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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEAR MEMBERS: Along with your Board of Officers, I hope you are enjoying the first few months of this new year. We have accomplished much in the past year and look forward to a terrific season ahead.



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However on a sad note, we regretfully have accepted the resignation of Kurt Keller who has served the Association with the utmost dedication during the past six years as Executive Director. Kurt will remain an active member and we wish him the continued success in both his professional and personal pursuits. Along with Kurt, I must thank the Board for their dedication throughout the entire year on behalf of the Association members. I encourage you to join us on a Committee this coming year and enjoy the company of fellow professionals while supporting your organization and industry.

We are happy to introduce Marilyn Acevedo as our new Executive Director and hope you will take a moment to get to know her at our next event. Speaking of events, this year is jam-packed with outstanding venues, menus, special events, and great networking opportunities for our members.

Just read inside about the industry leaders we are honoring at this year's Ken Strong Memorial Scholarship Dinner on April 16, 2004. **John Dorman**, **Dan Flannery**, and **Daniel Hope** are some of the most accomplished professionals in our industry and we are thrilled to fete them this year. Read more about them and the Gala inside this issue.

As many of you know, our Association is renowned for its Good and Welfare efforts and you can also read more about them in this issue. From providing scholarships and endowments for the training of future food and beverage professionals to giving back to those less fortunate in our community, our charity demonstrates the high standards of

our membership. I thank each and every one of you who contribute with time, energy, and resources towards these efforts.

This year, please consider becoming involved in one of Association Committees (read more below.) and of course, I look forward to seeing you at all our events.

Always at your service

Gladys Mouton Di Stefano, President

Association Update

Board Meetings: Board meetings are held every second Tuesday of each month (Except for July and August) at The Melrose Hotel located at Lexington Avenue and 63rd Street at 6:00 PM. This forum is open to all members in good standing and is governed by Robert's Rules of Order. We welcome regular members and ask only that you notify the Executive Director of your intention to attend only due to space accommodations.

Committees: Join one of the many valued and active committees of your Association. Committees include: Scholarships/Endowments, Event Planning, Good & Welfare, Membership, Seminars, and this newsletter Hospitality Highlights. Please contact any one of the committee chairpersons or simply come to our next Board meeting. Each committee serves a vital role and makes a tremendous impact in our Association and our industry.

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