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# **HOW CAN ON-PREMISE MAKE A TURN AROUND? The Answer May Rest in Wine**

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#### FRED TIBBITTS & ASSOCIATES HOSTS 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPRING DINNER

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual FTA "A Spring Evening in New York with Very Special Friends" held at The Union League Club on March 2<sup>nd</sup> proved to be another memorable event for the 120 guests. The reception was trade show style, showcasing the products and services of the sponsors and was followed by a four-course gala dinner, which kicked off with a warm welcome from Fred Tibbitts, Jr., president & CEO of Fred Tibbitts & Associates, Inc.

 Sheryl McAndrew, Anheuser-Busch; Fred Tibbitts, Jr.; Brad Aldrich, American Hotel & Lodging Association
 Hugh Williamson-Noble, Prudential Douglas Elliman; John Battista, Italian Trade Commission
 Joe McInerney, American Hotel & Lodging Association; Eric Long, The Waldorf=Astoria
 Christina Cacciato, WineWave; Fred Tibbitts, Jr.; Jack Cacciato, WineWave

#### LAPHROAIG CELEBRATES SCOTTISH HERITAGE AND CURLING PARTNERSHIP

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, Laphroaig Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky partnered with the United States Curling Association (USCA) to celebrate their shared Scottish heritage. The event offered guests a curling lesson from the USCA as well as a private Scotch tasting with Scotch malt master Simon Brooking.

Jessica Schultz, USCA and Simon Brooking, whisky ambassador

#### NEW YORK WINE EXPO DEEMED A SUCCESS

On February 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, the New York Wine Expo took over the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, hosting a first-class wine and food event for both consumers and the trade. The three-day exposition offered samplings of 600 wines from over 150 winemakers from around the globe in the Grand Tasting.

- 1. Michael Roth, Beverage Media Group;
- Debbie Lane, Testa Wines of the World
- 2. Ed Hurley, director of event, Resource Plus
- 3. Marilyn Marinelli and Doug Mulnard of
- Michael-David Winery
- Barbara Frank, Dr. Frank's Vinifera Wine Cellars
  Steve Lee, Wagner Vineyards and Steve Shaw, Jr., Shaw Vineyards