

IOH LONDON BRANCH NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2009

IOH LONDON BRANCH CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE:

Dear All,

Well, what a fantastic night was had by all at the IOH London Branch Chairman's Ball held at the Radisson Edwardian Bloomsbury on Friday 30th October 2009 in partnership with hotcatUK. It really was a tremendous event that was really well supported by many London Hotel Groups and Hospitality organisations. A huge thank you to all our **supporters**:

Thistle Hotels, Cumberland Hotel, Cavendish Hotel, People 1st Stonebow, Club Managers Association of Europe (CMAE), Westminster Central Hall, Victory Services Club & Radisson Edwardian (Splendid venue and excellent food & service)

... to our **Sponsors** of the event:

Small Luxury Hotels of the World, (who also donated some fantastic prizes for the Aspiring Managers and for the Raffle), **Learnpurple, RPM Associates & ISS Mediclean**

... to our partners **hotcatUK** and especially, **Jose Ruiz & to Malmaison/Hotel du Vin** winners of the special hotcatUK 'Innovation In Hospitality' Award for their Housekeeper Olympics. The Award was sponsored by '**IndiCater**'

and to our '**special guests**' on the evening, our **Chief Executive, Philippe Rossiter and his wife Pauline; Paul Kennedy, General Manager at the Radisson Edwardian Berkshire Hotel; Sam Coulstock, Customer Relationship Director, Springboard Charity & Springboard UK Ltd and Michael Flagg, London Metropolitan University**

The Ball also saw the launch of our inaugural '**Aspiring Managers Award**' sponsored by Learnpurple for which we had six entries and the following 'Aspiring Managers' are to be hugely congratulated:

Katarzyna Ciblik, Reservations Manager, Cavendish Hotel
Daniela Mandt, Junior Food & Beverage Manager, Victory Services Club
Tom Allcock, Caledonian Club
Venessa Benussi, Cumberland Hotel
Paul Knightley, Hotel Manager, Thistle Westminster
Ruth Miller, Vocational Learning Manager, People 1st

Indeed, the Aspiring Manager Awards presented by **Mary Jane Flanagan, Training Director at Learnpurple** were very well received and were intended to recognise and reward 'up and coming' talent within the London Hospitality Industry. Winners received one year's complimentary IOH membership at Associate or Affiliate level; Learnpurple Management Development Course; a complimentary luxury Weekend Break for two people in one of the Small Luxury Hotel properties; and a certificate recognising their achievements. We really hope that other London Hospitality Hotels & organisations will get behind the Awards and support them in 2010, but they have really got off to an excellent start. Thank you to all those organisations that submitted managers for the awards and of, course, once again, to the individual winners themselves.

I have to save the biggest 'Thank you' to last and that has to be to all the Members of the IOH London Branch Committee who worked so very hard to bring everything together:

Colin Smith, Roberto Simeone, Geoff Edwards, Ioannis Pantelidis, Petra Clayton, Joseph Aidat-Sarran, Angela Elkoly, Stephen Blundell, Annabel Thomson, David Morton, Neil Radia, Ama Ampofo, Robert Malleson, Orna Toeg, Paul Winter, Luciano Nesello, Sara Crawford, Antonio Fernandes and our Students Asim Aftab, Anne-Catherine lenne & Cho Nwe ... thank you all so very much!

The Raffle on the evening raised a substantial sum and a donation of £500.00 is being made to our main Charity for the evening **Hospitality Action**.

After such a fantastic occasion, the remainder of the year looks rather 'tame' in comparison however, we do have:

- our **IOH & London Metropolitan University Event next Thursday 12th November 2009 6.00 pm** at **London Metropolitan University** when Ioannis Pantelidis hosts their 3rd Annual Colloquium including a presentation by Kate Cawley, Business Development Manager for F&R Cawley Ltd on **'Tackling Food Waste In The Hospitality Sector'** followed by a networking reception;
- our next **IOH London Branch Meeting on Thursday 19th November 2009 6.00 for 6.30 pm** at the prestigious **Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors**, newly refurbished Venue in Parliament Square, kindly arranged by our Treasurer, Geoff Edwards with support from Restaurant Associates where we will be 'thrashing out' our Business Plan for 2010;
- **Silver's Christmas Lunch on Friday 4th December 2009 at 12.00 noon at the St Georges Hotel**, kindly arranged by Colin Smith to which all our Silver's are invited at a cost of just £15.00 (£25.00 Branch Members);
- and finally, bringing a hectic year to a wonderful, festive conclusion, the **Hospital Caterer's Association & IOH London Branch Christmas Dinner Dance at Guy's Hospital, Ruben's Suite 29th Floor on Saturday 19th December 2009** for what will be a wonderful evening of excellent food, drink and entertainment hosted by Graham Walker FIH in a magical festive atmosphere and an 'awe inspiring' location.

Thank you to everyone and I look forward to seeing you all at one of our London Branch events very soon.

[For Ball pictures, go to Smiles of Britain site. Thanks Gemma!]
<http://www.excellencefound.co.uk/Smiles-of-Britain/Highest-Rated.aspx>

Eamonn Cole FIH
Chairman - London Branch Institute of Hospitality

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IOH & London Metropolitan University Event:

Thursday 12th November 2009 6.00 pm London Metropolitan University 3rd Annual Colloquium Stapleton House Lecture Theatre: GO1. CPD Evening & Presentation by Kate Cawley, Business Development Manager for F&R Cawley Ltd on *'Tackling Food Waste In The Hospitality Sector'* followed by networking reception. Contact Ioannis to confirm your attendance i.pantelidis@londonmet.ac.uk

IOH London Branch Meeting – November:

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Silver's Christmas Lunch:

Friday 4th December 2009 at 12.00 noon at the St Georges Hotel, kindly arranged by Colin Smith to which all our Silver's are invited at a cost of just £15.00 (£25.00 Branch Members). Please contact Colin to book tickets and confirm your attendance towerc13@aol.com

December - IOH Christmas Dinner Dance with Hospital Caterer's Association at Guy's Hospital, Ruben's Suite 29th Floor (Final date Tbc)

A wonderful evening of excellent food, drink and entertainment hosted by Graham Walker FIH in a magical festive atmosphere and an 'awe inspiring' location. Tickets are just £40.00 per pair. Please contact Colin to book tickets and confirm your attendance gwalker@standrew.co.uk

We look forward to forward to seeing you at one of our events very soon.

Eamonn Cole FIH

Chairman - Institute of Hospitality (IOH) London Branch