



Travel Agents of Suffolk County

# TASC News

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEAR MEMBERS,

It's a new beginning, it's Spring! I was away on a trip during the middle of April and came home to all the trees with their buds opening and the grass so very green. Except for all you allergy sufferers out there, this is such a glorious time of year to begin anew. Hopefully all your offices are buzzing with new business as well.

This month we will be honoring all our fallen heroes on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. I am never more proud to call myself an American as when I think of all those who gave their lives that we may live free. I saw this on a web site and thought some of you might enjoy the history behind this day:

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday celebrated on the last Monday of May commemorating men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Memorial Day initially (officially since 1868 - proclaimed by General John Logan) was a holiday in memory of the soldiers who died in the Civil War. It was supposed to be a step towards national reconciliation. The original name (Decoration Day) comes from placing flowers on the graves of the soldiers.

Memorial Day was celebrated differently in different states.

Until 1890 it was celebrated in all the states of the North. After World War I the nature of the holiday changed to honor the memory of all Americans who died in any war - not only Civil.

What a great presentation we had last month by Natasha Lee Soy on Aruba. It was so gracious of the Aruba Tourist Board to treat us to a cocktail hour and we enjoyed choosing from different foods with a special Caribbean flavor. Natasha filled us in on all the newest information on hotels and excursions and she talked about the different parts of the island I didn't even realize had so much to offer. This is an island with great charm and diversity. Thank you Natasha.

This month we will be hearing from our friend Stan Enden, representing several companies. Stan is always an electrifying speaker, always delivering his message with a story or a laugh. Not to be missed will be the newest destination, "Ya'lla Cuba". I cannot wait to hear more about this exciting country.

I would like to wish everyone a very lovely Mother's Day (Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>).

*Fran Tabone*



## MEMBERS CORNER

**TASC sends condolences** to Ines Zakis (formally of RigaVen Travel) on the recent passing of her husband Maris. Cards may be sent to: 6051 Sun Blvd, Apt 604, St. Petersburg, FL 33715

### TASC Dues

Your annual TASC membership renewals are coming due in June. They still are only \$40 per year. Go to [www.li-tasc.com](http://www.li-tasc.com) to download the membership application form.

### Attention

#### Committee Chairpersons

Any outstanding bills for your committees **must** be submitted no later than June 15th to Treasurer Ginny DeFeo for reimbursement

## UPCOMING TASC FUNCTIONS

JUNE— MSC Cruises  
JULY— Silversea Cruises  
& Installation of new Executive Board

### SAVE THE DATE

TASC Trade Show—Oct 27  
Clarion Hotel Ronkonkoma

## MAY GENERAL MEETING

Our May meeting will feature Multi-Rep Stan Enden representing his many fine travel companies. The main focus will be on **Ya'lla Tours & their Cuba program**. Also getting a mention will be:

**All About Hawaii**—Hawaii

**Tahiti Legends**—Tahiti and all of the South Pacific

**Way To Go Costa Rica**—Costa Rica, Panama and Belize

**Alpine Adventures**—Skiing all over the world

**Marnella Tours**—South America

**The Kahala hotel and Resort**—Honolulu, Hawaii

**Discover Africa**—All of Africa

Join us to learn more about these agent supportive companies.

## TASC Executive Board Nominations for 2016—2018 term

President Fran Raupp  
Vice President Garrett Simulcik  
Treasurer Ginny De Feo  
Secretary Susan Bonesso  
Director Owner Honey Pressgrove  
Director Agent Kathy Collins  
Director Affiliate Mary Lee DeFranco

Nominations will continue to be accepted from the floor at the June meeting.

# 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.

### Suppliers! Save the Date!

This year's **TASC Trade Show** will be held on October 27th at the Clarion Hotel at MacArthur Airport. Please contact our Trade show chairperson; Jeaneane De Cicco via email to: [Jeaneane.decicco@gmail.com](mailto:Jeaneane.decicco@gmail.com) for information or to reserve your table.

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