



Dear Members of the CEC,

Summer is fast slipping away, and a new season for the CEC is about to begin. I trust all of you have enjoyed the warmer months, and are ready to take on the fall season with renewed enthusiasm. We as a Board have already been hard at work putting together a great year.

Before going any further, I would like to express my profound gratitude for the trust you have placed in me (and the new Board) to guide this wonderful organization. I am truly honored and humbled by the confidence you have put in us, and will do everything possible to make this year as fun, exciting and provocative as you have come to expect.

Your new Board represents a diverse cross section of the industry, and each individual brings fresh ideas, energy and a commitment to excellence that I am confident will be reflected each and every month. As a group we are committed to upholding the rich tradition and history of our organization, and we believe you will be pleased with the outcome this year.

For those of you that missed our Summer Outing at Pinstripes this past June, we enjoyed a relaxing and wonderful evening. We were treated to an exquisite outdoor grilling experience with shrimp, lamb, oysters and more prepared before our eyes. The accompanying salads and desserts complimented the fare perfectly. The Planning Committee outdid themselves by ordering up some absolutely fabulous weather (how do they do that?), and all enjoyed a welcome break from the demands of our respective positions. To top it off, we discovered the nuances and strategies involved in Bocce Ball. For many of us it was our first experience playing the game, and the competitive spirit quickly took over.

Our new season is rapidly coming together thanks to the efforts of our new Planning Committee, co-chaired by Budi Tanzil and Jane Himmel, with fellow members Wendy Cutka and Mark Rottman. We start the season off at the Brasserie Ruhlmann on Monday September 22nd. Please note that this date is a week earlier than usual in honor of Rosh Hashanah, which happens to fall on our normal 4th Monday of the month this year. I am sure we will be treated royally, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Hot off the presses, I have just been informed that our meeting October 27th will be held at the Alhambra Palace. From their website: "Dining at the Alhambra begins in Morocco and travels through the Mediterranean in every sense of the word." Wow, I'm in! The season is off and running and I truly hope you are as excited as I am about it.



We would also encourage you to be diligent in seeking out fellow industry professionals who perhaps might be candidates for the CEC. Each of us comes into contact with many of our peers in both the city and the suburbs, and hopefully we are all extolling the benefits of membership in CEC to those who may not have that knowledge. Great food wonderfully prepared and presented, locations that often are not accessible to the general public, educational programs (this years Education Committee is in the able hands of Kim Polk and Jennifer Jones), roundtable discussions, and of course fellowship with our peers and select Associate Members are all benefits of membership that cannot be found in any other organization. If YOU know of an individual who may be interested in joining, feel free to forward pertinent information to either the Membership Committee Chair Joe Ober or to myself. We would be happy to make contact and discuss the benefits of membership in the CEC!

I would like to thank my predecessors, without whom this Club would not exist. From those who started CEC to our Past President Robert Neubert, we have been blessed to have been guided by consummate professionals who have demonstrated through their service just how much they care for both our profession and our Club.

We are looking forward to seeing you in September, and at as many meetings as you can attend throughout the year. To echo Robert Neubert: "Participate, participate, participate!" Get the most out of YOUR Club, and encourage your fellows to come join us as your guest or, better yet, as a prospective member for an unparalleled experience at one of our distinctive events.

Regards,

John Kaht, President

CATERING EXECUTIVES CLUB OF AMERICA ~ SEPTEMBER MEETING

Brasserie Ruhlmann

500 W. Superior Street, Chicago Illinois – 312-494-1900

6:00 cocktails 6:45 dinner

MEMBERS

OF THE BOARD

Board Meeting at 4:45
p.m. If you cannot
attend the event, you
must inform the
Sergeant-at-Arms

Members \$60.00 ~ Guests \$85.00

Please R.S.V.P. By Wednesday, September 17th at 5:00p.m. to
Sergeant-At-Arms Philip Pessin at 773-961-1145,
or online at www.cateringexecutives.org

reservations made after 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17th
will be charged the guest fee of \$85.00, and no-shows will be charged.

CATERING EXECUTIVES CLUB CALENDAR OF UPCOMMING EVENTS

September 2008

22nd

Brasserie Ruhlmann

November 2008

24th

Hotel Arista - Naperville

October 2008 – Membership Drive

27th

Alhambra Palace

Annual Holiday Ball

January 5th, 2009

Trump International Hotel & Tower

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