

NEWH Washington DC Past Presidents

1992 Barbara Azzinaro Founding President

1992-93 Elizabeth Grimsley First Chapter President. Ushered the chapter to the chartering level by filling all National NEWH board and committee chartering requirements along with proper documentation. The DC Chapter was chartered on November 5, 1992 with the largest amount of members to date. Recruited professional women to become the first board members to fill positions that reflected their professional positions. Developed professional meetings using Roberts Rules of Order. Served as the Benefits Chairperson for the National Board and developed the first package of benefits for NEWH including health insurance

1993 Desiree Perkins First major fundraiser production, Golf Tournament at Poolesville Country Club.

1994-95 Brenda Kreiger Responsible for greater diversity of membership in the hospitality industry. Connected our chapter with Washington hoteliers, restaurants and other hospitality associations due to her unique connections

1996 Nancy Landino First woman to hold presidency from a major hotel brand - Choice Hotels International. Race for the Cure participation

1997-98 Jan Huss Heart Walk was adopted as chapter Community Service effort (1997). Chapter voted to change the charter to accept males as members and to hold office (1998). First male members (1998) were Lars Knudesen, Phillip Kessler, Steven Schiff. First year for double fundraisers: VA Gold Cup and Golf Tournament at Bristow Manor (1997)



1999 Lynda Welte First NEWH scholarships were awarded. First time award presentations of the prestigious Woman of Excellence Award to Barbara Azzinaro and Dixie Eng. Received Woman of Excellence Award, presented by Cliff Tuttle 2001. Liaison to Carol Hochheiser in the creation of NEWH Virginia Chapter. Attended first NEWH Inc. business training seminar and conducted first training session for DC Chapter Board of Directors on Directors responsibilities and liabilities. Served as Chair for School from the Heart in conjunction with UNICEF in 2005. More male members joined the chapter in this year: Bill Kaufmann and Jeff Fuge

2000 Jeanne Varney Created Chapter Strategic Planning process that was adopted chapter-wide. Received Woman of Excellence Award 2002, presented by Cliff Tuttle. President of NEWH, Inc. International 2004-2005. Presently, she serves on the NEWH, Inc. Sustainable Hospitality Committee. More male members joined the chapter this year: Cliff Tuttle, David Burn, George Scammel and Gary Newhouse

2001-02 Cliff Tuttle First Chapter Male President. First Premier Fundraiser: The Kemper Open (2002). Presented first, premier program of this nature: State of the Hospitality Industry 2002. He presented the prestigious Woman of Excellence Award to Lynda Welte in 2001 and additionally to Jeanne Varney in 2002. Served on NEWH Inc. Board of Directors as the Director of Board Training providing strategic planning to chapters in the US, Canada, and the United Kingdom. In addition, he served as Director of Sustainable Hospitality. Recognition of Excellence, a bi-annual NEWH International award and honor, 2009 Male Recipient

Sonia Montes de Oca First NEWH table top mini-trade show display which was used and adapted by other chapters. We believe this is the original idea for what would later become NEWH Regional Trade Shows. Laurie S. Miller, Board of Directors Member, passes away on April 7, 2003. Laurie was a consummate support of NEWH and believed in mentoring and nurturing women



2004-05 Kristin Smith Developed enhanced treasurer reporting systems. Served on the NEWH, Inc. Executive Committee as the International Vice President of Events and the International Vice President of Finance. 2004 and 2005 NEWH Regional Trade Show. Escorted chapter Board to 2005 NEWH International Leadership Conference, Phoenix, AR. Dixie Eng is presented with Woman of the Year Award at NEWH 20th Anniversary Gala in Los Angeles. December 4, 2004

2006 Laurie Woliung Developed a master NEWH Regional Trade Show plan that was adopted chapter-wide. Increased direct interaction and participation with scholarship recipient area schools. NEWH DC Chapter reaches record achievement in fundraising for School from the Heart

2007-08 Whitney Tredwell Escorted chapter Board to 2007 NEWH Leadership Conference, Niagara Falls, NY. Presented second, premier program of this nature: State of the Hospitality Industry 2008, held at The Madison Hotel. 2007 and 2008 NEWH Regional Trade Shows

2009-10 Carol Ranno Developed enhanced Board of Directors reporting systems which were adopted by other NEWH chapters. Developed enhanced financial reporting for chapter cash transactions. Presented the third, premier program of this nature: State of the Hospitality Industry 2010, held at Crowne Plaza Tysons Corner Hotel. 2009 AT&T Golf Tournament Fundraiser featured VIP guests, Shelia Johnson and Prem Devadas, Salamander Hospitality. 2009 NEWH Regional Trade Show. Laurie S. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund is established

2011-12 Jason Stock Responsible for developing a complex membership mix comprising more architects, general contractors and hotel owners. Presented the fourth, premier program of this nature: State of the Hospitality Industry 2012, held at Bethesda Marriott Hotel. (2010) Presented a premier panel discussion program that showcased the entire business deal for the Madison acquisition and redevelopment. (2010) The panel included ownership, development,



design, architecture, procurement and general contracting team. Presided over the first NEWH Golf Tournament for our Chapter in over decade, exceeding budgeted earnings.

2013-2014 David Tracz Produced chapter's 20th anniversary gala (2013). Successfully, produced and managed a weather delayed NEWH Trade Show in conjunction with NEWH; the first ever disruption for a major event.