

41°-74° CLUB OF NEW YORK, INC.

The Premier Association for Professional Women in Travel

Note from the President:

41°-74° CLUB YEAR 2025-2026

Happy June! We have come to the final month of the **41°-74° Club of New York year 2025-26**. I am so impressed with our members' participation in the many activities, meetings and events we had this year. Most of our monthly meetings had over 30 people in attendance. In addition, our **Special Events Committee** held events at **Rosie Dunn's Rooftop** in November, 2025, **Dyker Heights** in December, 2025, and **NoMo Sollo Kitchen** in April, 2026 - thanks again to **Valerie Blasi, Denise Kahoud, Ramona Manzi, and Lucille Putzu** for all their efforts creating and coordinating these events.

We are also thrilled to be able to donate **over \$1,600 to the JoyJ Initiative** from the proceeds of the 50/50 raffles at our meetings.

July 1st 2026 begins our new club year for 2026-27. The new Board of Directors slate was emailed to all members for unanimous consent on May 20th, 2026.

We will formally install the new board at our June 11th 2026 meeting.

All current members and auxiliaries will be receiving reminders to renew their membership for 2026-27 during the month of June. Membership renewal and dues payment must be completed by August 15th. Dues for members will remain \$110 for the year (\$55 for retirees). The Board of Directors also approved the addition of \$25 dues for all Auxiliary Members. We hope that all our current members and auxiliaries will renew.

We also encourage you to sponsor a new member - anyone interested in becoming a member should be directed to our website at <https://www.4174club.org/> to get information and to complete a new member form.

We enjoyed a wonderful meeting on Thursday, May 14th 2026 at the beautiful **Fushimi Times Square**, which included a full three course dinner and wine. The meeting generously sponsored by **Delta Vacations** represented by **Lisa Orlando**, who provided a very informative presentation.

Our next and the final **41°-74° Club of New York year 2025-26** meeting will be held on June 11th 2026 at **Arte Café** sponsored by **American Cruise Lines** represented by one of our dear board members, **April Piazza** - complete details available on the club's website at <https://www.4174club.org/upcoming-events>.

Finally, the Board of Directors and I would like to express our sincere gratitude to our full membership for everything you did to help make this club year such a great success and keeping the 41°-74° Club of New York the premiere association for women in travel!

Warm regards,

Corrine Mutarelli

President 41°-74° Club of New York, Inc.

Club Year 2025-26

"The Premier Association for Professional Women in Travel"

OUR MISSION: Networking & Socializing in Action - Be Part of the Impact!



May meeting was energized by a special partnership with Delta Vacations, who unveiled exciting news and exclusive programs for agents:

New Launch: SARDINIA, ITALY (OLB)

*Delta Vacations is proud to introduce Sardinia as their newest Mediterranean destination, with direct flights beginning **May 20th, 2026** from New York (JFK) to Olbia, Sardinia (OLB).*

This stunning Italian island offers:

- Seamless air service with Delta
- Ground transportation options: car rental and private transfers (bus, car, minivan)
- Premier accommodations, including:
 - 7Pines Resort Sardinia - A Destination By Hyatt (5-star)
 - Baglioni Resort Sardinia - The Leading Hotels of the World (5-star)
 - Baia di Chia Resort Sardinia, Curio Collection by Hilton (5-star)
 - Conrad Chia Laguna Sardinia (5-star), and many more
- Activities highlighting Sardinia's wild beauty, Mediterranean culture and culinary excellence
- A blend of turquoise beaches, dramatic landscapes, and authentic Italian charm

Sardinia isn't just a destination—it's a lifestyle. Whether your clients are seeking luxury, adventure, or cultural immersion, Sardinia offers an experience that will stay with them forever.

**NEW DESTINATION!
SARDINIA, ITALY (OLB)**



Delta Vacations LONDON Booking Incentive: Virgin Atlantic

From May 1st to June 30th, 2026, Delta Vacations is rewarding agents in a BIG WAY:

Top Booking Agent Wins:

- Two (2) Virgin Atlantic round-trip tickets in Premium Economy from any US origin to London (LHR)
- A 3-night stay in a deluxe - double or twin room - at the 5* 100 Queens Gate Hotel London Kensington, Curio Collection by Hilton

How to Win:

Simply book hotel + flight packages from the US to London (LHR) with Delta Vacations. The agent with the highest package revenue wins this exceptional prize!

Don't miss your chance to elevate your clients' travels and enjoy amazing rewards.

For full details, reach out to Delta Vacations or visit agents portal.

Lisa Orlando-Franzese
SR. Business Development Manager
Delta Vacations



We enjoyed a wonderful gathering on Thursday, May 14th, 2026, at the stunning Fushimi Times Square. The evening featured a delicious three-course dinner paired with wine, generous hospitality and beautiful moments together. The meeting was graciously sponsored by Delta Vacations, with Lisa Orlando presenting a highly informative overview of new offerings and incentives. The event opened at 5:30PM with welcoming remarks from the 41st-74th Club of New York President, Corrine Mutarelli. 19 members and 3 guests attended, including 2 special guests of AD Van Wagner (Plaza Premium Group), who visited all the way from Hong Kong. Congratulations to our 3rd guest, **Jeanne Piro**, who was the proud winner of our 50/50 prize! A total of USD 400 was collected, with half of the proceeds benefiting this year's chosen charity: **the JoyJ - Compassion in Action to End Homelessness & Serve the Poor.**



Save the Date!

ASTA New York City Chapter Summer Gala



Auxiliary Past President of the 41°-74° Club of New York, **Ralph Vasami**, calling fellow members and auxiliaries to **Save the Date** for the upcoming **New York City ASTA Summer Gala**

The event will take place on **Thursday, July 23, 2026**. **Mulino's** at **Lake Isle**, 660 White Plains Rd, Eastchester, NY 10709

All members and auxiliaries of the 41°-74° Club of New York are warmly invited to attend this highly anticipated industry gathering

Additional details will be shared as it becomes available. For updates, please visit the official ASTA New York City website at: <https://www.astanyc.com/>

41°-74° CLUB OF NEW YORK - OPEN MEETING - JUN 11, 2026



The 41°-74° Club of New York, Inc. invites you to the **June Open Meeting**, a curated evening dedicated to professional development and meaningful connections within the travel industry

ARTE CAFE

ESTABLISHED IN 1992

June 11, 2026 @5:00 - 8:30 PM
106 W 73rd St, New York, NY 10023, USA

****Enjoy a full three course meal plus one complimentary drink ticket per person-choice of wine, beer or soda
***Reserve your spot today <https://www.4174club.org/opening-events>

Don't Miss the Deadline: Membership Renewals Begin June 22!

Renewal emails for all current members will be sent **June 22nd 2026**. Kindly note, the deadline to renew - **August 15th 2026**. Auxiliary Members will also receive renewal email June 22nd 2026, including notification of the \$25 dues amount approved by the Board.

All prospective new members must submit an application form available on **the 41°-74° Club of New York** website. The initiation fee must also be paid online at the time the application is submitted.

Please also let this note serve as an encouragement to all members to get out there and help promote **the 41°-74° Club of New York**, especially, the philanthropic work and community support that are at the heart of our organization.

We encourage everyone to spread the word, particularly among travel agents and others within the travel industry who would benefit from **Philanthropy, Networking and Professional Development** that are central to the mission of **the 41°-74° Club of New York**.



The 41°-74° Club of New York, Inc.

Holiday Luncheon

December 4, 2026

12:00 to 3:00 PM

Little New York Palace

455 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10022



METEOR

*Happy Birthday to Dear Members of The 41°-74° Club of New York
celebrating birthdays during the month of June!*



*Pamela Delgado
Natasha Lee Soy
Judy Litner
Ramona Manzi
Jackie Stevens
Kathleen Tripptree
Jim Killen
Mark Meader
Bruce Metzendorf
Thomas Pemberton
Juan Sepulveda
Dale Woods*

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

Warmest wishes for a fantastic year ahead.

The 41°-74° Club of New York

Stay Connected with the 41°-74° Club of New York!

*We encourage all Members to follow us on **LinkedIn**, **Facebook**, and **Instagram** by scanning the **QR codes** below. Joining us on all three platforms ensures you never miss important Club news, upcoming events, industry updates, philanthropic initiatives and member highlights.*

4174 Club LinkedIn



4174 Club Facebook



4174 Club Instagram



Every follow, like, comment, and share helps strengthen our community and expand the reach of our organization.

✨ Connect with us ✨

Engage with us. Grow with us!

FROM MEMBERS' DIARIES:

*Off the Beaten Path in Ireland by Cynthia Brown,
The 41°-74° Club of New York Member with
Global Destinations Travel*

*In April, 2026, I had the pleasure of visiting **Ireland** and had an excellent time. I visited **Dublin, Cork, Kinsale and Cobh**. The people were incredibly kind and went out of their way to ensure visitors had a great experience.*

*For those who have traveled to Ireland, I am sure you have visited many of the well-known tourist attractions in the places I mentioned. However, has anyone visited the **Ringfinnan Garden of Remembrance in Kinsale**? It is not listed in tourist guidebooks and hardly anyone in Ireland seems to know about it. I had to take an Uber there and the driver had never heard of it.*

*The **Ringfinnan Garden of Remembrance** is in **Kinsale**, a town about 30 minutes from Cork and approximately a two-hour train ride from Dublin. **The memorial is a tribute to the 343 firefighters who lost their lives during the September 11 attacks.** Each firefighter is honored with a tree, a photograph, an American flag and a brief biography. Seeing such a moving tribute all the way in Kinsale, Ireland, was truly emotional.*

The garden was created by an Irish nurse, who worked at Lenox Hill Hospital before retiring back home to Ireland. She owned the land and decided to dedicate it to the firefighters in remembrance of their sacrifice. Sadly, she has since passed away.

I believe one reason the garden is not widely advertised is because it is in a residential area with no accommodations for tour buses. It is truly one of those special places you only discover through word of mouth.

For more information, visit the memorial's Facebook page: [Ringfinnan Garden of Remembrance](#)

Cynthia D. Brown - MBA, MS, CTC, ECC
Global Destinations Travel
Travel Leaders Network Member Agency/ Internova



FROM MEMBERS' DIARIES:

*A Flight of Honor by Suzanne Halama,
The 41°-74° Club of New York Member with
First in Service Travel*

*On May 9th 2026, I had the privilege of serving as a guardian with **Big Apple Honor Flight**, a nonprofit organization that brings New York City veterans to Washington, DC to visit the memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice.*

The experience was both humbling and inspiring. Watching these veterans reflect on their journeys and receive the recognition they so richly deserve was deeply moving. The gratitude expressed throughout the day was a powerful reminder of the importance of honoring those, who have served our country.

As a proud member of the 41°-74° Club of New York, I was especially grateful for the opportunity to participate in a mission, that reflects the Club's strong commitment to philanthropy and community service.

It was an unforgettable day and a meaningful way to give back to those, who have given so much!



Suzanne Halama
Director, Support Services and Airline Partnerships
First in Service Travel

FROM MEMBERS' DIARIES:

*Travel Story: The Maldives by Astra Williams,
The 41°-74° Club of New York Philanthropic Chair*

The Maldives is one of the most flexible destinations Travel Advisors can sell, with everything from luxury private island resorts to more affordable options depending on the resort selected. Some properties are family-friendly with activities for children, while others are adults only and ideal for honeymooners and couples seeking a quieter atmosphere.

Resorts also vary quite a bit in terms of amenities and culture. Some are "dry" and allow no consumption, or possession of alcohol on-site!

During my own November visit to the Maldives, I stayed at a resort that did serve alcohol... although, I personally elected not to partake. It was a good reminder that resort experiences can differ significantly from one island to another, making it especially important for Advisors to match clients with the right property.

The Maldives also offers much more than just beaches and over-water villas. Adventurous travelers can enjoy deep sea submersible submarine excursions, snorkeling and diving opportunities for every skill level - from complete beginners to experienced divers looking for more advanced underwater experiences in the Indian Ocean.

*One thing many visitors find unexpected is that **dogs are not permitted in the Maldives**, but stray cats are commonly seen all around many islands and local communities.*

Travel Advisors should also prepare clients for The Maldives' rather strict customs regulations before arrival. On my own trip, I landed with a small pink crystal Buddha statue that I had recently purchased in Sri Lanka. Customs officials discovered it and confiscated my statue upon entry into The Maldives, but handed me a claims ticket to retrieve it at the airport at departure! Even I can admit that their process was professional and straightforward; however, it's definitely helpful for travelers to know the rules in advance, especially regarding religious carvings & statues, pets and alcohol.

For more information about arrival and inter-island transfer options in The Maldives, trusted local DMC recommendations, plus ways to help clients keep costs manageable, while still enjoying an incredible Maldives experience, feel free to speak me!



Astra Williams
Luxury Travel Advisor



MEMBER UPDATES:

Into the Wild: Extraordinary Safari Experiences Await! by Leigh Sassone, Director of Sales - Northeast USA, Kensington

Greetings from Leigh and the team at Kensington!

For travelers seeking unforgettable encounters with the natural world, Kensington's Wildlife & Safari journeys offer extraordinary opportunities to experience some of the planet's most remarkable destinations and creatures. From witnessing the Great Migration across Africa's Serengeti to tracking rare wildlife in tropical rainforests and exploring remote polar landscapes - every itinerary is thoughtfully customized to match your clients' interests and travel style.

Designed by Kensington's expert Destination Specialists, these immersive journeys combine exceptional accommodations, expert guides and meaningful wildlife experiences, that create memories to last a lifetime.

Looking for inspiration or assistance with a booking? Reach out to Leigh and the Kensington team:

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Let Kensington help your clients answer the call of the wild!

Leigh Sassone

Director of Sales - Northeast USA



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MEMBER UPDATES:

Tiny Traveler's First Passport Offer!
by ***Karlene Angus-Smith, Associate Director***
Industry Affairs, Sandals Resorts

Beaches Resorts wants to help your littlest explorer embark on their first big adventure.

*Families will receive a **\$135 USD resort credit per child** (the equivalent of the average U.S. passport processing fee), when presenting a valid, recently issued passport for up to two children ages five and under at check-in (maximum of \$270 USD per booking).*

*It is our way of helping your family take off toward unforgettable vacation memories at the **Beaches Resorts**.*

Booking Window: August 1, 2025 - October 31, 2026

Travel Window: August 1, 2025 - November 6, 2026

Length of stay: 5-night minimum

visit: **<https://taportal.sandals.com>**. OR BEACHES® All-Inclusive Vacation Deals: 65% Off Rack Rates

Karlene Angus-Smith

Associate Director Industry Affairs
Sandals Resorts

Beaches

MEMBERS UPDATES:

World Cup at Fasano Fifth Avenue!
by Ana Schuetz,
The 41°-74° Club of New York Member

July 19th 2026 New York will host the World Cup Final!

Beginning in mid-June, the city will host matches across all stages of the tournament, transforming the metropolitan area into one of the epicenters of the most important event on the global sports calendar.

For those planning to experience it from New York, the choice of accommodation will define the entire journey.

AN ADDRESS THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

Located on Fifth Avenue, overlooking Central Park and between 62nd and 63rd Streets, **Fasano Fifth Avenue** is a **Private Members Club & Hotel** with just **14 suites and duplex apartments**.

Designed by architect Thierry W. Despont, featuring vintage collectible furnishings and walls upholstered in Loro Piana cashmere, the hotel offers **Fasano Caffè**, a wellness center and exceptional service available exclusively to guests and members.

The experience can be described as something closer to a **private pied-à-terre** than a hotel.

Here is the schedule for the confirmed matches:

MetLife Stadium, New Jersey Approximately 10 miles from Fasano Fifth Avenue	
June 13, Saturday, 6:00 PM	Brazil vs. Morocco (limited availability)
June 16, Tuesday, 3:00 PM	France vs. Senegal
June 22, Monday, 8:00 PM	Norway vs. Senegal
June 25, Thursday, 4:00 PM	Ecuador vs. Germany
June 27, Saturday, 5:00 PM	Panama vs. England
June 30, Tuesday, 5:00 PM	TBD
July 5, Sunday, 4:00 PM	TBD
July 19, Sunday, 3:00 PM	Final (limited availability)
Lincoln Stadium, Philadelphia Approximately 100 miles from Fasano Fifth Avenue	
June 14, Sunday, 7:00 PM	Ivory Coast vs. Ecuador
June 19, Friday, 6:00 PM	Brazil vs. Haiti
July 4, Saturday, 5:00 PM	Knockout stage

Please contact Ana for rates and availability, either by call, text, or WhatsApp at +1.224.558.4573.

Warm regards,

Ana Schuetz
Sales Director

FASANO
FIFTH AVENUE



PS: Alongside the July 5th game, consider a New York getaway this 4th of July, as Fleet Week brings a special moment to the city - marking 250 years of American history.

DID YOU KNOW?

Mexico Had North America's Strongest Tourism Year in 2025

Mexico led North America in tourism growth last year, outperforming both the United States and Canada in international arrivals, visitor spending and tourism GDP growth.

According to the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC), international arrivals to Mexico increased by 6.1% in 2025, while visitor spending rose by 3.5%. In contrast, both the US and Canada experienced decline in international visitor spending and arrivals.

Industry experts attribute Mexico's success to strong air connectivity, competitive pricing, expanded luxury offerings and continued demand from North American travelers.

*With the 2026 FIFA World Cup on the horizon, tourism growth across North America is expected to accelerate even further, **making Mexico a destination to watch.***

DID YOU KNOW?

Just 10 Countries Drive Nearly Two-Thirds of US Business Travel



While international business travel to the United States may seem global in scope, nearly 64% of inbound corporate travel comes from just ten countries. Surprisingly, India leads the list, accounting for 10% of all international business visits, followed closely by the United Kingdom and China.

*The majority of these travelers are headed to just a few destinations. **New York City, Los Angeles and San Francisco**, together attract more than 40% of all overseas business visitors, making them the nation's top business travel hubs.*

At the state level, California, New York and Florida account for nearly half of all international business travel to the US, highlighting the continued importance of major economic and transportation centers.

For travel professionals, the takeaway is clear: business travel remains highly concentrated, with a handful of countries, cities and states driving much of the industry's activity.

MEMBER UPDATES

This Is an Open Space – Specifically Left Blank for Your Story!

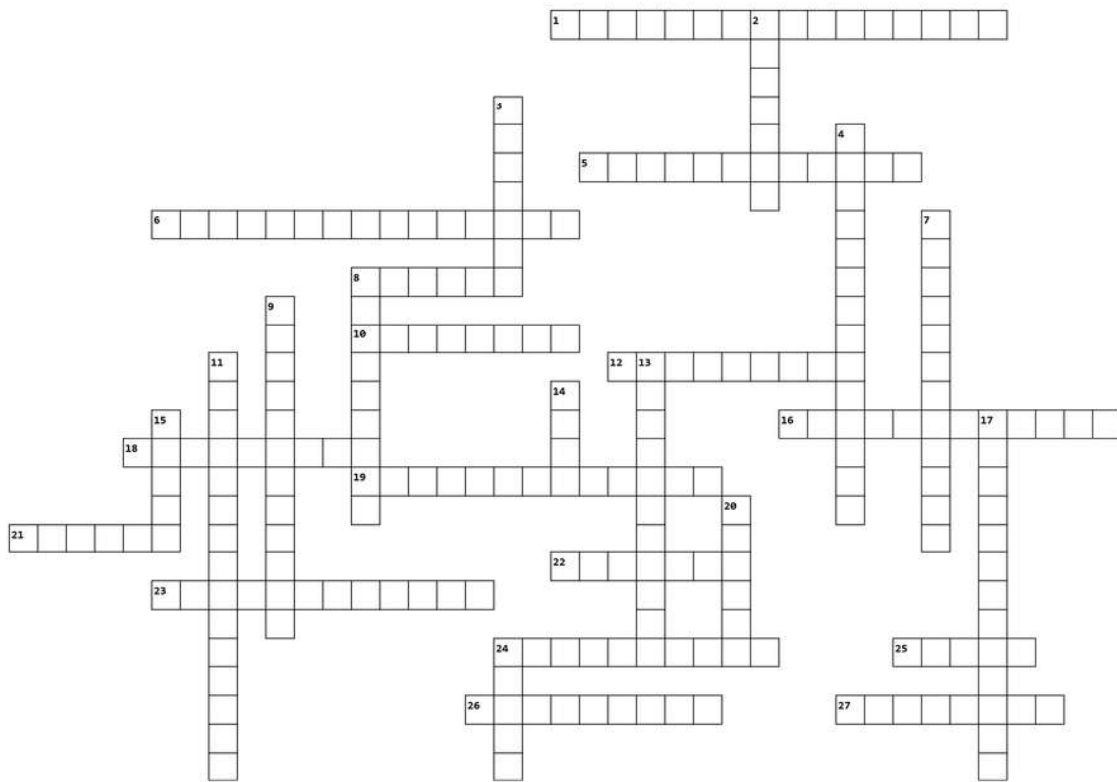
*Do you have a story to tell, an experience to share, or exciting news about your company? This space is for **YOU!***

*The **METEOR** of the 41st-74th Club is your platform to connect, inspire and promote within our vibrant community of travel professionals. Whether it's a memorable trip, an educational insight, a personal milestone, or an update from your business, your contribution adds color, energy and inspiration to our pages.*

✨ Let's make this newsletter truly ours – together!

****To submit your story, please email to: 4174ny@gmail.com for inclusion in upcoming issue.****

In Between Mapping Trips Take a Break with Our Crossword Puzzle called... Travel!



ACROSS:

1. The airport building
5. A piece of paper you must show to get on the plane
6. A board in an airport, bus terminal, etc. displaying the times and destinations of future departures
8. A holiday where you sleep on a boat and travel from one place to another
10. When the plane leaves the ground
12. An unusual, exciting holiday, possibly with some danger, e.g. rock climbing, or walking in the jungle: a ____ holiday
16. A description of a hotel, restaurant, etc. written by people who've been there
18. When you leave a place, at the start of a journey
19. A place where you stay
21. The large road that planes use for take-offs and landings
22. Go through the area where your luggage may be checked to make sure you don't have anything illegal: to go through ____
23. A short holiday during a weekend
24. To make a reservation using the Internet
25. See how heavy something is
26. The people on the aircraft who look after the passengers
27. A plane

DOWN:

2. Written description of something to buy or rent
3. A holiday organized by a travel agent, with arrangements for transport, accommodation, etc.: a ____ holiday
4. The place where you collect your luggage
7. Spoken information to a group of people
8. A short holiday where you visit a city
9. A specific code that an airline assigns to a particular flight in its network
11. A small hotel where breakfast is included in the price
13. A place where you plan to travel
14. When the plane arrives on the ground
15. When you have to wait longer than expected
17. Pay extra for your luggage: to pay ____
20. Press together the seat mounting and move the seatbelt up or down: to ____ a seatbelt
24. Get on the plane