

## **Hospitality Professional of the Year: DANIEL R. FLANNERY**



**D**an entered the hospitality industry in 1981, opening a suburban Maryland Marriott hotel as a waiter in one restaurant and a busboy in another to earn his college tuition. While attending the University of Maryland, Dan decided to make a career out of the hotel business and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in 1986 and remained with Marriott in Food and Beverage management positions over the next eleven years in Maryland, Los Angeles, Palm Desert and New York City. He became Hotel Manager at the Marriott Financial Center Hotel in 1997, was promoted to Area General Manager for the RIHGA Royal Hotel in 2001. In 2002, Dan joined The Ritz-Carlton organization as General Manager of the Ritz-Carlton New York, Battery Park and shortly thereafter became Area General Manager for both the Battery Park and Central Park hotels.

Over his career, Dan helped to develop some of Marriott's most successful concept restaurants. In 1998, he partnered with celebrity-Chef, Roy Yamaguchi, to open the highly acclaimed Roy's New York at the Marriott Financial Center and in 2003, opened a French-American Steakhouse, 2 West, with French Master Chef, Jacques Sorci, at The Ritz-Carlton New York, Battery Park.

Dan has served on most of Marriott's Food and Beverage Advisory Councils and Committees, and created the basis of the company's current wine program while at the Desert Springs Resort. Dan currently serve on the Dean's Advisory Council for the Smith Business School at the University of Maryland and coaches youth basketball in Verona, New Jersey, where he resides with his wife of seventeen years, Jessica, and his children, Ryan, Katie and Lauren.

## **Purveyor of the Year: DANIEL G. HOPE**



**A** native of Perpignan, France, and a resident of New York, Daniel G. Hope joined Peerless Importers, a leading multimillion-dollar distributor of wines and spirits in 1991. As a most experienced industry veteran, Daniel brought to Peerless his nearly 35 - year specialized wealth of expertise on all levels of the three-tier system.

A graduate with honors from the College de Valois, in Gagny, France, he completed his Bachelor of Science Degree at New York University, New York, and then he was assigned to the 528 U.S. Army Military Intelligence Co, as an intelligence analyst.

He started his career in the wine and spirits industry at Seagram's Trade Research Management Program and then at Seagram's General Wine and Spirits Co., Central Division as Sales Promotion Manager.

He then joined Schenley Industries as Metro New York Manager, then went on as their National Sales Manager, for their wine division. His positions at Seagram's and Schenley's as well as other major importers enabled him to travel extensively nationwide to fine tune his inherent abilities and perfect his talent and also pursue prospective research for his employers as well as for himself.

To no surprise to anyone, his most refined "nose" and reputation led his to earn the respect of numerous very prestigious four-star chefs and restaurateurs as well as hotels in New York City and the Hamptons, who regularly seek his advise.

His son Daniel G. Hope, Jr., is presently attending Drew University, Madison, New Jersey. Daniel Sr. and his wife Patricia have residences currently in Manhattan and Southampton, New York.