

Next Meeting
March 21st!!



IAHA LOS ANGELES



MARCH 1996

Don't miss this month's meeting! Ice Dogs Don't Bite!

They're called the Ice Dogs and along with 19 teams from cities like Chicago, Detroit, Atlanta, and San Francisco, the Ice Dogs are towards the end of an 82-game International Hockey League schedule. In their first season, the Ice Dogs are 29-27-11 and contending for a spot in the playoffs which will be held next month.

So if you have been howling for more hockey or just whimpering to see a game, here is your chance! All you need to do is fill out the enclosed reservation form and fax it to us. RUFFFFF!

Directions To The LA Ice Arena ...

If you are coming through downtown LA on the Harbor Freeway (110) and heading south take the Martin Luther King Blvd. exit. The arena will be on your right. If you are coming north on Harbor Freeway (110) towards downtown LA, take the Martin Luther King Blvd. exit and turn left under the freeway. Arena will be on your right as soon as you emerge on the other side of the freeway. Parking is \$5.00 per car in a very secure lot.



Attire and arrival time

Attire will be dress-casual or at least take your tie off. Also, remember to arrive on time, 6PM, where you will be able to pick up your ticket at IAHA table set up at Will-Call.

Our speaker...

Merlin L. Alper, Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of Madison Square Garden. Mr. Alper is a CPA in New York and a graduate of Adelphi University. He is a member of the Advisory Council of the Adelphi School of Business. His memberships include AICPA, FEI, NYSSCPA and IMA. Mr. Alper is a member of the Emerging Issues Task Force of the Financial Accounting Standards Board. He also serves on the Corporate Reporting Committee of FIE.

Prior to his present position, Mr. Alper was Vice-President and Deputy Controller of ITT Corporation. Mr. Alper's other positions included Vice-President and Assistant Controller ITT where he was responsible for the corporate controllership activities including all management and external financial reporting, employee benefit Administration and Headquarters MIS, Vice-President and controller of ITT Telecommunications Corp., Vice-President and Controller ITT Europe, General Auditor of ITT and Director of Financial Controls. Prior to joining ITT, Mr. Alper was associated with Arthur Andersen & Co. ■

Night with the Ice Dogs at the LA Ice Arena

3939 South Figueroa
(at Martin Luther King Blvd.)
Self-parking \$5.00 per car
(St. Bernards \$15.00)

Doors open at 6PM!
Cocktails & Buffet
Dinner
6PM - 8PM
Game Starts at 7PM
Speaker at 7:45 PM

The price for all members and first-time guests
\$35.00 per person.
Bring a friend, co-worker for only \$30.00 p.p. (please leave your dog at home!)
(Make checks payable to: "IAHA")
Price includes buffet dinner, two drinks and ticket to the game!

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Call (818) 836-1222 for reservations or just fax the enclosed RSVP form by Monday, March 18th

Have you renewed your IAHA membership?

IRS TIP AUDIT

For those of you who did not attend the February meeting and missed the IRS presentation on tip reporting, TRAC (Tip Rate Alternative Commitment) and TRDA (Tip Rate Determination Agreement) all is not lost! Educate yourself, your Food & Beverage, and Human Resources Managers about employer reporting responsibilities regarding tipped employees. Take the time to learn how to cushion, or completely avoid, the blow of a tip audit by contacting the following for information:

The Department of the Treasury
300 N. Los Angeles Street,
Room 4012
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attn: Barbara Horn
(213) 894-3160

California Restaurant
Association
3435 Wilshire Boulevard,
Suite 2230
Los Angeles, CA 90010
Attn: Scott
(213) 384-1200

Don't be surprised if you notice a dichotomy in their respective approaches to the subject. By the way, we also have some extra IRS handouts on this subject that will be available at March's meeting. Just ask Mary Nowak, Vice-President, for a copy.

HOT SUMMER BUSINESS AHEAD!

According to Tour and Travel News this spring and summer vacation travel may break all travel records. Operators across the country have reported heavier than normal sales and, in a number of cases, record sales.

BOARD MEETINGS

Any member interested in attending a Board Meeting is welcome. Meetings usually start at 4:00 PM on the same day and same place as our dinner meetings (except this month!) If you have any ideas and would like to get involved, please call Jerome Alper, President, at (310) 403-2010.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Director Computer Systems for a 800-room island resort property. Position available immediately and salary in the \$40-\$50K range. Benefits include one-month annual vacation, round trip ticket back each year and all the coconuts you can eat!

Assistant Controller, must have four-year degree in accounting. Fast track to becoming a Controller with a winning hotel management company.

Please contact Edén Sleg, Hospitality Network International - Global Hospitality Search at (818) 836-1222.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Our February meeting was held at the Ritz-Carlton Huntington. Our host Brad Hayden and his staff did a great job in wining and dining us! Thank you, Brad! Our speaker, Ms. Horn, from the IRS, spoke on TRAC, also known as Tip Rate Alternative Commitment. If you missed this meeting or still have questions, please see Mary Nowak's column on page 2.

I hope you can all attend this month's meeting at the Los Angeles Ice Arena. Our speaker, Merlin L. Alper is the executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of Madison Square Garden. We have secured a tremendous deal, \$35.00 per person, which will include a ticket to a professional hockey game, dinner, a private room at the arena, two drinks and a chance to hear first-hand how sports complexes are financially managed. By the



Do you have suggestions on how to improve our chapter?

We are looking for one or two new board members who want to make a difference! Ask any board member for details or call Jerome Alper at: (310) 403-2010.

way, the Madison Square Garden Complex includes the Garden, the MSG Television Network, two professional sport teams, the Paramount Theater, and an office complex!

Next month our meeting will be on April 18th at the beautiful Biltmore Hotel. Our speaker, Deborah Jacqueline, from Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc., will give us hints and pointers on our personal finances. Mike Butler is planning a delicious dinner at this historic property.

The raffle held during each meeting has been very successful. I would like to thank the Ritz-

Gateway at LAX. Merrill Marsh has moved North to San Francisco from the Sheraton Los Angeles Gateway LAX and is now at the Sheraton Fisherman's Wharf. Kevin Lee is now Controller at the Sheraton Grande. Kevin relocated from the

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Carlton Huntington and the Mission Inn for their generous raffle prizes for the February meeting. Remember, the funds raised are donated as a scholarship to a junior in the hotel school at California Polytechnic University. Help support higher education by buying a ticket at the next meeting and donating prizes!

In the meantime, reserve early for this month's meeting and I look forward to seeing you all there! ■

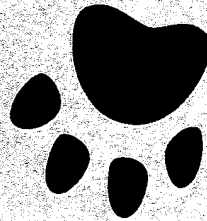
ON THE MOVE!

Jana Reitmeier has moved from the Wyndham LAX to Wyndham Bel Age. Corne Handsbury is now Area Controller and Controller of the Sheraton Los Angeles

Sheraton Europe, Africa and Middle East and before that he was at the Sheraton Cerritos (Jerome, I guess we know where your next assignment is!) Mike Suter, currently Assistant Controller at the Regent Wilshire has been transferred as Consulting Controller to the Sheraton Bangkok (...yes, Thailand!)

Our best wishes go to all of you in your new locations and assignments. ■



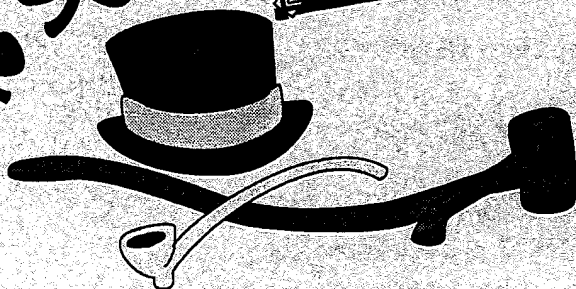
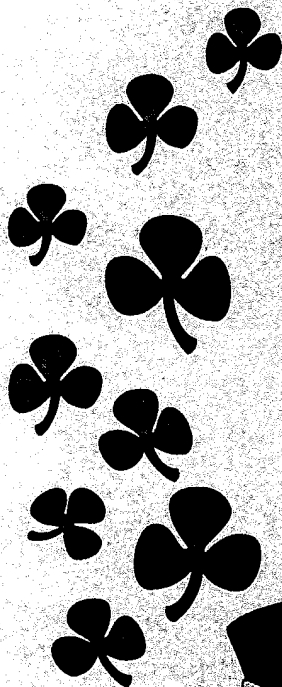


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Green Beer?

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Happy St. Patty's!

