



## 41°-74° CLUB OF NEW YORK, INC.

The Premier Association for Professional Women in Travel

### Message from the President

41°-74°CLUB YEAR 2025-2026

Hello All and Welcome to the New Club Year!

I am thrilled to return as President and want to extend my heartfelt thanks to April Dawn VanWagner and the entire 2024-25 Board of Directors for their outstanding work in advancing our club's mission.

Our annual turn-over meeting was held on Wednesday, July 16th, 2025 and the agenda was already shared with you.

Our goals for this club year include:

- · Revise the club's By-Laws to reflect current practices and improved clarity;
- Strive to have all members and auxiliaries renew their memberships in a timely manner;
- $\bullet$  Welcome new members and auxiliaries to grow the club;
- Identify venues for our club's meetings focusing on affordability, value and location:
- Identify a worthy charity for this year's philanthropic fundraising;
- Encourage more active involvement on the part of all members and auxiliaries;

Membership renewals are already well underway: we have 64 Members and 28 Auxiliary Members renewed and fully paid.

We are also thrilled to announce we have 3 new Members and 3 new Auxiliary Members for this club year already and more are coming! If you have not yet submitted your renewal form and dues, please do so at your earliest convenience.

I am also pleased to announce that Tim O'Neill of EZ Italy/EZ Europe will serve as Auxiliary President for the upcoming year.

Here's to another successful and inspiring year ahead!

Warm regards, Corrine Mutarelli President





# Meet the Executive Board 41°-74° Club 2025 - 2026



President
Corrine Mutarelli
Travel World Showcase



Executive Vice President

Denise Womble

Independent Contractor



Vice President

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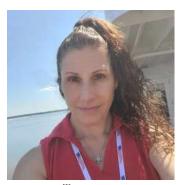
Auxiliary President **Tim O'Neill** EZ Italy/EZ Europe



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Member at Large
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Member at Large
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#### Call for Philanthropic Chairs!

To All renewed members,

Thank you for renewing your membership with the 41°-74° Club of New York.

As we look ahead to this year's events, we are forming a Philanthropic Committee to help identify and vet a worthy charity that meets our criteria to be the beneficiary of our annual fundraiser. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please email 4174ny@gmail.com for more details.

Your involvement will play an important role in making our charitable efforts impactful and meaningful.

Sincerely, Corrine Mutarelli President

# Happy Birthday to our Dear Members celebrating birthdays during the month of September!



Robert Aaron

 $Valerie\ Blasi$ 

Cynthia Brown

Jill Carhart

Charles Dunwoodie

Michele Fazio-Weis

Benjamin Maddy

Gina Miller

Denise Womble

May your day be filled with joy, laughter and everything you wish for!

Warmest wishes for a fantastic year ahead.

41°-74° Club





## DID YOU KNOW?

The 41°-74° Club of New York held its first official meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 1938. The Constitution and By-Laws were presented, adopted and committees established. According to Louise Redding, the Club's Founder and First President, the meeting concluded quickly and smoothly, as members had been invited to a special party hosted by North German Lloyd in Hoboken. She later reflected on the significance of that moment, noting that 1938 was the last year of world peace until 1946.

#### The Saga of the Formation of the 41°-74° Club of New York

The Following account of the formation of the 41°-74° Club of New York was written by Louise Redding, founder and first President of the club and reported by Helen West in the Meteor of February, 1976.

In 1937. Helen Dietz of TRAVEL AGENT wrote a short bit suggesting that the women in the travel industry should organize. I read it, mentally endorsed it, and decided to "answer the call." From that point on, the wheels began to turn - not easily nor smoothly. A women's Club was unheard of then and the men in the industry were amused. Bon Vivants were already existant. Boston had organized a club of sorts for women but they were not exactly "adhesive."

Official parties by the steamship companies were, more or less, confined to employees of Thomas Cook and American Express one evening, and other agencies at different times. Hence in 1937 I did not know many of my female counterparts, though I must confess that I did know many of the important males. Helen Dietz (now married and living elsewhere) by virtue of her position knew more individuals in the field. With a few suggestions from Yvonne Du Peyron, Adele George, Ramona New and Helen Hulbert (all now deceased), an invitation list was prepared, a meeting place secured, and the date set. It was a memorable evening, November 13, 1937 at the George Washington Hotel.

By word of mouth, it had been circulated that a group of women, autocratic and dictatorial, had decided to foist a club upon the industry. Without exaggeration, we had, mainly, a hostile audience - 87 of them. Each and everyone so minded spoke her mind. By virtue of unforeseen circumstances, I had been appointed speaker for the evening.

A name was discussed but not decided. Temporarily, dues were designated at \$1.00 each and \$58.00 were collected. On one point, and on one point only, those present were unanimous. It was agreed that the club was to be of a purely social nature. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm. By December 2nd, our next organization meeting, Carol Pierce and Ott Collier had decided to struggle along with me and presented a slate of officers with the following results:

President - Louise Redding

First Vice President - Adele George

Second Vice President - Yvonne du Peyron

Secretary - Helen Hulbert

Treasurer - Margaret Cone

Board of Trustees - Ott Collier, Carol Pierce, and Ramona New

The name was open for discussion and as the "number game" was beginning to dominate our thinking, it was suggested by Mrs. Allan Johnson (whose whereabouts are no longer known) that we consider the latitude and longitude of the City of New York. A bright idea - but no one knew it. Edith Rudd (now Edith Kavey) phoned the New York Library - and thus we were named - 41'-74° Club of New York. This further amused the men who decided it must be the age at which we joined and the age at which we should retire. Both proved untrue and I. personally, can vouch for this.

To each and every one of our Presidents for leadership and to our loyal members and our kind supporters goes the credit for the long survival of the 41°-74° Club of New York.

--- Louise Redding

### METEOR,

## In Between Mapping Trips: Take a Break with Our Capitals Word Search

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#### Europe:

Vilnius

Ljubljana

Dresden

Riga

Podgorica

Skopje

Sofia

Belgrade

Tirana

Kyiv

Africa: Accra

Antananarivo

Dakar

Addisababa

 ${\bf Brazzaville}$ 

Monrovia

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Dubai

Astana

Yangon

Ulaanbaatar

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