

41°-74° CLUB OF NEW YORK, INC.

The Premier Association for Professional Women in Travel

Note from the President:

41°-74° CLUB YEAR 2026-2027

Welcome to the our new club year 2026-27!

I am thrilled to be starting my second year as **the President** of this wonderful club. Our new board is excited to begin planning our events and activities, which will get under way with our first meeting of the club's year - **September 10th, 2026**, which will be taking place at **Fushimi Times Square**. The sponsor for the meeting will be **Ponant Explorations Group - Bliss Bonan**, the representative.

Following are the dates for meetings for the remainder **the 41°-74° Club of New York year 2026-27** meetings: **October 8th, 2026, January 14th, February 11th, March 11th, May 13th and June 10th in 2027** - I am pleased to note, that **we have secured sponsors for 5 out of the 7 meetings already!** Complete details are available on the club website at **the 41°-74° Club of New York website: [click here](#)**.

We will keep you posted as we plan special social events during other months.

Of course, **the 41°-74° Club of New York Annual Holiday Luncheon** will be the highlight of the year, as usual. **This year's luncheon is scheduled for Friday, December 4th, 2026 at the Lotte New York Palace** - "Save the Date" flier will be sent to everyone in July.

All current Members and Auxiliary Members have been sent an email reminder to renew their membership for **the 41°-74° Club of New York year 2026-27 - membership renewal and dues payment must be completed by August 15th, 2026**.

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 look forward to having all our current members and auxiliaries renew.

We also encourage you to sponsor a new member - anyone interested in becoming a new member should be directed to **[the 41°-74° Club of New York website](#)** to get information and to complete a new member form.

We enjoyed our final club year meeting on **Thursday, June 11th** at the wonderful **Arte Café**, which included a full dinner and wine. The meeting was **sponsored by American Cruise Lines**, represented by **April Piazza**, who gave the most interesting and informative presentation.

I look forward to leading **the 41°-74° Club of New York** for another year of networking, socializing and philanthropy, keeping it truly **the Premiere Association for Women in Travel!**

Warm regards,

Corrine Mutarelli

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

Club Year 2026-27

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OUR MISSION: Networking & Socializing in Action



Partner Spotlight: June Meeting Sponsor - American Cruise Lines

Thank you to everyone, who attended the June meeting. It was a pleasure to sponsor the event and share *American Cruise Lines* with you. Your engagement truly made the experience special for both *myself* and *the Director of Business Development, Melissa Young*.

2026 is an especially momentous year as *America celebrates its 250th Anniversary*. At American Cruise Lines, we have embraced the occasion with enhanced *Semiquincentennial programming* both: onboard and ashore.

This year, I had the pleasure of sailing on the *Mississippi Explore Cruise* from *New Orleans, LA* to *Memphis, TN*. This 11-night itinerary is an extended version of our popular 8-night *Lower Mississippi Cruise*, giving guests more time to explore the region and immerse themselves in its rich and diverse history. One of my favorite excursions was *Cotton and Music: Then & Now*, where we visited a working cotton plantation, learned about the evolution of cotton farming from 1790 to today, listened to soulful songs that narrated the era, enjoyed a mint julep and even picked cotton ourselves.

I was also fortunate to attend the christening of our newest Patriot Class ship - the *American Maverick*, in Newport, RI on June 16th. It was a joyous celebration, complete with a tour of this pristine 130-guest small ship. I especially enjoyed hearing stories of the company's growth from the 1970s to today from Carol Robertson, her son and CEO Charlie B. Robertson and other esteemed guests. There is a true sense of pride in sharing America's story aboard our country's finest small ships — a pride that was on full display from our crew to our guests, including some who were sailing on their 22nd voyage with *American Cruise Lines*.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions!!

April C. Piazza

Business Development Manager - Northeast



ARTE CAFE

ESTABLISHED IN 1992



The 41st-74th Club of New York enjoyed another memorable evening of fellowship and industry engagement at its **June Open Meeting**, held on **Thursday, June 11th, 2026**, at the charming *Arte Café* on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

Members, auxiliaries and guests gathered for a delightful three-course dinner accompanied by wine, warm hospitality and meaningful networking, reflecting the spirit of our Club and its commitment to fostering professional relationships within the travel industry. The evening opened at 4:30 p.m. with welcoming remarks from Club's President **Corrine Mutarelli**, who greeted attendees and highlighted the importance of continuing to support the Club's three core pillars: philanthropy, networking and professional development.

A special thank you goes to **American Cruise Lines**, the evening's generous sponsor. April Piazza, the Business Development Manager, delivered an engaging presentation showcasing the company's expanding portfolio of authentic American river and coastal cruise experiences, along with exciting opportunities for travel advisors.

The evening also demonstrated the generosity that defines our membership. **The popular 50/50 raffle raised \$500** in support of this year's chosen charity, **Joy-J - Compassion in Action to End Homelessness & Serve the Poor**. Congratulations to Vaida Balciute, whose raffle ticket was drawn as the winner. However, in an act of generosity, Vaida donated her share of the prize back to the cause, allowing **the entire \$500 raised to benefit Joy-J's meaningful work in supporting individuals experiencing homelessness**.

June's meeting was another wonderful reminder that when we come together as industry professionals, we not only strengthen our network and expand our knowledge, we also make a meaningful difference in our community!



OUR MISSION

*For nearly 90 years, the 41°-74° Club of New York has had a three-prong mission ~
Philanthropy, Networking, and Professional Development.*

PHILANTHROPY

Club events and activities raise much needed funds, make the holidays brighter and help provide essential resources to selected charities and community groups.

NETWORKING & SOCIALIZING

Members are some of the travel industry's most interesting and accomplished women. The club's dinner meetings and annual events are remarkable experiences held at top rated private clubs and restaurants.

PROFESSIONAL

DEVELOPMENT

Members learn about the people, places and things essential to success in the travel industry. Join us and discover what distinguishes top travel professionals.

Our Mission: Philanthropy in Action Making a Difference Together

One of the defining pillars of the 41°-74° Club of New York is our commitment to philanthropy. Throughout the 2025-26 Club Year, the generosity of our members, auxiliaries, sponsors and guests has once again demonstrated the incredible impact we can make when we come together for a common cause.



We are proud to share that our Club presented a \$10,000 donation to the 4Bronx Project, during our Holiday Luncheon in December, supporting the organization's outstanding work serving the Bronx community.

In addition, we are delighted to announce that a \$2,000 donation is being made to the JoyJ Initiative. These funds were raised through the generosity of our members and guests during our meetings via the Club's 50/50 raffles and will help further JoyJ's mission of providing compassionate outreach and practical support to individuals experiencing homelessness and those in need.

Together, these contributions represent \$12,000 in charitable giving during the 2025-26 Club Year - a remarkable achievement made possible by the unwavering support and generosity of our Club community.

Every raffle ticket purchased, sponsorship secured and donation made reflects the spirit of the 41°-74° Club of New York. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our philanthropic mission - together, we are making a meaningful difference and demonstrating the power of our travel community to give back.

Thank you,

Astra Williams

The 41°-74° Club of New York Philanthropic Chair

Save the Date!

2026-27 the 41°-74° Club of NY Meetings/Event Dates:

Thursday, September 10, 2026 - Open Meeting - Fushimi Times Square,
Sponsored by PONANT EXPLORATIONS Group - Representative Bliss Bonan

Thursday, October 8, 2026 - Open Meeting - Venue TBA. **Sponsored by Emirates Airlines** - Representative Vaida Balciute

November 2026 - Special Event - (details TBA)

Friday, December 4, 2026 - Annual Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, January 14, 2027 - Venue TBA. **Sponsored by Aruba Tourism Authority** - Representative Natasha Lee Soy

Thursday, February 11, 2027 - Open Meeting - (details TBA)

Thursday, March 11, 2027 - Open Meeting - (details TBA)

April 2027 - Special Event - (details TBA)

Thursday, May 13, 2026 - Open Meeting - Venue TBA. **Sponsored by Delta Vacations** - Representative Lisa Orlando

Thursday, June 10, 2027 - Annual General Meeting and Elections - Venue TBA. **Sponsored by Innroads Group** - Representatives Mari Garcia & Ciso Moreno



41°-74° Club of New York Book Club

July 2026 book discussion will be on
"Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi

Time/Date: **Tuesday, July 21, 2026,**
@06:00 PM EST
Zoom Link: TBA

Regards,
Roberta Long-Kelleher
The 41°-74° Club of New York VP



The 41°-74° Club of New York, Inc.
Holiday Luncheon
December 4, 2026
12:00 to 3:00 PM
Lotte New York Palace
455 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10022



ASTA New York City Chapter Summer Gala

Ralph Vasami, Auxiliary Past President of the 41°-74° Club of New York, together with **James J. Killen**, the President of ASTA New York City and the two-time Auxiliary Past President of the 41°-74° Club of New York, warmly invite all 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, Malino's at Lake Isle**, 660 White Plains Rd., Eastchester, NY 10709

For full details, please visit the official ASTA New York City website: <https://www.astanyc.com/>

Don't Miss the Deadline:

Membership Renewals Due!

I cordially invite you to renew your membership for the club year of 2026-27, which begins July 1st, 2026 in accordance with the club's by-laws: [click here for the link to renewal form](#).

Please complete and submit the form whether or not your information has changed. A **completed form and full dues payment must be submitted no later than August 15th** for you to be included in this year's membership directory, which will be published September 1st.

Annual dues can be paid:

1. by credit card online: [click here](#)
2. by check to the 41°-74° Club of NY, Inc. to be mailed to: The 41°-74° Club of New York, 2032 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10461
3. by Zelle to: 4174ny@gmail.com

Members are required to attend at least 2 meetings during the club year to remain in good standing. Only members in good standing can vote in club elections.

We look forward to another great year of philanthropy, networking and professional development.

Thank you,

Corrine Mutarelli

President 41°-74° Club of New York, Inc.
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Celebrating our New Members of The 41°-74° Club of NY:

Laura Fastie - Head of Supplier Relations at AMEX GBT Oventions

We are most delighted to extend a warm welcome to **Laura**, the newest member of the 41°-74° Club of NY. Your presence strengthens our community and we look forward to sharing great times, building friendships and creating lasting memories together.

Welcome aboard!



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



*Melody Edemen
Claire Gallagher
Lisa Orlando
Kate Otto
Pradip Shrestha
Bill Yetzer*

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.

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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:

*Educational trip to Sardinia by **Loretta Carson**,
The 41°-74° Club of New York Member with
Global Travel Collection*

*I had an exceptional educational trip to Sardinia in May, 2026, starting with 2 nights at the **de la Ville of the Rocco Forte collection** in Rome and then 7 nights on this special island. White limestone mountains, the most turquoise waters for beaches and most unusual rock formations make this a great place to explore, relax and indulge.*

*We were hosted by **Hotel 7 Pines** (Ilyatt), **Hotel Ea Bianca**, **Hotel Capo D'Orso**, **Hotel Su Gologone** and the **NEW Hotel Le Dune Piscinas** - all very individual and special places.*

*This was hosted by **Salvatore Barberi of Italy With Class**, my favorite Italian DMC.*

I'd be happy to answer any questions.



Warmest,

Loretta Carson / ATC

Luxury Travel Advisor



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MEMBER UPDATES

Jamaica Reimagined: A New Era for Sandals Resorts! by **Karlene Angus-Smith**, Associate Director Industry Affairs



Sandals Jamaica Montego Bay

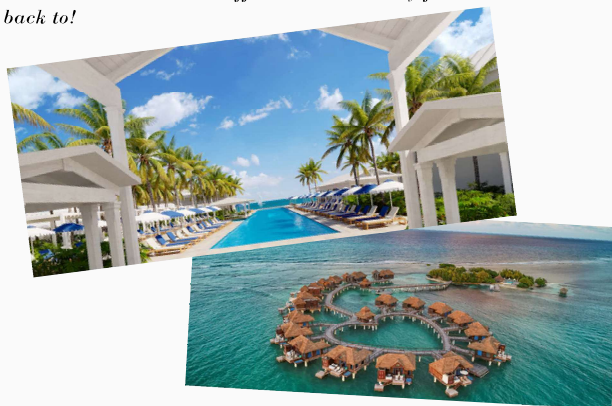
This is where it all began... Sandals Jamaica Montego Bay has set the standard for all-inclusive Caribbean escapes since 1981. Now, it's better than ever. Reopening December 18th, 2026, our original Jamaican gem embraces this era with all-new features. A completely reimagined arrival opens straight to sea and fresh flavors bring even more of the island to the table, from Buccan's open-hearth cooking to cocktails at the new rum bar, healthy bites at Heart & Sol and savory seafood by the shore. Plus, a new pool and beach bar add the finishing touch, making the island's largest private white-sand beach more difficult to walk away from – and even easier to come back to!

Sandals Jamaica South Coast

Then there's Sandals Jamaica South Coast, where the island's natural vibrancy is making a comeback in full bloom.

Reopening November 18th, 2026, the reimagined resort is surrounded by a 500-acre protected nature reserve that invites the outside closer. It's more lush, more open and more in tune with Jamaica's laid-back charm than ever.

New landscaping draws more of the island into every part of your clients' stay. They can float the day away at the reimagined pool, savor signature flavors at Butch's Island Chop House, stop by Blūm for coffee and let the coast remind them that everything else can wait.



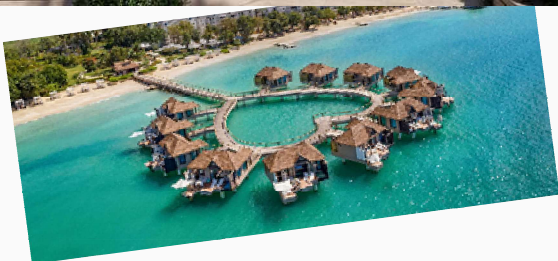
Sandals Jamaica Caribbean Cay

A bold connection to the ocean brings new energy – and a new name – to the heart of Sandals Jamaica Caribbean Cay (formerly Sandals Royal Caribbean).

Set to reopen alongside its sister resort on December 18th, 2026, this escape makes its comeback with a fresh rhythm designed to blur the line between beachfront getaway and social scene.

Suppa, a brand-new restaurant, proudly presents authentic Jamaican recipes alive with flavor. And just offshore, on our nearby private island, the new Parisol Beach Club introduces a beachside hub for cocktails, conversations and easygoing afternoons surrounded by endless ocean blues.

Even the iconic heart-shaped overwater villas are getting more love, bringing a fresh upgrade to one of the resort's most stunning stays.



Invite your clients to join the comeback and share the feeling Jamaica does better than anywhere else. Visit:

<https://taportal.sandals.com>

Regards,

Karlene Angus-Smith

Associate Director Industry Affairs

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DID YOU KNOW?

US Travel Spend Expected to Reach \$1.37 Trillion in 2026

Despite ongoing inflation and economic uncertainty, domestic travel continues to show remarkable resilience. According to the latest forecast from the US Travel Association, **travel spending is expected to reach \$1.37 trillion in 2026** with domestic travel accounting for 87% of all spending. International visitation is also projected to rebound, helped by major events, such as **the FIFA World Cup**.

Read more [here](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Travel Advisors Continue to Benefit from Premium Travel Demand



Industry research indicates that travelers are allocating larger budgets toward upgraded accommodations, premium air travel and longer vacations. Even as everyday expenses rise, consumers continue to prioritize memorable travel experiences, creating new opportunities for advisors specializing in luxury and experiential travel.

Read more [here](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Record 4th of July Travel Reflects Strong US Demand

According to AAA, approx. **72.2 million Americans are expected to travel during the 4th of July holiday period this year**, the highest number on record. While road trips remain dominant, cruises, rail and bus travel represent the fastest-growing travel segments.

Read more [here](#)

MEMBER UPDATES

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

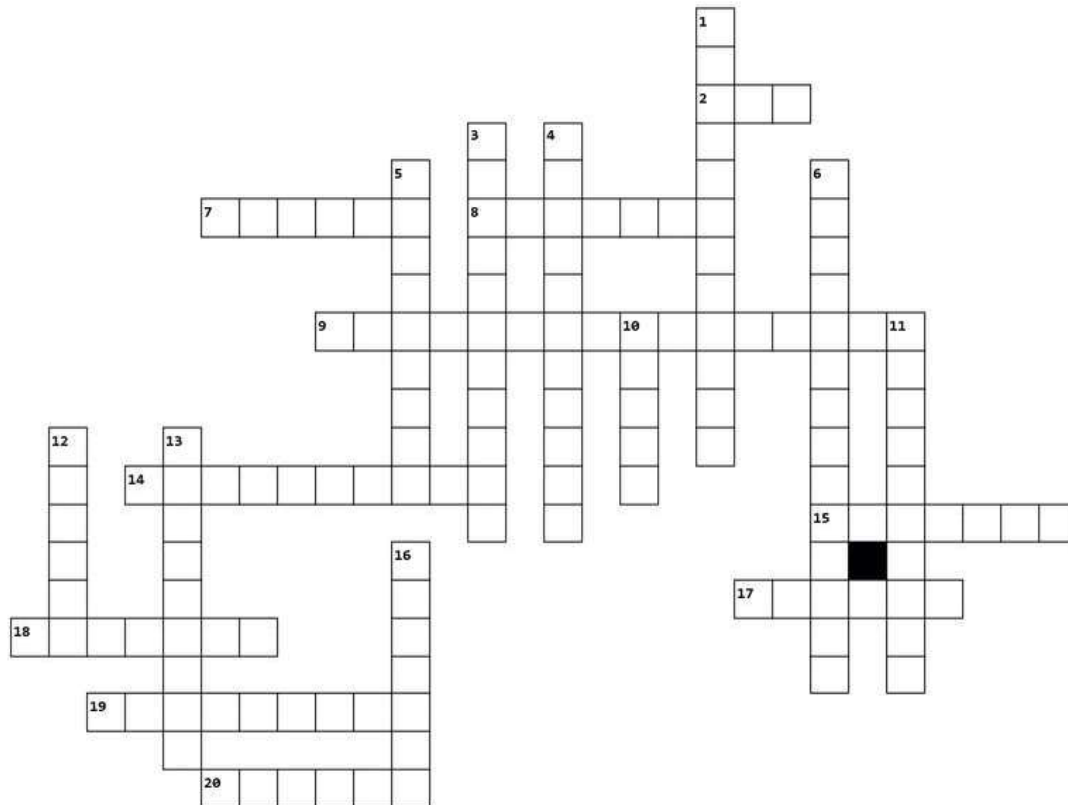
*Do you have a story to tell, an experience to share, or exciting news about your company? This space is for **YOU!***

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, or raida.balcute@emirates.com for inclusion in upcoming issue.

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



ACROSS:

2. How many time zones does the US have?
7. Where do most of the immigrants come from?
8. Which President fought for the rights of black people?
9. What is the most famous sport in the US?
14. Who was the first President of the US?
15. Which country fought against the US in 1775?
17. What do many people eat for breakfast at Dhelis?
18. In which city the film King Kong was made?
19. What do many schools in the US have?
20. What do many Americans eat at Thanksgiving?

DOWN:

1. What is the capital of the US?
3. Where did the immigrants had to go to in New York?
4. Which is the biggest park of New York?
5. Who was the President during the Second World War?
6. Which famous actor was the Governor of California?
10. How many states does the US have?
11. In which city many films are produced?
12. From which country did the US get the Statue of Liberty?
13. What is the name of the ship with which the first pilgrims came to the US?
16. Which President was murdered in 1963?

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