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FRED TIBBITTS & ASSOCIATES HOSTS 14TH ANNUAL SPRING DINNER

The 14th Annual FTA "A Spring Evening in New York with Very Special Friends" held at The Union League Club on March 2nd 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 4th, 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 26th-28th, 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