

GBCA ALL MEMBER MEETING

Thursday, March 24, 2016

Start Time 5:30pm

End time 7:30pm

Laugh Boston

Meeting Notes

Members enjoyed a lovely cocktail reception with amazing food donated by Laugh Boston, Rosa Mexicano and Del Frisco's, all located in the beautiful newly renovated Seaport District.

Speakers

Helen Lin, Director of Sales & Event Planning for Laugh Boston. Helen welcomed our members and reminded us that she always available to assist us in any way she can. She then introduced Norm Laviolette; Co-owner and Co-founder of Improv Asylum and Laugh Boston! helen@improvasylum.com

Norm Laviolette; shared with us the exciting events and shows planned for Laugh Boston. He also shared the amazing relationship with the Improv Asylum and what both venues can do for our visitors and guests. www.laughboston.com

Alex Marcin Maître D and Jennifer Wladowski from Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse welcomed our members and thanked us for our patronage. Del Frisco's is set on the beautiful Boston Harbor with every table having a beautiful view of the water. Great food and an amazing staff make Del Frisco's one of the most sought after restaurants in the city. www.delfriscos.com/boston

Greg Sherman General Manage and Sara Jane Catering Manager from Rosa Mexicano thanked our members for their support. They talked about the delicious food they provided and fun exciting activities and events that happen at Rosa Mexicano. www.rosamexicano.com/boston

Emily White, Moonbox Productions invited all concierges to attend one of the exciting performances of The Wild Party opening on April 15-May1, 2016 at the Calderwood Pavilion. Wild Party is just what it says, a fun filled night event that takes place in a 1928 under-ground speakeasy. The play is a gritty, sexy, jazz musical. Emily also passed out \$25 coupons (regular price \$45) for our members to share with their guests.

www.moonbox.org

Abby Reid owner of The Sun Tan Van shared what she does best. Her Organic Mobile Spray Tanning Van travels to hotels, homes, offices and gyms to spray tan in a safe comfortable environment. You can receive your spray tan in the van or where ever you want. Prices are very reasonable \$65 a person or \$45 for a group of 4 or more. Contact Abby at 508-868-0123 or Abbysunvan@gmail.com

Kelly Artamonov was on hand to talk about Art Week April 29-May 8, 2016. With over 100 exciting events taking place in and around the city there is no way anyone would want to leave town. The event is described as an award –winning creative festival for all. The event is produced by our friend at the Citi Performing Arts Center. To learn more, check out their web-site at www.artweekboston.org

Board Members Announcements:

Betty welcomed back Chris Bovio, Manager at Smith & Wollesky, who has just returned after a surgery.

Congratulations went out to Karen Connors, Concierge at the Marriott Custom House. Karen was the recipient of the Diamond Celebration Award after receiving over 500 Way To Go recognitions. Karen is 1 of only 11 Vacation Club Winners of this prestige's award.

Congratulations Carly Krause, daughter of Walter Krause of In House Dr. Carly has accepted a summer internship at the ENE Regional Sales Office for Marriott in Medford. She is a junior studying Hotel Restaurant and Institutional Management at the University of Delaware.

Gabriel Toussaint, VP of Membership welcomed all our new concierge members and pinned those that had just joined or association and those concierge members who had not ever received pins. Gabriel spoke about the new name tags and encourages everyone to reach out to us if they have not received one yet. If you need to contact Gabriel, he can be reach at Gabriel.toussaint@millenniumhotels.com

Evan Martin, VP of Public Relations welcomed our members and brought a little humor to the Laugh Boston stage. He also shared the work going on with our GBCA website

and the information he shares each month in the GBCA newsletter. If you have an article or photos you want to share please reach out to Evan at evan.martin@hilton.com

Kirstin Beal, Affiliate Representative reminded everyone about this year's GBCA Hospitality Trade Show taking place at the Black Falcon Cruise Terminal on April 11, 2016. All members should have requested their tables by now. Anyone affiliate wishing to attend but not showcasing their services may inquire about volunteer opportunities. For any questions contact Krissy at krissyb@blueman.com

After the meeting members were invited to bring a guest and stay and enjoy the comedy of Joe Matarese. It was an amazing fun time for us all.

Coming up:

GBCA Trade Show April 11, 2016

Volunteer Clean UP Night at the Charles River Bistro April 8, 2016

GBCA All Member meeting New England Aquarium May 2, 2016