



# New Horizons

## Holiday Season Celebration at the Queen Mary

by Joe Morano

On Friday December 3, BALC members and their guests boarded the Queen Mary for a holiday season celebration of dinner, dancing, and gaming casino. Over 300 at-



BALC President, Mike Patricelli and his wife, Linda

tendees entered the Britannia Salon to view a room full of beautiful holiday centerpieces decorating the tables. Near the main entrance was an area filled with donated toys that

people dropped off as they entered. The night began with networking and catching up with friends over hors d'oeuvres and liquid libations. We had our own private deck outside the Britannia Salon where several people ventured out to see the clear starry night and the lights of Long Beach.

Dinner started with an organic field greens salad, followed by a filet mignon and breast of chicken combination. The meal ended with a rich chocolate truffle torte, but no one needed to worry about calories because the opportunity to burn them off was about to begin.

After an "early bird" raffle, where several prizes were given away, the night of fun continued. One could dance to the tunes of DJ Eric Miles or you could wander over to the casino tables and take your chance at blackjack, roulette or craps. Or you could spend the night doing both!

If you were a "gambler", the goal was to win a lot of chips which would be exchanged for raffle tickets at the end of the night. If you were down on your luck and lost all of your chips, a donation to the BALC Scholarship Fund would get you a new stack to play with. Over \$100 was collected for the fund from the "unlucky gamblers."

The BALC Board would like to convey our heartfelt thanks to each attendee who donated toys which



BALC scholarship fund Donations were received by Sarem Yan, Marie Mungaray, and Daryll Eaton Jr.

were distributed to worthy children in our community. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who helped to make this event a success. We couldn't have done it without your help. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable time and we solicit any comments you may have about this annual event.

\$50.00 Gift certificate to Trader Joe's	Lara Meikle
\$50.00 Gift certificate to Williams-Sonoma	Alleen Cozine
\$75.00 Gift certificate to Las Brisas Restaurant	Dave Crosse
\$80.00 Gift certificate to South Coast Repertory	Candee Hoecker
\$100.00 Gift certificate to Morton's Steakhouse	Jerry Hamilton
\$140.00 Gift certificate to The Gourmet Detective Theater	Julian Notton
\$200.00 Gift certificate to Cardiff-By-The-Sea Lodge	Janet McAbee
\$350 Value Westin Hotel Relaxation Weekend Package	Jane Wang
\$50.00 VISA Gift Card	Marti Phillips
\$50.00 VISA Gift Card	Daphne Easton
\$50.00 VISA Gift Card	Elaine Fafilek
\$50.00 VISA Gift Card	William Rosselot

Early Bird and Final Raffle winners

**Guest Dinner Ticket Price**

For several years, BALC has kept the Guest Ticket price to our dinner meetings at \$25. Each year the cost for putting on a dinner meeting has increased so that at the end of 2004, the cost per person to BALC was approximately \$38. We had a choice to come up with the difference between the "price we charge guests" and the "per guest costs" - we could either raise dues or increase the Guest Dinner ticket price. The BALC Board of Directors approved a \$5 increase in the Guest Dinner ticket price to \$30, starting with the March Dinner. While we realize that this increase will disappoint some of our members, we hope that you feel that we are still offering more than a \$30 value at our dinner meetings.

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## From Your President's Desk . .

2004 BALC operations have been an outstanding success thanks to your enthusiastic support, the proactive Board of Directors (BOD) and their alternates, and the awesome support from our executive management.

This year we received nearly 150 new member applications. Our members' interest continued throughout the year, and was evident during our election. Thanks to Elaine Fafilek and her election committee, we had thirteen nominees for only six openings on the BOD.

The ten dinner meetings were very popular this year.....almost too popular, as we sold out several of our events. Our Top Leadership Night with Harry Stonecipher surpassed all expectations. With nearly 600 RSVP's for this event, a BALC attendance record was set. Our Holiday Dinner Dance on the Queen Mary was also sold out. We are making provisions in 2005 to book at venues with larger capacities, and to implement an on-line RSVP system.

The year had many motivational and inspirational speakers. We enjoyed Dave Caperton in January, John Naber in February, Gail Wenos in March, and astronaut Scott Altman in September. We assisted management with spreading the message on Ethics, when Marianne Jennings spoke to us on the importance of ethics in our personal and professional lives. She was a big hit with the members.

We showed that dinner meetings could also be fun. In May we had Awards Night with an Academy Awards theme where we en-



Mike Patricelli

couraged folks to dress as their favorite celebrity. We had two professional impersonators and many amateur impersonators in the audience. August was our annual Luau night with a great Polynesian dance show. October was Western Night with Harry Stonecipher returning as our sheriff. We had over 14 executives join in on the fun by serving the buffet dinner to all in attendance.

We continued our winning streak with the National Management Association (NMA). At the 2004 NMA National Conference, we won recognition for being an Outstanding Chapter. This takes a lot of hard work from you and your BOD to make this happen every year. We also won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the publication contest. The BALC competes with the NMA chapters with the largest memberships, so this is a real accomplishment for Dave Andersen and his publication committee. We were the first chapter in the nation to receive accreditation from a local college for our Supervisory and Management Series (SMS) courses. We are the model for the other chapters across the nation in many new initiatives. We were a pilot chapter for the new Dale Carnegie Process Improvement course.

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## From Your National Director's Desk...

As we reach the end of 2004, a very successful year for both BALC and the NMA, now is a good time to come up with your NMA resolutions for 2005.

The key to these resolutions is getting more involved in NMA activities to gain their full benefits. For example, you can look into the following options:

**Leadership Development (D).** Have you considered the many educational opportunities offered by the NMA? Whether it's CD-ROM programs teaching effective communications in The Write Stuff, process improvement courses focusing on the People Side of Process Improvement, Supervisory or Advanced Management Skills classes and FaciliSkills Workshops to make you the best you can be, or full fledged accreditation as a Certified Manager...the NMA has the tools it takes to succeed.

And, should you desire, you can help develop the future workforce for our business by participating in Educator Enrichment Day or Summer Science Camp where over 500 K-12 students and teachers learn about science, math and engineering. Or volunteer to participate in the chapter, council or area speech contest where you will hear inspiring messages from California's future best and brightest.

**Leadership Access (A).** Are you taking advantage of your opportunities to talk one-on-one with top Boeing executives such as Jim Albaugh, Harry Stonecipher and Lew Platt at our monthly GMMs, and to hear about our company's future from the people who shape

it? Will you be there to relax and learn motivational lessons at our other GMMs, or to enjoy our mid-year Luau and end-of-year holiday celebrations? You won't find a better \$40 meal for your \$10 monthly member dues anywhere in California...and the lessons you can take away are priceless.

**Leadership Recognition (R).** The NMA provides unique opportunities for recognition. At the chapter and council level, you can be considered for or can nominate a fellow employee for Member of the Year, Volunteer of the Year or Manager of the Year; and you can recommend your favorite executive for the Silver Knight of Management or Gold Knight of Management. At the national level, you can help your chapter win the Outstanding Chapter, Member of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Community Service, Professional Development and Newsletter awards, and submit top company executives for NMA Executive of the Year and Hall of Fame recognition. These awards are presented



Pete Kurzhals

at special chapter, council and national ceremonies...and will make you and Boeing proud to be an NMA member.

**Leadership Experience (E).** The NMA provides a great testbed for your leadership skills. You can run for the NMA Board of Directors, volunteer to serve as a Board alternate or committee member, or become a booster. All of these positions will allow you to try out your ideas, and to interact with other members and Boeing employees to improve your communication and management abilities. From personal experience, I can say...this is one of the most rewarding aspects of NMA membership.

So I urge you to take the Leadership **DARE** challenge and make the most out of NMA and BALC membership. You will be glad that you did....

### Dollars Raised



*Through books sales and toys collection at the holiday dinner dance, the BALC has supported the following organizations in the month of December:*  
Walton Mission, Monrovia  
St. Vincent de Paul, Anaheim  
Urban League, Pomona  
Childred Afflicted with Aids  
Spirit of the Holidays

# BALC Holiday



## From Your President's Desk . .

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The BALC and its members recognize the needs of our community and the importance of educating our youth. Our members volunteered thousands of hours supporting many of our community and education events. Many BALC members could be seen in action at the annual Educator Enrichment Day (EED) on March 6. Another event involving over a hundred BALC volunteers was Summer Science Camp (SSC) during July. The BALC continued to sponsor the SSC essay contest with cash prizes to the writers of the best essays. California Senator Martha Escutia presented a California State Senate Certificate of Recognition to the BALC for their continued support of the SSC. In 2004, we awarded over \$15,000 to five very deserving students in scholarship and speech contest competitions.

In 2004 our members had many opportunities to attend outstanding professional development seminars and financial seminars. The list of special events was long. We had tickets for sporting events, plays, musicals, comedians, Disney on Ice, the Rose Parade and many more. A few dollars from

every sale goes towards our scholarship fund and this year we raised over \$4,000.

I am very proud to be a member of the BALC and it has been my privilege to serve as your president. I want to express my thanks and appreciation to the entire 2004 BOD for all their dedication and hard work to make this year an outstanding success. I want to also pass on my thanks to my manage-

ment for their support throughout the year. Pete Kurzhals and Elaine Fafilek were very instrumental in my success and I truly appreciate all their assistance and guidance. I look forward to working with Joe Morano, 2005 BALC President, and the 2005 BOD next year to continue the proud tradition of the BALC, the largest Boeing chapter in the NMA.

**Please visit our BALC web site**

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**external** <http://www.boeing.com/nosearch/balc/>

**National Management Association** <http://nma1.org>

**NMA Breaktime Newsletter** <http://nma1.org/breaktime/>

## Spotlight Member

Willie works in Long Beach supporting the C-17 program and has been employed there for 17 years. During the 1990s, he served as a booster for the Huntington Beach Management Association (HBMA) and has seen many changes over the years with the Management Associations and NMA chapter.

Willie enjoys interfacing with the variety of people that belong to the Boeing Aerospace Leadership Chapter (BALC) and likes to attend the guest-speaker events. Away from work, he is in the process of acquiring his private pilots license, having already successfully completed his first solo flight last year. Since then, he also has completed several other solo flights and another



**Willie Ortega**

handful of cross-country flights, despite schedule and weather challenges. Currently, he is looking forward to successfully completing his training and acquiring his license this spring. When not flying, Willie also enjoys riding off-road motorcycles with his daughter.



### Moving?

Please inform either your booster or call **Kathleen Andrews at (714) 896-2009**, so we can keep in touch with you.

## Volunteers are needed for the March 5, Los Angeles County Regional Science Olympiad at Cal Poly Pomona

The Boeing Aerospace Leadership Chapter is proud to be a co-sponsor for the 2005 Los Angeles County Regional Science Olympiad. The Science Olympiad is an exciting team competition where teams compete in 20 - 23 events covering a variety of science topics. This event has won distinction nationally for their role in fostering quality science education. Participating schools send a team of 15 students in one of three divisions: Elementary (grades 4-6), Junior (grades 6-9), or Senior (grades 9-12). The Science Olympiad promises to be a fun celebration of science achievement, and will afford volunteers a chance to share their experiences with the next generation.

Volunteers should be "science-minded" (for example, engi-

neers, scientists or employees with technical training). Volunteers will help monitor middle school and high school events on the day of the Olympiad(s). Working with Cal Poly faculty and graduate students, the Co-Captain ensures that rules are followed and the event goes smoothly. Co-Captains can expect to volunteer in a three to four-hour shift.

Some events include advance construction of devices that have been designed to meet pre-published requirements. Rubber band catapult, Bottle Rocket, Can Race, Mission Possible, and Pastamobile are examples of these events that include science knowledge and a design challenge. Events cover engineering, life, physical, and earth

sciences. Students divide up the events and earn points for their team based on how well they perform. In the Elementary Science Olympiad, these points contribute to an overall total, which will ultimately earn each team member gold, silver, or bronze medals. All elementary participants will receive a cast medal with the official Science Olympiad logo! In the Middle and High School Divisions, medals are awarded in each event to the top scoring teams. Points earned in each event also contribute to an overall team total and trophies are awarded to the top scoring teams. Several of the top teams will be invited to represent Los Angeles County at the Science Olympiad State Finals.



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