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# NEWH DC METRO NEWSLETTER

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NEWH is the premier networking resource for the hospitality industry, providing scholarships, education, leadership development, recognition of excellence, and business development opportunities. It's about Scholarship, Education, and Business Networking. Members of NEWH, Inc. are professionals actively engaged in development, management / operations, architecture, communications, design,

distribution, education, manufacturing, production, purchasing, and sales of the Hospitality, Foodservice, Senior Living and related industries. With this Newsletter, we hope to reach out to students and hospitality members that want to expand their network. In this two-page spread, you will find project installations, student scholarship winners, new product features, and more!



THE BOD REPRESENTING OUR CHAPTER AT THE NEWH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2019 - MIAMI, FL



WE ALWAYS ENJOY A PHOTO-MOMENT THAT INVOLVES FLAMINGO PROPS

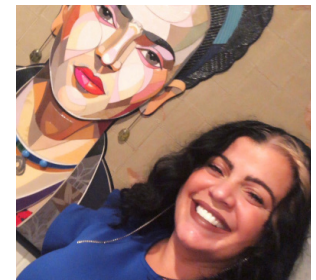
## MARRIOTT WELCOMES NEW HIRES



Eva Munyasya moved from Ohio to Maryland for an opportunity as Senior Interior Designer at Marriott International. "I'm very excited and joyful to be joining the hospitality industry to broaden my horizons in the interior design field. I'm looking forward to experiencing the culture of being part of the NEWH DC Chapter. As much as I enjoy design during my spare time, I enjoy meeting new people, traveling and exploring. I believe the DMV is the core of my personal interests and can't wait to embark on this journey".



Jessica Casiano brings eight years of hospitality, new build, and renovation design experience to her new position as Interior Design Manager. She relocated from Atlanta, GA to be a part of the Marriott family & is very excited for this new chapter and exploring the city. Outside of the office, Jessica has a passion for volunteering in the design community & mentoring students at the Art Institute and SCAD. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, kickboxing, DIY projects, and spending quality time with her family and friends.



Katina Benenate, an entrepreneur and previous Starwood Associate, brings 15 years of design and project management experience in the commercial, healthcare, aviation, and hospitality arena. Katina's portfolio includes The Bernie Marcus Neuroscience Center, Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Terminal and design services for Google Headquarters, Hilton, and IHG. Katina holds a BFA degree in Interior Architecture from GSU and an Associate degree in Business Management.

### BRINGING THE INDUSTRY

## TOGETHER A COVID-19 UPDATE

Are you feeling confused, anxious and a little bored of being stuck at home? We are too.

Let's social distance ourselves while soaking in some weekly motivation provided by our marvelous NEWH DC Metro Mavens. Starting in April, join us in Maven Motivation - a virtual gathering in this upsetting and difficult time. Follow us on Instagram @newhdcmetro for more information

# FROM THE PRESIDENT



When I first ran into Valerie Coleman at an NEWH event a few years ago, I never would have dreamed that a quick conversation would turn into a years-long adventure where I would grow as a leader, a designer, and a friend to many of my industry peers. Launching into 2020 with high hopes and big dreams serving as the DC Chapter Board President has quickly turned into a whole unexpected new adventure, and not necessarily the kind I was looking for; but that is what life is all about. Today, what I do know is that I have a deep network of successful, intelligent and supportive women (and men) who will be there with me to weather this storm, and I found them in NEWH.

Together, this organization has worked tirelessly to build a platform for young professionals in the hospitality industry to grow into seasoned leaders. Our mission of helping the next generation find their voice within the hospitality industry will only become more important during difficult times. When the hospitality chair, Emily Perry, stepped forward and asked to help organize a committee to bring back the NEWH Newsletter, I knew it was an opportunity that we couldn't miss out on. By providing every member of the NEWH DC Chapter an opportunity to share their successes and challenges with the whole community, it will allow us to gain a more intimate perspective of one another, and I believe that there is nothing we need more in times of uncertainty than to know that we are not alone.

I hope that together we can create something that will bring us closer together: to learn from each other, to share our challenges, and to celebrate our accomplishments. Hell, just have a blast – that is what the hospitality industry is known for – and we are not here to disappoint!!

- JENNIFER FARRIS

## NEW PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



CRANES | //3877

PENN QUARTER/CHINATOWN, DC | CHEF PEPE MONCAYO

Located in the D.C. Penn Quarter/Chinatown neighborhood, Cranes is the collaborative brainchild of internationally renowned Chef Pepe Moncayo and multidisciplinary architecture and design firm //3877. A restaurant and sake lounge that explores the intersection of Spanish and Japanese cuisines, DC-based //3877 was tasked with conceptualizing this new restaurant on-par with Chef Pepe's international prestige.

Inspired by the compositional beauty and color of Pepe's culinary creations, as well as the chef's Spanish and Japanese influences,

the 11,000-square-foot restaurant's design is defined by its understated yet warm materiality, dark textures, polished metals, dramatic lighting, and sweeping architectural features that double as art installations and wayfinding. Favoring a Japanese aesthetic—also a nod to the restaurant's namesake—//3877 created mini 'vignettes' within Cranes as the backdrop for a variety of culinary experiences as patrons move through the space: from the vestibule entry, past the bar and sake lounge, and into the main dining, open kitchen, and private dining areas.

### Thomas Hamilton & Associates, P.C.

*"Announces new ownership. 40-year-old architectural and interior design firm specializes in hospitality projects."*

After 40 years at the helm, Tom Hamilton of Thomas Hamilton & Associates, P.C. (THA) is selling the architectural and interior design business to longtime Senior Interior Designer Leann Hendrix in a transaction that took effect Oct. 1.

Hamilton founded the company in 1979, and the firm quickly found a niche in hospitality projects across the U.S. and Ontario, Canada, with a focus on renovations and conversions. Hendrix joined the company in late 2002 and later built the firm's interior design practice. She will take ownership as Hamilton stays on in an advisory role until his retirement.



# A NEW DESIGN COLLABORATIVE

IS BORN...



## DISTRICT DESIGN COLLABORATIVE

In January 2020, //3877 designers Abby Eckard and Shannon English launched the District Design Collaborative. DDC is an initiative with the vision and mission of bringing people together, sharing ideas, challenging convention and creating a stronger design community.

DDC believes that the best design comes from communication and collaboration, with the ultimate goal of not only giving young designers a chance to grow outside their firm, but also helping to facilitate

networking and dynamic discussions.

The initiative is indicative of //3877 founders' David Shove-Brown and David Tracz's support of younger employees who want to make a difference in the design community. Designers can apply online at [www.ddc-events.com](http://www.ddc-events.com) to attend the next DDC event on May 21st with the topic of Networking. Please visit the DDC Instagram page @ddc.events to see photos from the inaugural DDC event in January, centered around the topic of public speaking!



### KIMPTON HOTEL ARRAS

We would love to partner with you on your next hotel project!  
[www.distinctionhospitality.com](http://www.distinctionhospitality.com)

## Distinction Hospitality

Distinction Hospitality is a growing casegood manufacturer that provides exceptional product for the mid-scale to luxury project levels. DH prides itself on having a diverse, capable, and dependable supply chain accompanied with the highest standard of quality, communication, and development support in the industry.

Distinction Hospitality provided casegoods for the recently installed Kimpton Hotel Arras in Asheville, NC. This hotel features magnificent headboards standing more than 10ft tall accompanied by ceiling canopies that extend to the foot of the bed. The Kimpton

Hotel Arras was nominated as one of USA Today's 10 Best New Hotels of 2019.

Despite the unfortunate events surrounding the recent Coronavirus outbreak, the Distinction Hospitality team remains confident in their ability to continue to support their customers during these uncertain times. During this time, Distinction Hospitality remains committed to supporting the health of their overseas team members while continuing to offer the highest quality and service to their customers.

"We are blessed with one of the most experienced and successful leadership teams in the industry. I am confident in our ability to consistently provide exceptional service, and offer the right balance of style, quality, and value to our customers."

– Stan Sapp, CEO

## SORRELL DESIGN'S Newest Members :



Robin Winkler | Designer | February 2020



Alexandra Ruiz | Junior Designer | Oct 2019

# NEW PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

BANDURA DESIGN  
BROADSTONE DURHAM APARTMENTS



This design drew inspiration from the NYC Village Vanguard and the Jazz Era to produce a variety of luxury amenities. This building offers a resort-style pool courtyard, makers studio, skyline terrace, and a lobby fireplace lounge that boasts

serpentine banquettes manufactured by Ariston Hospitality and fixtures by Lusive Lighting. Bandura provided a full service design approach, starting with a collaborative charrette through to design development and finally with FF&E specifications and procurement. The package was completed with corridor concepts and two distinctive unit designs provided by Bandura Design.

## EVENT RECAP

### PALENTINE'S MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

FEBRUARY 13, 2020



THE NEWH TEAM GATHERED AT THE GORGEOUS PALENTINE'S EVENT LOCATION, THE JANUS ET CIE SHOWROOM!

Our 2020 Membership Drive was hosted Thursday, February 13th, the evening prior to Valentine's Day, as a celebration of friendship, admiration, and respect for our fellow industry creatives. The 'Pal-entine's Day' Panel Discussion was themed Your Personal Brand: Interpersonal Communication in the Workplace, Networking, & Social Media. The event gathered a large crowd of existing members and their newcomer "pals" at the Janus Et Cie Showroom in Georgetown, DC. Kavitha Iyer, Director of Global Design Strategies at Marriott International, led an empowering discussion full of behind-the-scenes insight, as panelists relayed the importance of living out one's set of "core beliefs" as a personal brand. The final question, "What is the one thing you would like to be known for by future generations?", inspired reflective conversation as guests progressed to dinner parties throughout the neighborhood. The panel included Chapter President Jennifer Farris, Founder of Bandura Design, Alexandra Bruemmer, US Managing Director of DesignAgency, and Jenna Hackett, Hilton Global Head of Curio and Tapestry Collections. As one of the largest NEWH chapters internationally, memberships for DC Metro continue to rise. Please contact Membership Director, Lauren Mikus, with inquiries on joining and getting involved at Lauren@designertilestone.com.

## The Tide's In...

Pavilion recently partnered with Miami Beach designer Petu Kummala and is thrilled to announce the launch of the Tides Collection. Contact Colin Hart at Deyoung & Associates for further details, colin@deyoungonline.com.

## New Line Announcement!

Tina Hobbs has added Buhler Hospitality into the portfolio of The Hobbs Group. The Buhler Family of Companies has been manufacturing in North America since 1933, It has been their tradition for three generations to create the highest standard of hospitality furnishings that exceed customer satisfactions. Buhler Hospitality is located in Winnipeg, Canada – casegoods 100% Manufactured in North America.

The Hobbs Group represents the following manufacturers Brookline Furniture, Buhler Hospitality, ISIMAR, Reid Witlin Textiles and Shelby Williams in Maryland, DC and Northern Virginia.

## ILHA's Newest Advisory Board Member



Barbara Azzinaro, Cohen Azzinaro Associates, LLC (and NEWH DC Metro chapter founder in 1990) is thrilled to have been invited to sit on the advisory board of the newly forming Northeast Chapter of the International Luxury Hotel Association. She looks forward to being the liaison between this new chapter of ILHA and our NEWH chapter, encouraging networking between the two organizations.

## Scholarship Announcement

Scholarship applications will be released April 10th to all interested students. To find out more information please visit our website or reach out to our Scholarship Chair: Hannah Markham [hyon@baskervill.com](mailto:hyon@baskervill.com)