

HOSPITALITY HIGHLIGHTS

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The President's Message



New York, in December 2008

Dear Fellow Members:

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It has been a very exciting one, watching the Summer Olympics. All good things must come to an end. But that is not the case with our organization. We have accomplished a lot of good ... and we'll continue to do so! Here are just a few of the highlights of our year.....

We are very proud to have hosted a Member Appreciation Party on January 15th, at the Parker Meridien. The Hotel reproduced a small version of all the Restaurants in the Hotel which were served that evening.

On May 30th we had the first Food & Beverage Scholarship Foundation Inc. Gala Dinner Dance at the Plaza Hotel which was a

tremendous success.

The Golf Outing was held on July 21st, at the Elmwood Country Club. It was complimentary for members. The weather cooperated and a wonderful day was held by all.

We are in the process of establishing the 501 C 3 fund and all the proceeds from the Gala Dinner Dance will be disbursed for Scholarship. We will keep you posted of the progress.

We are very proud to let you know that the Food & Beverage Association of America has donated in the last 10 years over \$285,000 to Scholarship, Charitable Organizations and Good Will entities.

My sincere thanks to the Board of Directors of the Food & Beverage Association of America, along with the members and volunteers whose dedication and hard work have made 2008 a stellar year for our Association so far...and there is more to come.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Sincerely,

Gladys Mouton Di Stefano
President

The Food and Beverage Scholarship Foundation

At last it is here, the new "Food & Beverage Scholarship Foundation, Inc"

We are very proud to announce to all our members, that after more than 2 years of efforts that the new "Food & Beverage Scholarship Foundation, INC. a 501(C)(3) has been formed. Under this new corporation under New York State Law, section 402 for "not-for profit" work.

Under this new entity, we will continue to hold for scholarship fundraising, our annual "Ken Strong Memorial Scholarship Gala Dinners" and our summer annual sponsored Golf Outings. All of the proceeds of these two events will go into the new separate account for the "Food & Beverage Scholarship Foundation, INC.

The new foundation was created to maintain, promote foster and encourage scholastic achievement, educational excellence and intellectual advancement. The funds will go directly into institutions for grants, scholarships and financial assistance in the advancement of the food & beverage, hospitality industries.

The Foundation Trustees wish to thank all of our contributing vendors who over the years have financially supported this ideal and the promotion of this new entity which will allow for their continued tax free donations, possible write-offs for those who sponsor us.

P2 - Children's Aid Society Kitchen dedication Ceremony

P3 - Membership Appreciation Reception and News Years Dinner at the Dinner at Chinatown Brasserie

P4 & 5 - The F & B Scholarship Foundation Gala Dinner Dance 2008

P6 - Knickerbocker Club and Carolines

P7 - Las Vegas & Our Annual Golf Outing at the Elmwood

P8 - Who is Who? The Food and Beverage Association of America Inc, and "The Food and Beverage Scholarship Foundation Inc.