

The 19th Annual FTA NYC Fall Awards Dinner



(L-R) Fred Tibbitts, Jr., President & CEO, Fred Tibbitts & Associates, Inc., accepts his Lifetime Achievement Award "In Recognition of Your Outstanding Dedication and Advancement in the Hospitality Industry" from Jerry Leeman, CEO, Perk Dynamics, Inc.



Fred Tibbitts, Jr. on his recognition for Lifetime Achievement Award and scholarship for worthy hospitality school students, stresses that he accepted the Award on behalf of all those whom he serves and in particular, all those less fortunate.

The 19th Annual FTA "An Autumn Evening in New York with Very Special Friends" at The Union League Club was not only another spectacular event attended by over 120 VIPs and luminaries from the hospitality, food and beverage industries, but also a memorable evening after 19 successive years of the FTA Dinners wherein Fred Tibbitts, Jr., President and CEO of the Fred Tibbitts Associates Inc., was honored with the Award "In Recognition of Your Outstanding Dedication and Advancement in the Hospitality Industry" by the followers and members of the advisory board of the FTA, Inc. The Award is accompanied by a scholarship to benefit worthy students at the discretion of Tibbitts. The fund will be administered without charge by C-Cap, a resource hub designed to assist entrepreneurs with Angels or in this case, for those wishing to contribute to the Tibbitts scholarship. Prior to the award-filled wine dinner, the evening's reception was trade show style, showcasing the products and services of the sponsors namely Phillips, Strassburger Meats, Trincherro, Michael's Cookies, Diageo, Anchor Hocking company, Harney & Sons, MillerCoors, DonQ, Gérard Bertrand, Italian Trade Commission, Vino 2011 Italian Wine Week, Wines of Chile, Technomic Inc., Samuel Adams, Pasternak Wine Imports, Beam Global Spirits & Wine, Foobbuy, Southern Wine & Spirits of America, Don & Sons Sabastianani, General Mills Foodservice, S&D Coffee Inc., and Cleveland Menu Printing Inc., among others.



Horst Schulze, Chairman & CEO, The West Paces Hotel Group, in acceptance speech for the 2010 FTA Hospitality Award for Lifetime Excellence



(L-R) Ryan Magnon, VP Quality, The West Paces Hotel Group; Peter Schoch, VP F&B, The West Paces Hotel Group; Scott Rohm, SVP Operations, The West Paces Hotel Group.



(L-R) Fred Tibbitts, Jr. toasts Captain George Korchowsky, United States Naval Reserve (Retired) & U.S. Naval Academy graduate.



(L-R) Greg Mendoza, GM, The Ritz-Carlton New York, Battery Park; Fred Tibbitts, Jr.; & Jacqueline Sanders, GM, The Ritz-Carlton, Westchester.



(L-R) Michael Radecki, Founding Partner & Don Cooksey, CEO of Michael's Cookies; Fred Tibbitts, Jr.; & Richard Xu, Editor-in-Chief, New Western Cuisine



Dominique Rousset, North East Area Manager, Les Vins Gerard Bertrand pours Gerard Bertrand Cremant de Limoux 2007.



(L-R) Fred Tibbitts, Jr. presents Robert Thurman, Pres., Tibet House New York with US\$500.00 check for humanitarian work of Khenpo Lama Pema Wangdug for his Tibetan refugee schools in India and Nepal.



Richard Xu (R), Editor-in-Chief, New Western Cuisine presenting a toast to Fred Tibbitts, Jr. on his Lifetime Achievement Award



Guests applauding comments from the podium at The Union League Club



(L-R) Bill Samenfink, past Pres., I-CHRIE; Richard Xu, Editor-in-Chief, New Western Cuisine; Jennifer O'Neill, Associate Dir. of Alumni Relations, The Culinary Institute of America; & Fred Tibbitts, Jr. posing after Xu's acceptance speech on presentation of 2010 FTA Hospitality Award for Literary Excellence and Membership into the Society of Fellows of The Culinary Institute of America.



(L-R) Joe McInerney, Pres. & CEO, American Hotel & Lodging Association; Bill Samenfink, past Pres., I-CHRIE; Paul Daly, VP - F&B, Hyatt Hotels North America; & Fred Tibbitts, Jr. on presentation of 2010 FTA Hospitality Award for Excellence as an Operator-North America by McInerney and scholarship in Daly's name for the Dept. of Hospitality & Tourism Mgt. at Virginia Tech.



(L-R) Joe McInerney, Pres. & CEO, American Hotel & Lodging Association; Horst Schulze, Chairman & CEO, The West Paces Hotel Group; Ed Korry, Dept. Chairman, College of Culinary Arts, Johnson & Wales University; & Fred Tibbitts, Jr. on presentation of 2010 FTA Hospitality Award for Lifetime Excellence by McInerney and scholarship in Schulze's name for the Charlotte Campus of the College of Culinary Arts of Johnson & Wales University.



(L-R) Robert Nelson, Chair, School of Hotel, Restaurant & Institutional Management, University of Delaware; Des Docherty, Sr. Business Leader, Cross Product Services, Visa, Inc.; Jerry Leeman, CEO, Perk Dynamics, Inc.; & Fred Tibbitts, Jr. on the presentation of the 2010 FTA Hospitality Award for IT Innovation to Visa, Inc. by Leeman and scholarship in the name of Visa, Inc. for the University of Delaware School of Hotel, Restaurant & Institutional Management.



The FTA U.S. Advisory Board Meeting

The FTA U.S. Advisory Board Meeting was held on November 16 at the Vanderbilt Suites, The MetLife Building, New York and attended by some 50 VIPs. The Meeting was chaired by Alice Elliot. Presenters included Michael Harney, VP, Harney & Sons Fine Tea on The U.S. Tea Market; Bill Barry, VP for Hospitality & Foodservice, Trincherro Family Estates on vine to dine University; Tom Conte, Director of National Accounts, DonQ on The Rum Renaissance; Catalina Ganis, SVP, Elliot Associates on Human Capital Update; and Fred Tibbitts, Jr. on FTA Globally & Review of 2010 Award Recipients & Scholarship Updates.



Fred Tibbitts, Jr. with faculty members from the School of Hotel Administration, Cornell University



Richard Xu, Editor-in-Chief, New Western Cuisine with faculty and students from University of Delaware



Fred Tibbitts, Jr. with students from the Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management, University of Delaware