



Travel Agents of Suffolk County

# TASC News

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME 2016.**

I hope everyone had a good holiday. It's hard to believe another year has flown by so quickly.

We ended the year with a great Holiday party at the Watermill with a great many members and guests in attendance. The live music was terrific, lots of songs we knew the words to and even danced to. Many of our attendees got to sit on Santa's' lap as he gave out gifts we all can use. Congrats to Frank Salomone (Auto Europe) in winning the 50/50. All in all it was a good time had by all. Also, a giant thank you for everyone's donations to the toy drive, it made a lot of children's holidays a little brighter at Little Flower Family Services in Wading River. Thank you to our TASC elves; Kathy Collins & Susan Bonesso who helped Santa deliver them. In addition, we gave Little Flower an extra monetary donation, while another donation was made to ailing member Sidney Butner.

Our December presenter was Sara Moran who explained to us her newest venture, river cruising with

Croisiereurope. I think we all wanted to book ourselves on these picturesque itineraries. This month our presenter will be Homeric and it promises to be a wonderfully interesting evening. You won't want to miss any of this. In addition there will be a vote for the proposed change to the TASC by-laws, so we need everyone to come and vote.

This month we celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. Mr. King, assassinated in 1968 but not before he had played a pivotal role in ending the legal segregation of African-American citizens in the South and other areas of the nation, as well as the creation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. His accomplishments truly make him an American to be honored.

I wish everyone a prosperous, happy and healthy New Year. See you soon.

*Fran Tabone*

## MEMBERS CORNER

**TASC sends get well wishes** to Maris Zakis, husband of Ines, (formally of RigaVen Travel) Cards may be sent to him at 6051 Sun Blvd, Apt 604 St. Petersburg, FL 33715

**TASC congratulates** TASC member Kathleen Cooney on her recent installation as the new President of LITAA.

**TASC thanks it's members** who generously donated toys and cash for our annual toy drive during our Holiday party held at the Watermill. A truck load of donations were delivered the next day by board members; Susan Bonesso and Kathy Collins to **Little Flower Family Services** in Wading River where they were well received and very much appreciated.



## JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Hosting this month's meeting will be **John Klados** with **HOMERIC TOURS**. They specialize in Mediterranean tours for individuals and groups. Let's start the new year off with big welcome for this new presenter.

## TASC By-Laws Vote

The following proposed change to the by-laws will be voted upon at our January 13th general meeting. Only paid up members will be eligible to vote.

### CURRENT:

ARTICLE XI  
OFFICE TENURE

A. No officer may be elected to serve on the executive board in the same capacity more than twice for a two year term and no officer may be elected consecutively in the same position.

### PROPOSED CHANGE:

ARTICLE XI  
OFFICE TENURE

A. No officer may be elected to serve on the executive board in the same capacity more than twice for a two year term but may be elected consecutively in the same position. The exception is President and Vice President who cannot be elected consecutively in the same position.

# RSVP

**RSVP'S** for the general meeting shall be made to Honey Pressgrove's office 631-363-9522 or email to [empress965@aol.com](mailto:empress965@aol.com) They *must be received no later than the **MONDAY** before the meeting.* If you are unable to attend the meeting after you have already responded, **PLEASE** call or email to cancel. **For those members that do not RSVP in advance, you will be charged \$35 at the door.**

## TASC on Facebook:

Don't forget to visit our site on FaceBook and "like us" to follow along with travel articles, member news, events and photos. Only current TASC members will be able to post to the site.

## UPCOMING TASC FUNCTIONS

FEB— Grenada & St. Lucia  
Tourist Boards  
MAR— Hyatt Resorts  
APR— Aruba Tourist Board

