of the club. **Lyn Fox (1989/90)** thanked everyone for coming and committed her support to the new board and to the club.



*Left to right standing: Frances Gaddipati, Susan T. Schiff, Laurel Scott, Lorraine Leonard, Cecily Whitaker, Maura FitzGerald, Ramona Manzi, Stephanie Horton, Kneeling: Rena Udell, Kate Otto, Patti Buffolano.*

**Laurel Scott (1988/89)** felt the networking available by belonging to the club and attending the meetings is invaluable in these changing times. She viewed the industry not as down but different. She also asked for a volunteer to head the "Making Strides (breast cancer) walkathon. **Maura FitzGerald (1985/86)** has organized the walkathon in the past and found it to be a wonderful and rewarding experience. **Cecily Whitaker (1982/83)** approached the subject of our present auxiliary. She observed that in the past the auxiliary was much stronger and more financially supportive. A prominent auxiliary president is very important. This could serve as a motivation for others to join. **Lori Cole (1991/92)** was very happy that progress was being made in terms of accepting AMEX for dinner meetings. She would like the club to go back to identifying past presidents by wearing ribbons attached to badges. They would be recognized as ambassadors. She also stressed the importance of a strong auxiliary. **Frances Gaddipati (1990/91)** supported the recruiting of younger agents to join us.

Our experience in the travel industry and the workings of the Club have made us well prepared to move ahead together. It was an evening for unity, vision and support. This is an annual event of great meaning for all of us. So much goes on behind the scenes to make the meetings happen and the fund raising exceed the goals. In retrospect we were all strengthened to face the challenges ahead because of a chance to share stories from the past.

## *We welcome new member Jean Kane!*

Jean is a native New Yorker and a seasoned traveler who has worked in the travel industry for 20 years. She brings a wealth of experience and strong organizational skills to her position as manager of Candler travel in Rye, New York.

A gourmet cook, her hobbies, also, include horticulture and interior design.

Jean raised her daughter, Cathy, in Mamaroneck, New York and is happily anticipating the birth of her first grandchild.



*Jean Kane of U Name It Travel (center) with sponsors Lee Pearson of Millennium Hotels and Melissa Murray-Bance of Windsor Hospitality at the September Meeting.*

***Congratulations to Delia Friedman and Dr. Leonard Stone on their recent nuptials. Delia has been a member since 1993. We wish them every joy.***

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer  
October 14, 2001

Meet walkers at 72nd and Central Park West.  
It is a 5 mile walk. Followed by brunch at the home of  
**Judi Stern**, 277 West End Ave. #5B.  
For more details contact **Kate Otto**  
at 1-800-477-7500, ext. 328.

**Making Strides**  
Against Breast Cancer

You or someone you know.



## A Page From Our Archives

Connie Brown Chair of the Archives Committee reminds us that Louise Redding the founder and first president of the 41-74 Club, Inc. was appointed Historian in January 1942, the fifth year of the Club. Here are her notes from 1939:

*"First Special Meeting was called. Germany and England were at war. Our travel industry was in a precarious position and we as individuals were, to say the least, as uncertain as to the future. On one point we were adamant and unanimously agreed: **We would carry on as a club.**"*

*The Contact Committee was formed: to assist any member who might find herself out of a position in consequence of the disturbing reflections on the Travel Industry in the U.S. from the war in Europe. The By-Laws concerning membership were suspended until December 1940 owing to the present emergency. Those losing positions in the industry would not lose membership in the club for this period."*



*'Carrying on' at the September meeting Laurel Scott from Japan Airlines, Past President and Making Strides leader along with Charlotte Peterson (Ms. Coronado Travel) and Prospective Member Linda Mc Fie of the Soho Grand Hotel.*

## Know Your Board

Our Club has a way of getting you involved before you even know all the angles! And it all seems to run so smoothly that it takes **Mary Rita Zandt**, Member at Large and member since 1996 a moment to put it all together. "I never realized that sponsors pay as much as they do to be at a meeting. I'm also glad to see the hard, good work that goes into running the Club." Mary of Mercury Travel sees her role as an observer, a by-stander who is now an insider.

*Thanks to Mary for contributing to this issue as well as photos Helena Papadels of Islands in the Sun and Diane Curtis of SunSwept Resorts.*

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