

Dr. Cynthia Deale has been named Vice President at International CHRIE, the Council of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education in Richmond - VA, United States.

In ICHRIE, she has been a member for over a decade and has contributed as a reviewer of papers and symposium submissions, acted as a co-facilitator in the Career Academy, participated as a member of the Professional Development Committee, and served as chapter president, vice-president, and secretary/treasurer of Southeast CHRIE, and as the interim Director of Chapters for ICHRIE. Founded in 1946, the International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education is the global advocate of hospitality and tourism education for schools, colleges, and universities offering programs in hotel and restaurant management, foodservice management and culinary arts.

Friday, 01 May 2009



Brenda Edwards has been appointed General Manager at Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Manchester in Manchester - NH, United States.

RGH Hospitality, a hotel management company that delivers optimal cash flow to its clients, today announced the hiring of Brenda Edwards as the General Manager of the Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Manchester. RGH Hospitality is handling all aspects of the hotel's operations on behalf of its owner, Roedel Companies. Edwards brings over a decade of experience in the hotel industry to her position as General Manager. Most recently, she held the Assistant General Manager position at the 125 room Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Manchester. The award winning hotel is located in the city's historic Millyard district and overlooks the baseball stadium of the minor league New Hampshire Fisher Cats.

Tuesday, 28 April 2009



Robert Watson has been appointed President at Les Clefs d'Or International in Boston - MA, United States.

Robert Watson is the current Chief Concierge of the Willard InterContinental Washington D.C. In his new role, as International President of Les Clefs d'Or International, Watson will lead the global efforts of the prestigious association, first founded in 1929 in Paris and today represented in over 50 countries by more than 3,000 members. As the world's first truly global hotel brand and one that is committed to providing guests with authentic and enriching local experiences, InterContinental Hotels & Resorts regularly consults with Les Clefs d'Or International. It is also the world's only hotel brand to offer destination specific concierge websites and videos, so guests have access to full concierge services even before they arrive at the destination. Watson brings over 30 years of concierge service experience to his new role, which he accrued from working in hotels spanning the globe.

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Werner H. Graef has been named President and General Manager at The Woodstock Inn & Resort in Woodstock - VT, United States.

Mr. Graef had been an employee of RockResorts when it was owned by Laurance S. Rockefeller, and successfully managed high-end resorts such as Caneel Bay and Little Dix Bay in the Caribbean and Kapalua Bay in Hawaii. He has led many other international luxury resorts over the years, and has a record of establishing strong management teams and achieving favorable financial results while maintaining high customer satisfaction ratings. Gary L. Avigne, who ably acted as The Resort's Chief Operating Officer during the search period for a new President and general manager, will continue his involvement with The Resort as consultant and Asset Advisor.

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Christopher Newbery has been named General Manager at the Leela Kempinski in Mumbai, India.

A seasoned hotelier with more than two decades of international experience with leading luxury hospitality brands, Newbery returns to The Leela in Mumbai where he directed the hotel's operations from 1995 to 1997. Newbery has held senior executive positions at prestigious international hotels for including: Intercontinental Hotels, Kempinski and Hilton. In China from 1997 to 2004, he served with Intercontinental as General Manager at their signature Crowne Plaza properties in Jinan and Beijing and was also general manager at the Kempinski Beijing Lufthansa Center. He was General Manager at the Disneyland Paris and Euro Disney from 1991 to 1995. Prior to that, he was General Manager at the Yaounde Hilton in Cameroon and the Madagascar Hilton. He also worked for the prestigious London Hilton on Park Lane and the Paris Hilton. Most recently, from 2005 to 2008, he was General Manager and Head of Operations at the Serena Hotel in Kabul. Having been involved in hotel development, property refurbishments and upgrades and product enhancement, Newbery brings a tremendous knowledge as well as extensive practical expertise to The Leela.

Monday, 27 April 2009

