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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEAR fellow member: The year 2002 was a great one for The Food and Beverage Association of America. Thanks to your generosity we have donated \$20,000 to "Windows of Hope" for the families of the people who died on September 11, 2001, at Windows on the World; \$10,000

to SOS — Share Our Strength, to feed the hungry; and many other charitable contributions were made. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your dedication and contribution.

The Golf Outing hosted by David Silverman from Charmer Industries was the highlight of the summer. Everyone went home with a souvenir of this very enjoyable day.

A special thank-you goes to our member Hani Copti, Controller at the Metropolitan Club, for his support, Hani saw me so upset when we lost the deposit for the September dinner at the Russian Tea Room that he offered to host the dinner, and it was truly an affair to remember.

For the 12th consecutive year, we hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for 1,000 children and their families, all members of the Children's Aid Society who come from deep poverty. We took over the gym from the Society and transformed it into a

ballroom, with linen tablecloths, flower centerpieces and a D.J. Last year we had a child in a wheelchair who was so happy that he was dancing in his chair! Hotels, clubs and restaurants each donated 15 20-pound turkeys, which were shipped to the Sheraton New York and Towers to the attention of Wayne Whinna, the Director of Food and Beverage. He appointed a crew to cook the turkeys and prepare the stuffing, gravy and all the trimmings. We also served macaroni and cheese for the children and all kinds of desserts and specialty ice creams. It was very gratifying to organize this event and help so many people have a very happy Thanksgiving Day.

Please save the date of Friday, March 7, 2003, and plan to attend our Gala Dinner at The Waldorf=Astoria. Our 2003 Hospitality Professional of the Year will be Eric Long, General Manager of The Waldorf=Astoria, and our 2003 Purveyor of the Year will be Francisco Camacho, General Manager of Evian North America. Of course, you are all invited!

Our Dinner Committee is securing new venues for the 2003 Calendar of Events. Special thanks to the Board Members for their hard work all year long. At this time I wish all of you and your families a happy, healthy and safe New Year.

All the best,

Gladys Mouton Di Stefano, President

Friday, March 7, 2003 — The 47th Annual Gala

THE FOOD and Beverage Association of America is proud to announce that it will host the 47th Annual Ken Strong Memorial Scholarship Fund Awards Dinner on Friday, March 7, 2003. The function will be held at the most prestigious hotel in New York City, The Waldorf=Astoria. We will be honoring two most important leaders in the hospitality industry for their longtime dedication and commitment to the hospitality community.

The officers and members of the Association are proud to honor **Eric O. Long**, General Manager of The Waldorf=Astoria, with the *Hospitality Professional of the Year Award* and **Francisco Camacho**, General Manager of Evian Waters of North America, with the *Purveyor of the Year Award*.

Proceeds from this event will go to our scholarship programs — we know the future of our industry lies with today's students. Furthermore, The Food and Beverage

Association of America is proud to continue and participate in many other charitable venues in the New York metropolitan area for the betterment of our society.

At this gala event you will enjoy the finest cuisine complemented with a selection of wines among friends and colleagues and at the same time help us raise the funds needed to continue our member support and many charitable efforts. But most of all, the highlight of the evening is the recognition and acknowledgment of the two outstanding hospitality professionals we are honoring, Eric O. Long and Francisco Camacho.

The evening will commence with a reception at 7:00 p.m., with dinner and awards presentations to follow, accompanied by music for your dancing pleasure.

Do not miss this event — we are counting on your support!

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