



## President's Message

Greetings,

I know it's crazy; it didn't even feel like October, did it? Don't let the temperatures fool you - - it is Autumn! Hopefully, you joined the many people that took advantage of the unseasonably warm weather as temperatures soared in the 80's. I enjoyed the fall foliage this weekend taking in the pops of colors on the leaves. I must say, I did miss the sweater, leggings, hat, and boots that are the cool fashion statement of the season.

As a non-profit organization, it is important to be engaged and relevant to the community where we are located. One of the keys to engaging is to understand the issues that affect them the most. This year, especially during the holidays, the demand for our community outreach program continues to skyrocket in many communities. WTTC Baltimore will be supporting two efforts to assist our neighbors here in Baltimore during this season of giving.

In November, we will partner with Mediterranean Shipping with our Fall Food Drive. You are encouraged to organize a food drive at your business and with family to help support this effort. You may also bring donations to our November 8<sup>th</sup> business meeting. We will also be accepting toys at our December 13 Christmas Celebration. Karina Burgess will be chairing this project and can be reached at <a href="mailto:karina.burgess@msc.com">karina.burgess@msc.com</a>.

On December 9th we will partner with the Highlandtown Exchange Club on the Joy of Giving Toy Drive. Join us as we "Fill the Square" with toys! This is a fun-filled, festive, and family oriented Christmas celebration.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need your ideas, creativity and help making WTTC Baltimore's table at the event the most festive of participants. Wouldn't it be fun if we were on the LOCAL news!! Contact me at <a href="https://www.wtcbaltimore@gmail.com">Wttcbaltimore@gmail.com</a> to volunteer.

Our November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting has been approved for 2.5 CCS/CCES credits. Our guest speaker is Kathleen Pickett, the newly selected Director of Security for the Maryland Port Administration. I hope to see many of you there.

This Thanksgiving, may you feel in your heart that you belong to this community. Thank you for helping me develop my "can-do" spirit. I want you all to know how THANKFUL I am to have a team as hardworking and dedicated as you - - our success is not possible without YOU. I hope you have an enjoyable Thanksgiving with your family, friends, and the ones you love.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!** 

Karen Bush-Brown President



## Vice President's Message



**Happy November, WTTC Members!** 

The weeks and months just fly by and it is already time to start thinking about the holidays. Make sure to check out the Events page of our website, as we are always adding new dates and fun happenings!

Last month I promised I would be sharing the membership survey results with you and here they are! I am listing only the answers that came in as top 3 by popularity for each question.

Q – What is your favorite part of the monthly dinner meetings?

The guest speaker

Networking with other members

The day of the week and time

- Q What types of cuisine do you enjoy/would be open to trying at our dinner meetings?

  American Grill

  Seafood and Mexican both in second place

  Italian and Chinese both in third place
- Q Do you prefer sit-down meetings or happy-hour style?
  I like both and I am flexible (70% of answers)
  I prefer sit-down meetings (20% of answers)
  1 prefer happy-hour style (10% of answers)
- Q Would you be open to attending a luncheon for Women's month, in March? Yes (70%)
  No (30%)
- Q Which topics would you like to hear more about?

  Personal and professional coaching, leadership programs and development, women in the workplace (These topics all came in at a tie for first place)

  Baltimore Port

  Trucking

### Free form feedback provided:

We should cover a broader variety of topics; please wait until the end of a presentation for questions; please distribute the slides after the presentation; we want more door prizes and games; optional get togethers yes please; more information about the calendar of events for the year; Friday night happy hour or Saturday lunch; we want financial advice on retirement and savings; we want to hear from empowered women in the workforce; committee chairs should ask members to take on small tasks to help them gain confidence and feel comfortable; committee meetings incorporated into monthly meetings; regular schedule; when to expect meetings and TIPS; reminders to members that we provide educational programs; we love that WTTC info is available on multiple platforms.



# JOIN US!

**WWTC Baltimore** 

**November Dinner Meeting** 

November 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Boulevard Diner 1660 Merritt Blvd Dundalk, MD 21222

Tickets-\$45

Please RSVP via email to <u>WTTCReservations@gmail.com</u> Purchase online at <u>WTTCBaltimore.com/news</u>



# OUR GUEST SPEAKER KATHLEEN M. PICKET

Meet the newly selected Director of Security for the Maryland Port Administration. Kathleen recently retired from the United States Capitol Police with over 29 years of dedicated law enforcement service. Of the over 21 years with the U.S. Capitol Police, Kathleen served fourteen vears of distinguished and diverse command experience across three bureaus and eleven distinct elements. In her role as Hazardous Incident Response Division Commander, Kathleen led her division's heroic response to the January 6, 2021, insurrection and was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2022 by Congress.



## WTTC Photo Opps!



































MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY BALTIMORE & WOMEN'S TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION CLUB OF BALTIMORE present the







# OCTOBER 23RD- NOVEMBER 10TH

## **DROP OFF AT**

THE WORLD TRADE CENTER 40I E PRATT ST, \*COLLECTION BOX IN THE MAIN LOBBY NEXT TO THE SECURITY DESK\* & BELTS LOGISTICS 1820 PORTAL ST.







WE ARE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLES TO HELP WITH THANKSGIVING DINNERS: CANNED VEGETABLES/FRUITS, MASHED POTATOES, STUFFING, PASTA, CANNED BEANS, CANNED TOMATOES, SOUPS, GRAVY, CANNED YAMS, CRANBERRY SAUCE ETC.

A SEASON FOR GIVING



# Happy Hour will begin at 6pm Dinner to follow

Kris Kringle Gift Exchange

Bring a small gift if you would like to participate

## **Community Outreach**

Bring a toy for the
Southeastern Baltimore City Police





# Cruise with the WTTC of Baltimore June 8, 2024

Sailing from Baltimore for 5-Nights to Bermuda

VISION OF SEAS







Gro	up	Ra	tes	

 Cat
 Cabin Type
 Double Occupancy Cost Per Person

 2V Inside (Decks 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 Midship)
 \$ 648.31 pp

 4N Oceanview (Decks 2&3 Forward & Aft)
 \$ 718.31 pp

OTHER CATEGORIES INCLUDING BALCONY & SUITES MAY BE AVAILABLE. CALL FOR RATES.
CALL FOR SINGLE RATES & TRIPLE & QUAD PRICING Quoted Rates include all current port taxes & government fees

If applicable, RCCL Offers & Promotional Pricing will be used at time of booking. (Note: Non-Refundable Deposit pricing may be lower however the minimum deposit for this fare is Non-Refundable. A change fee of \$100 per guest will apply

## Reservation Payments: Deposit: \$100.00pp at time of booking

Final Payment Date: March 01, 2024 Credit Cards are accepted. Checks or Money Orders payable to: The Cruise Lady, Inc.

**The Cruise Lady, Inc.** charges \$25.00 pp cancellation fee should you cancel your cruise after deposit is made.

Optional Travel Protection is highly recommended!

RCCL offers CruiseCare Travel Protection for an additional fee based on the cruise cost. Payable at time of final payment.

# For Cruise Info & Reservations Call: The Cruise Lady, Inc.

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5-Night itinerary					
DAY	<u>PORT</u>	ARRIVE	<b>DEPART</b>		
08 JUN	BALTIMORE		3:00PM		
09 JUN	CRUISING				
10 JUN	ROYAL NAVAL DOCKYARD, BERMUDA	1:30PM			
11 JUN	ROYAL NAVAL DOCKYARD, BERMUDA		12:30PM		
12 JUN	CRUISING				
13 JUN	BALTIMORE	7:00am			

#### What's included:

5-Night Cruise Accommodations, Meals & and most onboard activities All Current Port Taxes & Government Fees

#### What's NOT included:

RCCL Cruise Care/Travel Protection
Gratuities to Waitstaff & Cabin Stewards (Can be Pre-Paid)
Some beverages: Alcohol, Soda, Specialty Coffee
Specialty restaurant fees, Photographs,
Shore excursions, Medical services,
and all other items of a person nature.

RCCL offers "All-Inclusive" Beverage Packages. Can be pre-purchased online through CRUISE PLANNER. Visit Royal Caribbean's website for details.

Passports Recommended (Not required)\*

Passports must be valid for 6 months after your return date
In lieu of passport, you must present an Original Birth Certificate
with a raised seal, issued by Dept of Vital Records
AND a government issued photo ID.
For info & requirements visit: www.travel.state.gov

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