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New Auxiliary President **Richard Gamache**, President of TCA Travel Corporation of America, **Joan Novack**, Chairman of the Special Events Committee and Club **President Lorraine Leonard** at 'The Many Moods of Mexico' dinner meeting.

41°-74° Club Picks Rusty Staub Fund

Cipriani Luncheon Chance to Give and Receive

New York, NY (October 26, 2001) – The 41°-74° Club, the travel industry's leading philanthropic organization, has selected the New York Police & Firefighters Widows & Children's Benefit Fund (www.nypfwc.org) as the charity it will support at this year's Christmas Luncheon fund-raiser.

The luncheon will be held at the elegant Cipriani Restaurant located in the heart of midtown Manhattan on December 14, 2001.

Former New York Met Daniel J. (Rusty) Staub founded the Fund in the 1980s. The Fund issues \$10,000 checks to the families of New York City police and firefighters who have died in the line of duty, in order to help cover immediate expenses. The fund continues its support of those families yearly. Mr. Staub is expected to attend the luncheon.

"Given the large numbers of police and firefighters who lost their lives September 11, the drain on the Fund's resources is immense," says 41°-74° Club Philanthropic Chair Thierry Vuolo. "The Club is proud to be able to support this very worthy charity. We know that 98% of the money raised will go

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Message from the President

Dear 41°-74° Club Members:

With the holiday season quickly approaching, we will all have precious opportunities to spend time with family and friends. Take time to reflect on (and appreciate) the good in our lives but also take time to consider those less fortunate at this busy time of year.

We are very excited about the great work the Philanthropic Committee has been doing to make our charitable efforts such a great success. We hope that you will all assist us in raising money for the charity selected, the **New York Police and Firefighters Widows and Childrens Benefit Fund**. The founder of the charity, Rusty Staub, formerly with the New York Mets baseball team, has agreed to attend our Christmas lunch to raise even more money for the charity. If successful in our efforts, we hope to be able to announce another

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The Toy Tradition Continues

For many years we have asked that attendees of the Christmas Luncheon bring a new, unwrapped toy or game to be donated to make a child's Christmas special. *(You know this is the best part.)*

Last year we gathered two vans full of new, unwrapped toys. This year we are sending in the Marines! Gunnery Sgt. Rittmon will be on hand to take our donations on behalf of the Toys for Tots Foundation.

Marine Toys For Tots Foundation



Christmas in New York

Friday, December 14th, 2001 / Open Meeting, Christmas Luncheon
Cipriani at 42nd Street.

Platinum Co-Hosts:

**Northern Ireland Tourist Board, British Tourist Authority
and Avis Rent A Car**

Gold Co-Host : Irish Tourist Board

Silver Co-Hosts: Micato Safaris, The Luxury Collection, Crystal Cruises

Patrons: Belgian Tourist Office, Travel People Personnel

American Airlines will provide two business class tickets for the Grand Prize donated by Lindblad Expeditions. The winner and a companion will experience the newest Lindblad program, "Reefs and Rivers of the Mayan World: Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras." This eight-day expedition, on board Lindblad's newest vessel, the MV Sea Voyager, explores the beautiful islands, glorious reef systems and great archeological sites of Mesoamerica. The 175-foot vessel with its 33 spacious outside cabins is newly refurbished, and it will serve as home to the winners on this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

January 10, 2002 /Closed Meeting (Members and Prospective Members Only)
Celebrating the Club's 64th Birthday and Saluting New Members
at The Hotel Benjamin

From Our Club Archives

Journal of our Founding President Louise Redding

November, 1939

We voted to purchase Christmas gifts for ill and needy children. We were beginning to realize that there was a war on, though it had not yet embroiled the U.S.

December, 1941

December 7. Japan opened the War with the United States by bombing Pearl Harbor.

December 8. United States declared war on Japan; Philippines invaded, Guam and Wake attacked.

December 10. Battle for Manila began.

December 11. Germany and Italy declared war on the United States. Congress declared that a state of war exists between the US and Germany and Italy.

December 12. Club members and a large masculine contingent go to Atlantic City. That evening we had a superb dinner which started with the "Star Spangled Banner". Perhaps at no other time in my life did this seem so impressive. Our flag was spotlighted and with strains "does that star spangled banner yet wave," an unseen fan caused the flag to flutter in the simulated breeze. It was an inspiring spectacle. How little we knew at that time of things to come, and the cost we would pay to keep her waving.

January, 1942

Enid Valk elected President. The new President's message bespoke the confidence she and her committee felt. "In our plans for 'seeing it through' for the duration let us do everything possible to protect the Club's existence. We need the support and interest of all members. It needs all of you on the 'construction gang' to strengthen its foundation during this time of international chaos and to build to the future proportions we envisage. May God watch over us while we are absent from one another."

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In Memoriam

Virginia Kempel was a member of 41°-74 °since 1974. She began her career at TWA and then spent over 30 years with Lufthansa before retiring in 1998. She passed away October 10th and was remembered with a moment of silence by President Lorraine Leonard at the Mexico Night Dinner. "She helped organize a German festival for the Club once. She was ill for many years, but she had friends that visited her every week," recalled Renate Gatermann of Lufthansa, a member Virginia brought into the Club in 2000 .

We are the World. Pictured at the October meeting are Patti Pitt of the Bermuda Tourism office, proud Prospective Melissa Cain from the Canadian Tourism Commission and her co-sponsor Diane Curtis of Sunswep Resorts of the Caribbean.



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celebrity guest very shortly. Please plan to attend the 41°-74° Club Christmas lunch, which will be held on Friday, December 14th at the beautiful Cipriani on 42nd Street. This is the perfect setting for the season!

The closed meeting on January 11th will be the 41°-74° Club's **63rd Birthday** celebration to be held at the Hotel Benjamin. We hope to see you there.

Our October meeting, themed *The Many Moods of Mexico*, was held at the Cornell Club. Thanks to the generosity of our co-hosts, the evening was a great success – complete with mariachi entertainment during the cocktail hour and a very informative destination presentation by the Mexico Board of Tourism.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and best wishes to you and your families for a wonderful holiday season and a peaceful and prosperous **New Year!**

Lorraine

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directly to the victims," says Vuolo.

Money will be raised by the sale of chances for a very special Grand Prize donated by **Lindblad Expeditions**. A second lucky winner and a companion will enjoy a 7-day stay at the luxurious **LeSPORT** all-inclusive resort and spa in St. Lucia. The winners will be treated to a fabulous Caribbean getaway where everything, including two spa treatments daily, is included. **BWIA** has generously donated round trip tickets from New York to St. Lucia.

Last year's 41°-74° Club Christmas Luncheon at Cipriani was considered "the event" of the holiday season in the travel industry. Nearly 300 people attended the annual fund-raiser.

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Board Member Profile

Club Exec. VP and Program Chair **Maire Caverley** is in a meeting. There's the monthly Board meetings, regular Program committee meetings and the demanding duty of lining up the places for the Club to meet. A Club member since 1997, Maire's background includes twelve years with Avis Rent A Car and before that AerLingus. "I couldn't do it without the Program Committee! It's wonderful when everyone gets involved. The Program Committee really welcomes help and supports members to chair a meeting. For Christmas we have **Ramona Manzi** and **Patti Buffolano** as co-chairs, and they are doing a great job." For Maire, there are the themes, the sponsors, the contracts and the tasting (at least for the Christmas luncheon). The Executive VP does so much for the Club. Leadership and teamwork developed on the job benefit the Club in countless ways throughout the year.



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