

# Celestyal NEWSLETTER

9<sup>th</sup> EDITION



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Welcome to our invincible summer. As this edition of the Celestyal Cruises Newsletter, the 9th, goes to print, we are in the middle of our first August as Celestyal Cruises. We were forced to sail turbulent waters in June and July: the Greek debt crisis negotiations resulted in protracted bank closures and concomitant uncertainty throughout our industry. How did we respond? With professionalism and positivity. With invincibility. We kept on sailing. In the wake of this turbulence, we continued to do what we do best – bring the real Greek experience, the best of Greece, to cruisers from all over the world.

The crews of the Crystal, the Odyssey and the Olympia continue to exceed our expectations and the expectations of our passengers; on both of our Thomson ships, the crew and staff are making a significant contribution to the long term health of our company by providing superior performance in all operational areas. I commend everyone for their excellent work this summer.

Our new ship, the Celestyal Odyssey, has been the belle of the ball this summer. On June 5th, 6th and 7th we held our first town hall aboard her, and everyone fell in love. The Odyssey's ambiance is truly Greek with Hellenic poems and names from mythology gracing its decks and other public areas. The Odyssey, the Crystal and Olympia, our three graces, will soon sail into the information



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age with an onboard mobile app currently in development by our MIS team. And speaking of technology, the kick-off meeting of the LYNCEUS2MARKET project was held on the 23rd and 24th of June in Limassol. We remain an integral part of the consortium working toward commercializing an innovative and potentially life-saving suite of products.

Here in the Mediterranean, we have implemented a visa-free program for all of our passengers who embark from Turkish ports, so as to make our cruises easier to sail from this crucial market. We also strengthened our partnership with the Municipality of Milos with a joint town hall meeting on this magnificent island. One of the true gems of the Aegean, this otherworldly beauty continues to delight our cruisers, and we continue to contribute to the economy of this magical place. Further afield, we have made tremendous strides in the integration of our Cuba Cruise product into the Celestyal Cruises operation. We have also entered into an agreement with Transat of Canada for the marketing and promotion of our Cuba cruises, which we believe will support the long-term development of this segment of our business in Canada and the USA.

Also on the marketing front, we have engaged the services of McCann, one of Europe's preeminent communications agencies, to handle all of our advertising and digital marketing. We are now part of an international roster of McCann clients that includes L'Oreal and Microsoft.

Finally, I'd like to welcome our new recruits, and I'd like to congratulate our terrific HR department, which took home five awards for excellence at the HR Community Conference and Awards in Athens.

We continue to grow stronger, better...we continue to push – not back, but forward. We are making real progress, building an invincible company, and each of you is a part of this grand journey.

**Here's to our invincibility. Let's never stop pushing for the stars.**

**Kyriakos Anastassiadis**

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## LYNCEUS2MARKET KICKS-OFF IN LIMASSOL

The kick-off meeting of the LYNCEUS2MARKET project was held on the 23rd and 24th of June in Limassol. The two-day meeting marked the official launch of the project – its main objective was to confirm the common agenda of the project and to define the first steps of the project implementation.

LYNCEUS2MARKET products will be based on the initial technologies developed and tested in lab and in small scale pilots during the Lynceus project, funded under the 7th Framework Program, and awarded the prestigious Lloyd's List innovation award in 2014.



## CEO Kyriakos Anastassiadis Participates in 3<sup>rd</sup> Posidonia Sea Tourism Forum

The 3rd Posidonia Sea Tourism Forum welcomed more than 700 stakeholders from the global cruising and yachting sectors for a two-day conference and exhibition at the Megaron Athens International Conference Centre on May 26th and 27th May. A range of issues pertaining to the major sea tourism sectors were discussed by international and local experts and senior sector executives.

### Left to right:

**David Dingle**, chairman of Carnival in England and a member of the Executive Committee CLIA;

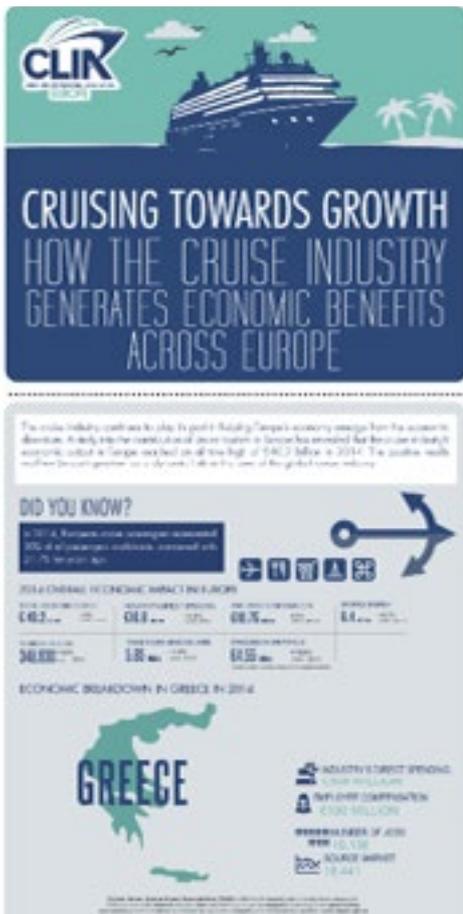
**Mr. Thanos Pallis**, Secretary General of MedCruise; **Mr.**

**Raphael von Heereman**,

Secretary General of CLIA Europe; **Ms. Carla Salvado**, president of MedCruise and Director of Marketing of for Cruises, Port of Barcelona; **Mr. Pierfrancesco Vago**, President of CLIA Europe and Executive Chairman of MSC Cruises; **Mr. Stavros Hatzakos**, General Secretary of the Piraeus Port Authority (OLP); **Mr. Kyriakos Anastassiadis**, CEO of Celestyal Cruises and Executive Board member of CLIA.



## CRUISING TOWARD GROWTH:



## CLIA REPORTS CRUISE INDUSTRY DELIVERS RECORD BOOST TO EUROPEAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY

In June CLIA Europe published figures that reveal the cruise industry's economic output in Europe reached a record €40.2 billion in 2014, up 2.2% since 2013. The direct expenditures generated by the industry reached €16.6 billion, up from €16.2 billion in 2013. In 2014 the cruise industry also generated almost 10,000 new jobs across Europe, with 349,000 people now employed in cruise and cruise related businesses, including more than 82,000 manufacturing jobs. Wages and other benefits for European workers reached €10.75 billion in 2014.

In 2014, cruise lines spent €4.55 billion on new builds and refurbishments in Europe, the third annual increase. Europe remains the centre of the world's cruise shipbuilding. Spending on new builds and maintenance has risen for a third year: 29 new ships are on the order books of European shipyards until 2018, with a total value of almost €16 billion. European shipyards, which build most of the world's state-of-the-art cruise liners, enjoyed a 12.8% increase in revenue from new construction and maintenance from 2013.

## ARK OF THE WORLD SAILS THE CELESTYAL OLYMPIA

The Ark of the World is a non-profit Athens organization that provides direct, immediate assistance to children in Athens who have suffered from abandonment, racism and social exclusion. Founded in 1998 by Father Antonis Papanikolaou, who was 26 years-old at the time, The Ark provides these children relief from exploitation, hunger, illiteracy and poverty. As part of the Celestyal Cruises Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program, we have treated children from Ark of the World to one of our iconic cruises each season for the past three years. The kids, who were lovely, as always, had a fantastic time.



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The Ark currently cares for around 200 children, infants and teenagers, most of them Greek, some of them from Afghanistan, Albania, Bulgaria, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Romania, Russia and Ukraine: it is a multi-cultural community that achieves great things for these children through the love of God and the work of its tireless volunteers – Ark volunteers take care of the children's basic needs, including clothing, education, entertainment, healthcare, meals and school integration. In December 2004 the Ark was given a UNESCO award for its charitable work.

At the end of June 120 Greek refugees from Ukraine arrived at The Ark, and the organization urgently needed blankets, beds, linens and pillows. Celestyal collected blankets, pillows and clean sheets for the refugees.

To further support the work of Father Antonis, particularly during this difficult time for Greece, we are providing boxes for the donation of coins and posters explaining what this wonderful charity does, in English and in Greek, for the reception area in each of our ships.

## JOINT TOWN HALL AND SAILING THE CAPTAIN YANGOS IN MARVELOUS MILOS



Celestyal Cruises chose Milos for its Joint Town Hall on June 6th. 170 Celestyal executives attended the event, which included a welcome party organized by the Municipality of Milos and the Municipal Port Fund of Milos aboard the Captain Yangos, a 17-meter wooden ship. The party was attended by Mr. Gerasimos Damoulakis, Mayor of Milos; Mr. George Leontaritis, Village Deputy Head; Mr. Nikos Xenakis, President of the Municipal Port Authority, and Ms. Zambetas Tourlos and Ms. Sophia Vamvakaris, Aldermen.

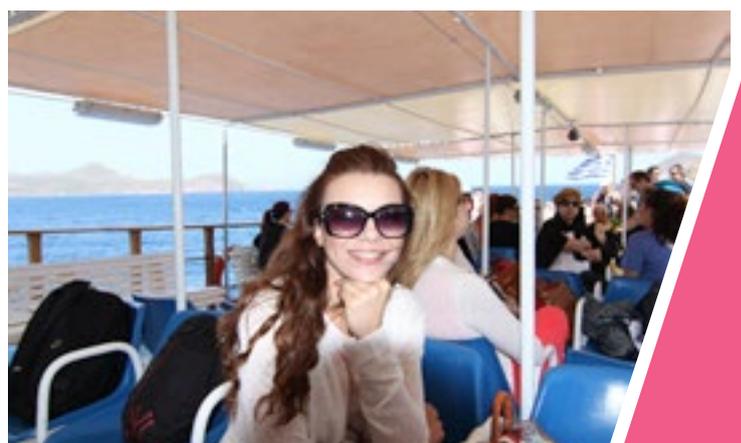
**In his remarks, CEO Kyriacos Anastassiades told everyone that Milos is the most important new Celestyal Cruises destination, one that provides our passengers with a truly “celestyal” experience, and that our partnership with the island is part of the company’s ongoing effort to make significant contributions to the Greek economy.**



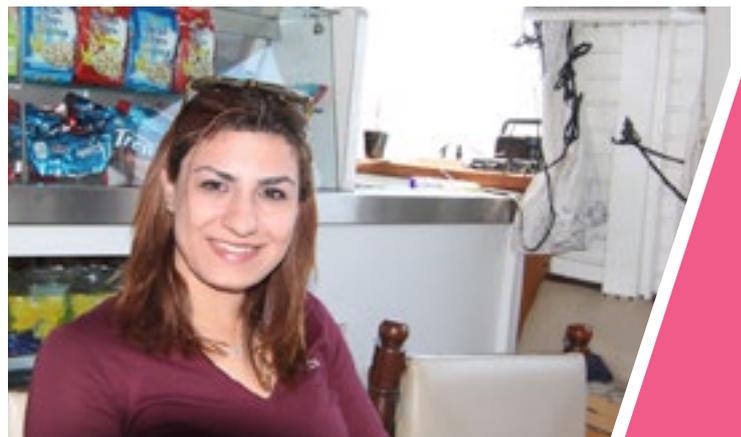
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LOUIS CRUISES INVITES YOU TO A



*Charity football match*  
AGAINST THE CYPRUS REFEREES ASSOCIATION

**28 JUNE 2015 AT 18:30**

NICOSIA STADIUM (GSP-ΓΣΠ) - STADIUM NUMBER 2)

Louis Cruises Bazaar, with complimentary cocktails and drinks for everyone. All donations will go to "Iasoneio Colors of Life".

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Don't miss this one of a kind opportunity to watch well known referees play against Louis Cruises employees! Come and meet **Mashias Dimitris, Vassilis Demetriou, Christos Nikolaidis and Pambos Skapoullis**, take photos and get autographs all with a small donation and for a very good cause. Who will referee the referees? Come and find out!



Kallimera!  
We Love It.

Celestial Cruises



## Cyprus Charity Football Match Raises €4100 for Iasoneio Colors of Life

The footballers in the Nicosia office played a charity football match against the Cyprus Referees Association on Sunday, the 28th of June at the new Nicosia Stadium (GSP-ΓΣΠ) at 6:30 PM. Legendary Celestial Cruises referee Pambos Skapoullis took the pitch as a player!

In addition to ticket sales, funds were also raised during a Celestial Cruises Bazaar after the match, where crafts and baked goods (cookies and cupcakes) made by members of the Celestial Cruises family were on sale. All proceeds were donated to Iasoneio Colors of Life, a local charity.

**It was a great opportunity to give back to our community and help those in need, to enjoy our company's team spirit, to bond with colleagues and to build awareness of our brand in our home country. A great time was had by all.**



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### Celestyal Cruises Announces Annual Scholarship Program In Partnership with the Merchant Marine Academy of Syros

On April 20th, Celestyal Cruises announced its annual scholarship program, in partnership with the Merchant Marine Academy of Syros, to support Academy students who wish to pursue a career in the Greek cruise industry. Celestyal awarded a scholarship to Mr. Andrea Fontinia in acknowledgement of his outstanding academic performance during the first semester of the 2014-2015 academic year. The award was presented to

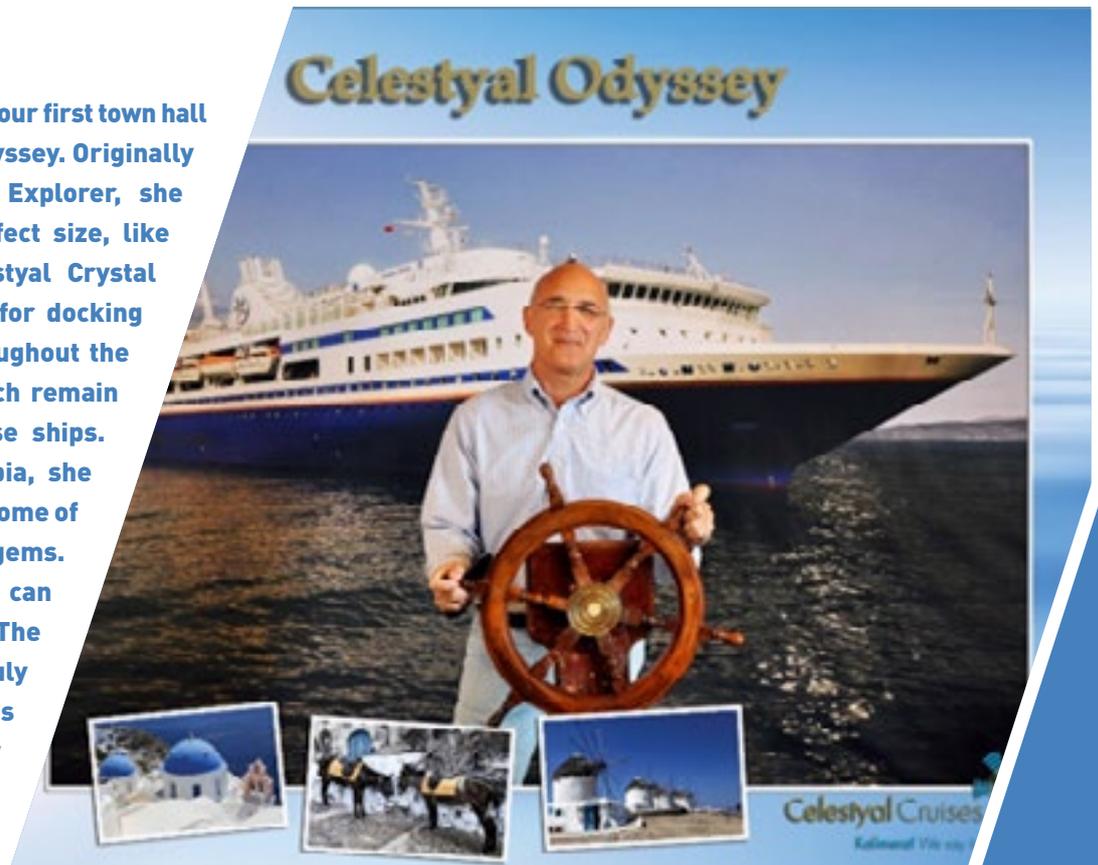
Mr. Fontinia by Captain Georgios Koumpenas, Vice President of Celestyal Cruises, and Captain Stathis Romaïos, the Captain of the Celestyal Olympia.

In addition to financial support, Celestyal Cruises also provides practical training, during educational trips on board the company's ships, as well as an opportunity to apply for a position with Celestyal Cruises upon graduation from the Academy. As the only home-porting cruise line in Greece, Celestyal has been actively engaged in the Greek cruise industry for more than 30 years. We support the industry and do our best to encourage and motivate young people to seek lifelong careers in the industry by providing them with experience and "know-how."

## FIRST CELESTYAL CRUISES TOWN HALL ABOARD THE ODYSSEY

### EMBARKATION

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> we held our first town hall aboard our new ship, the Odyssey. Originally built in 2002 as the Olympia Explorer, she is 24,318 tons and the perfect size, like her sister ships, the Celestyal Crystal and the Celestyal Olympia, for docking in the smaller harbors throughout the Eastern Mediterranean which remain inaccessible to larger cruise ships. Like the Crystal and Olympia, she will take our passengers to some of the region's undiscovered gems. With 420 stylish cabins, she can accommodate 836 cruisers. The Odyssey's ambiance is truly Greek with Hellenic poems and names from mythology gracing her decks and other public areas.



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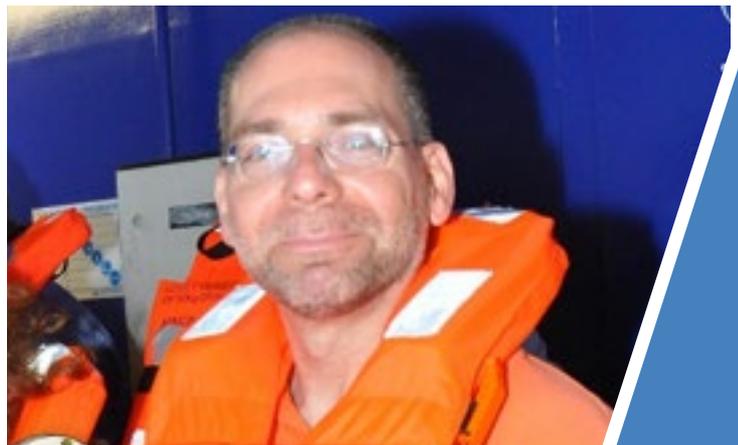
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## LET'S NOT GET LOST: LOSS PREVENTION SEMINAR ON THE OLYMPIA



Celestyal Cruises Insurance and Claims Manager Pambos Skapoullis organized a loss prevention seminar on board the Olympia on the 17th of June. All of the ship's chief pursers, doctors, hotel managers, hotel managers, masters, safety officers, sanitation officers, staff captains and other department heads participated. All attendees found the seminar enjoyable and quite informative.



## SAILING A POSITIVE BREEZE: Celestyal Hosts Press Conference at the Museum of Cycladic Art in Athens

**Celestyal Cruises hosted a press conference at the Museum of Cycladic Art in Athens to announce and discuss some of the positive preliminary statistics for the 2015 cruise season.**

Celestyal CEO Kyriakos Anastassiadis discussed some of the statistics for the season and outlined the Celestyal Cruises initiatives currently in process to help strengthen the Greek cruise industry. Mr. Anastassiadis specifically mentioned the stable growth of home-porting cruise passengers in Greece, which he believes will increase 22% over 2014, for 143.000 passengers for the 2015 season.



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Within the past year, Celestyal Cruises has augmented the number of its approaches to Greek ports, to 841 in 2015, up from 627 in 2014 – the company estimates it will make approximately 841.000 visits to Greek islands this season. Mr. Anastassiadis also stressed the importance of the cooperation and commitment of all stakeholders, including municipal authorities and ports, to ensure tourists have a positive experience at every destination they visit.

Director of Sales Pythagoras Nagos, Operational Manager Captain George Koumpenas and Marketing Manager Salomi Pnevmatikou all discussed their departments' goals and objectives for the season.



## CELESTYAL CRYSTAL HOSTS ANZAC CENTENARY INAUGURATION EVENTS

**ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) Day, the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, marked the hundredth anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.**

Our ANZAC Centenary Inauguration Cruise, sailing from Istanbul, honored this anniversary with stops in Limnos Myrina, Izmir, Mitilini and Canakkale. Canakkale, Turkey, is home to Gallipoli, where ANZAC forces battled the Turkish Army from 25 April to 20 December 1915. Today there are 31 cemeteries on the Gallipoli Peninsula containing 22,000 graves.



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## JUDGE RULES IN FAVOR OF CRUISE OPERATOR'S RESPONSE TO 2009 NOROVIRUS OUTBREAK ON THE THOMSON MAJESTY

Judge David Mitchell of London's Central County Court has ruled against a group of 43 Thomson Spirit passengers after a trial over an illness that broke out on the ship in May 2009. Celestyal Cruises is entirely responsible for the smooth operation of the vessel and its healthy onboard environment. Test results by TUI's side found the illness was norovirus, which is often taken onto ships by passengers who embark while incubating the illness. According to Judge Mitchell, the Spirit crew, all Celestyal Cruises employees, implemented all procedures properly in response to the norovirus outbreak.



Judge Mitchell's ruling makes it clear that cruise lines are not liable for norovirus outbreaks. The ruling could provide some relief to cruise ship owners faced with the threat of litigation following norovirus outbreaks, even when they take the proper steps to contain the illness. "It is the first time a judge has accepted that norovirus is something which is not caused by the ship or spread by the ship...and if the implementation of the plan takes place correctly, the ship owner is not liable," said Maria Pittordis, a lawyer at TUI's UK law firm, Hill Dickinson. It is not clear how much TUI would have had to pay if the plaintiffs had prevailed, but the company's legal costs are in excess of \$1M.

This is an excellent outcome for Celestyal. It absolutely validates the best in class standards we maintain on our vessels and should be a source of pride for all of our operations people.

## CELESTYAL CRUISES SHIPS AND OFFICES ARE NOW ISO 9001/14001 CERTIFIED



Following the successful ISO 9001/14001 auditing of two of the company's ships and offices, our operations are now certified by DNV-GL in accordance with ISO 9001/14001 standards. The certification is for the entire spectrum of cruise ship management, including crew, hotel and technical management – certifying authority DNV-GL is by far the biggest and most respected classification society in the marine industry. While 9001 covers the company's services in general, 14001 pertains to the environmental aspects of our operations. The certification will be part of our ongoing marketing and PR efforts. Congratulations to everyone who helped make this possible.

## TRUE COLORS: EAP STRESS TRAINING IN ATHENS

We all endure a lot of stress in both our personal and professional lives – it's a fact of modern life. But how do you know exactly how much stress is too much? During EAP stress training in Athens, the Celestyal team was provided with stress stickers that indicate how stressed a person is: blue-purple means you're calm, while brown-black means you're stressed.

During the training, a number of ways of managing stress were discussed. If you're under a lot of stress, this list might be helpful:

- **Ask yourself what you can do about the sources of your stress. Think through the pros and cons and take action where you can.**
- **Keep a positive, realistic attitude. Although you can't control certain things, you're in charge of how you respond.**
- **Stand up for yourself in a polite way. Try to share your feelings, opinions, or beliefs, instead of becoming angry, defensive, or passive.**
- **Learn and practice relaxation techniques. Try breathing exercises, meditation, prayer, yoga or tai chi.**
- **Exercise regularly. You'll feel better and be more prepared to handle problems.**
- **Eat healthy. Avoid too much sugar and instead try to eat more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean protein. When you're stressed, you'll probably want less-nutritious comfort foods, but if you overdo them, they'll add to your problems.**
- **Try to manage your time wisely.**
- **Say no, where you can, to things that would add more stress to your life.**
- **Make time for hobbies and interests.**
- **Get enough rest and sleep. Your body needs time to recover from stressful events.**
- **Don't rely on alcohol, caffeine, drugs or food to help against stress. Ease up on caffeine, too.**
- **Spend time with people you love.**
- **Talk with a counselor or take a stress management class for more help.**



**SPEND TIME WITH PEOPLE YOU LOVE.**



## HR DEPARTMENT WINS FIVE AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE AT THE HR COMMUNITY CONFERENCE & AWARDS

The HR Department took home five awards for excellence at this year's HR Community Conference & Awards in Athens. Our team won awards in the following categories:

- Best Change Management Process
- Best Corporate Social Responsibility Program (CSR)
- Best Incentives and Benefits Program
- Best Performance Management Process & Pay Policy Program
- Best HR Department



Taleen Tchalikian, Human Resources Director for Celestyal Cruises, said:

“I would like to thank each and every member of my team, Irene Apostolou, Yiota Karatsi, Maria Stylianou and Katerina Tzimogianni for their hard work and determination to elevate the value that HR adds to our organization. It's been an amazing and challenging few years at Celestyal Cruises, and we now have the third party recognition to prove that nothing is impossible! Looking forward to more awards and magical moments! Congratulations!”



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## HR Director Taleen Tchalikian Attends Leadership Seminar, “I Didn’t Sign Up For This”



HR Director Taleen Tchalikian attended the Sargia Partners Leadership Seminar, “I Didn’t Sign Up For This, Strategies for Dealing with Unexpected Difficulties in Difficult Times” in Athens on July 1st. The seminar was led by Sandra Crowe, a thought leader in dealing with difficult people and situations who has used her expertise in the government and corporate arenas to extract practical applications and meaningful solutions to the most challenging workplace and personal scenarios.

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**I DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR THIS.**  
STRATEGIES FOR DEALING WITH UNEXPECTED DIFFICULTIES IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Taleen Tchalikian, Ms. Martha Mylona, HR Director, Southeastern Europe Group DDB, and Ms. Xenia Kourtoglou, Managing Partner, Focus Bari.

## TALEEN TCHALIKIAN IN ACTION AT HR IN ACTION

HR Director Taleen Tchalikian was invited to speak at the Boussias Communications HR in Action Conference in Athens, where the best HR case studies and inspirational HR presentations from Greece and abroad were discussed. At the conference, audiences were able to use an app called [Conference](#) to rate speakers, and Taleen received 4.14 points out of five to place 5<sup>th</sup> out of 43 speakers.



## ELENI DEMETRIOU WON THE PRIZE FOR IDENTIFYING THE BABY PHOTOS IN OUR MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER



Congratulations, Eleni! Good eyes!

## MAY YOUR BIRTHDAY BE STREWN WITH FLOWERS – BIRTHDAY BOUQUETS FOR CELESTYAL STAFF

Beginning this past March, Celestyal Cruises has been providing team members with birthday bouquets on their special day. Here's Maria Lakkotripi and the bouquet she received for her birthday.



## MARIOS DROUSSIOTIS CELEBRATES 21 YEARS WITH CELESTYAL CRUISES!

We are delighted to announce that Marios Droussiotis in our technical department recently celebrated 21 years with Celestyal Cruises.

**Congratulations, Marios!**



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

We would also like to congratulate

**YIOTA KARATSI** for her **25 years of service** in our **HR department**

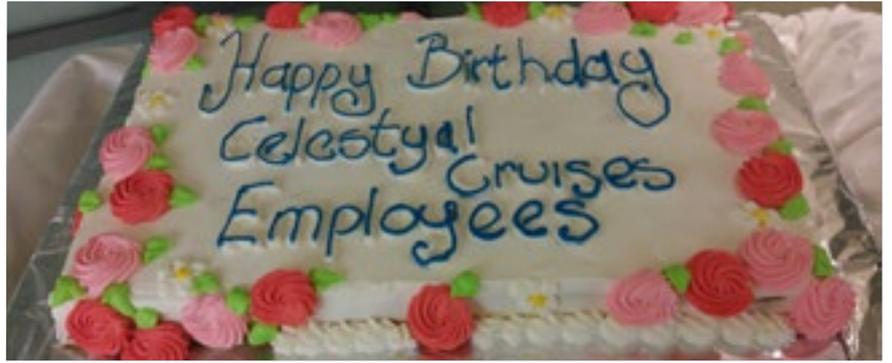
and

**THEODOROS SAVVA** for **25 years of service** in our **Hotel Operations Department.**

Congratulations and thanks for your hard work and dedication!

## CELESTYAL CRUISES MAKES EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS THAT MUCH SWEETER

Celestyal Cruises wants to make your birthday an even sweeter occasion. How? It's cake time. Celestyal employees will now celebrate their birthdays with a delicious cake, thanks to the HR department. Don't forget to make a wish...



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EMILIA!



It was HOD's idea to surprise Chief Thomson Majesty Housekeeper Emilia Mileva Shtereva on her birthday. Emilia, the only female department head on the Majesty, always holds her department briefing at 07:20 in Crew Bar to discuss departmental issues and guest comments. To make her birthday special, the Hotel Department organized a birthday cake, cookies, cold cuts and soft drinks, all laid out on a big table in Crew Bar – which had been decorated with balloons – by 07:00. The crew guitarist and crew singer were also ready by 07:00, followed by the entire housekeeping department, which had gathered in the bar by 07:10.



At 07:15 the lights were turned off and, as Emilia entered the room, everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to her. How flattered and surprised was she? She was absolutely speechless! Everyone in her department had a big smile on his or her face.

She received a tablet from her staff as a birthday gift – we think they want her to sign up for a Facebook account! All in all it was a great celebration. We wish you many more, Emilia!



## BONGIORNO, BELLA ROMA! THOMSON MAJESTY CREW LIVES LA DOLCE VITA IN ROME

Thanks to Crew Welfare, 48 Thomson Majesty crew members enjoyed a fantastic day in Rome on the 27th of April, all expenses paid. The group arrived in Rome in before 10:00 to meet a local guide and tour the Coliseum, the Forum, Piazza Venezia and Trevi Fountain, followed by free time at the Vatican. Everyone had a fabulous time. Ciao!



## ODYSSEA CREW BIDS ADIEU WITH A FAREWELL PARADE

The Odyssea Crew said goodbye with a performance and parade.  
All departments participated in the sendoff!



## THOMSON MAJESTY CREW ENJOYS A MOST ELEGANT EASTER CELEBRATION



Easter began on the Thomson Majesty at midnight on the 11th of April when the crew, officers and staff arrived at the Four Seasons Restaurant, which had been decorated for the holiday. Master Nikolaos Kafetsis welcomed everyone, and lit the first candle. He then lit the candles of the people nearest to him with his candle, and they in turn lit the candles of the people beside and behind them, until everyone's candle was lit and the room was alight. Master Kafetsis then performed the Mass with participation from all attendees.

As the saying goes on the Majesty, "this is our home far from our home." Master Kefetsis wished everyone smooth sailing. Everyone wished each other a happy Easter, like family, and then enjoyed a wonderful midnight buffet prepared by the galley team. Easter lunch was held later that day, also in the Four Seasons. It was a great celebration!



## THOMSON MAJESTY FOOTBALLERS AND BASKETBALL PLAYERS BATTLE AIDA BLU IN ARRECEIFE

**By Pranam Shetty, Thomson Majesty Crew Steward**

We still remember how we started with nine people going to play football on Arreceife (Lanzarote), as the activity was requested during a crew welfare meeting in January of this year. After the first trip we had a few basketball players looking to organize a game. The momentum built, and we began organizing football matches and basketball games every week in port from 14:15 to 16:15: within three weeks we had 25 footballers and 15 basketball players. We purchased full football kits and basketball jerseys. It was time for some serious competition...

With the assistance of the Port Agent of Arreceife (Lanzarote), we were able to challenge AIDA Blu to a football match. They accepted the challenge.

The first match against AIDA Blu, on the 11th of February, was a 2-2 draw. AIDA Blu invited us to play them again on the 11th of March, and we beat them in a close, high-scoring game, 5-4. AIDA Blu, looking to avenge its close loss, challenged us to another match on the 8th of April. It was decided that while our footballers did battle on the pitch, our basketball teams would fight it out on the court. Both ships agreed this would be the final match of the series. It would be winner take all.

Team Majesty took the glory. We were well prepared for the match – we even had cheerleaders! The squad included the Team Majesty and Team Coach Provision Master, our Team Manager Crew Steward, our Team Captain Cruise Director and our Vice Captain Assistant AC Engineer. We appreciated their tremendous support. We also appreciated the sportsmanship of the AIDA Blu teams.



## BRAND NEW STARS IN OUR CONSTELLATION!



We are delighted to announce two new additions to the Celestyal family. Our colleague, Alexandra Ripi, had her first child, a baby boy, on the 3rd of May.



Charis Igglezos, Optimum Ship Management Logistics Assistant, was blessed with his second child, a baby girl, on 3 April.

## FEATURED RECIPE: STEAMED FISH AND OKRA WITH FRESH SEASONAL POTATOES

This edition's delicious and healthy recipe is from Charles Williams, Thomson Majesty Executive Chef.



### WHAT YOU NEED

- 4 whole snappers, about 8 ounces each
- 1.25 TBSP black pepper
- 4 TBSP olive oil
- 1.5 TSP salt
- 1 Scotch Bonnet pepper, sliced
- 0.25 kg scallions, chopped
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 0.25 kg okra, cut on the bias
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 0.25 kg carrots, julienned
- 1 kg potatoes, peeled and sliced
- 0.5 cup of water

### WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO

1. Wash and cut all pepper, scallions, okra, garlic, carrots and potatoes.
2. Clean fish properly rinse with lemon and drain.
3. Marinate all ingredients for at least 30 minutes.
4. Preheat frying pan, heat olive oil.
5. Remove fish from marinade and put it in the pan.
6. Within 30 second, flip the fish over, add all the other ingredients (except the okra), and cover.
7. Reduce heat and cook for ten minutes, add okra and adjust seasoning.
8. Cook for five more minutes.

HOW MANY SERVINGS YOU'LL HAVE: 4

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## SONG OF THE CELESTYAL TEAM!!

Our ships may not be brand new,  
but they are sound and clean!

It may be a chilly winter cruise,  
but our hospitality is warm!

It may be a hot summer cruise,  
but then our hospitality is soothing!

We may be from all around the world,  
but we are a team and we unite in diversity!

We mean business in what we do,  
but at the end of the day we are more than  
humane!

We may go to bed late after a hard day's work,  
but we dream big!

When going gets tough –  
we get going!

We are all Stars of “Celestyal”:  
we want to shine brighter and brighter  
and excel in all we do!!

Bell Pattamada, Hotel Manager, Thomson Majesty

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