



# THE ENCORE Connection

From Our Heart To Yours

## Encore Presents Its Heart to Heart Awards at its Annual Spring Benefit at Mutual of America

The lovely Penthouse Floor at Mutual of America on Park Avenue set the stage for this year's Heart to Heart Awards Presentation and Benefit on May 15th. These awards are presented to individuals, groups and corporations who have made contributions to the betterment of New York City, especially the Times Square/theater community. This year's recipients were Scott Salmirs, President and CEO of ABM Industries and Anthony DePaulo, Retired International Vice President and Co-Department Director, Stagecraft, of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States and Canada (I.A.T.S.E.). The evening's program began with a warm welcome from Benefit Chairperson Patricia White, President of the Theatrical Wardrobe Union, and greetings from Encore's Board Treasurer Carol O'Rourke and Len Egan, Vice President of Marketing with Mutual of America. The Reverend John Fraser of St. Malachy's Church provided an invocation. Serving as Master of Ceremonies for the evening was long-time friend and supporter of Encore, Joseph Benincasa, President and CEO of The Actors Fund.

**Scott Salmirs** is the President and CEO of ABM Industries, a Fortune 500 company. Mr. Salmirs was tapped to head this \$6 billion, 140,000-employee company in March 2015, distinguishing him as only the 7<sup>th</sup> person in ABM's 109-year history to hold the CEO position.

In this capacity, Mr. Salmirs leads one of the largest facility services providers listed on the New York Stock Exchange. ABM delivers unique facilities solutions for Aviation, Commercial Real Estate, Education, Healthcare, Industrial and Manufacturing, Sports & Entertainment, Technology and other industries.

Mr. Salmirs joined ABM in 2003, holding several executive management positions over the years. Most recently, he was Executive Vice President, responsible for the strategic oversight of ABM's rapidly growing international and aviation business. Previously, Mr. Salmirs ran ABM's Northeast region where he more than tripled revenues, delivered a 400% increase in annual profitability, and increased client retention rate to 96%.

Mr. Salmirs is committed to the services industry and his community, serving on several committees and philanthropy boards. Mr. Salmirs is on the board of the State University of New York College at Oneonta Business Advisory Council. He is also on the board of the Outreach Project, an organization dedicated to rehabilitating high school age drug users, and is a founding board member of "Donate Eight," a group focused on increasing



Encore Board Member Julius Lang, on right, presents the 2018 Heart to Heart Award to Honoree Scott Salmirs, President and CEO of ABM Industries.



Patricia White, President of the Theatrical Wardrobe Union, Local 764, I.A.T.S.E. and Benefit Chairperson, presented the 2018 Heart to Heart Award to Honoree Anthony DePaulo, Retired International Vice President and Co-Department Director, Stagecraft, I.A.T.S.E.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Encore Community Services is to provide care and service to the elderly of the Clinton/Times Square/Midtown communities, and to any elderly person who comes to us; to assist those who are vulnerable and frail, poor and homeless, homebound and lonely, frequently desperate, most often ignored; to help them with their daily needs that they might live as independently as possible, with dignity and decency, in a non-institutional manner, in a safe and caring environment . . .

(Board of Directors, 1982)

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## From the Desk of . . .



**Sr. Elizabeth Hasselt**  
Executive Director

**All at Encore send greetings** to our friends and supporters on this lovely spring day. I'm sure that you are as delighted, as I am, that the warmer weather has finally arrived. We want to wish all our readers a safe and wonderful summer, as we plan for what I'm sure are much needed vacations! Please take a moment to read some helpful hints on page 6 on how to maintain a safe summer, as we move outdoors to enjoy time at the beach, or park and inevitably in the sun, or simply to relax and take some time off.

This past May, Encore held its annual Heart to Heart Awards Presentation and Benefit at Mutual of America, our most generous benefactor, who provides the wonderful venue on the Penthouse Floor with its spectacular views of Park Avenue and beyond! As most of you know, the Heart to Heart Awards are given to individuals, groups and business leaders who have made contributions to improve our communities. Encore had the privilege of presenting its Heart to Heart Award to Scott Salmirs, President and CEO of ABM Industries and to Anthony DePaulo, Retired International Vice President and Co-Director of Stagecraft, I.A.T.S.E. They are truly two extraordinary individuals! We have so many individuals to thank who make this event a huge success, starting with our friends at Mutual of America, including John Greed, Chairman, President and CEO of Mutual who served on the Benefit Committee and Len Egan, Vice President of Marketing who provided a welcome, to our behind the scenes friends, Taryn Lubin and Alfie Tucker. We thank our gracious Benefit Chairperson, Patricia White, President of the Theatrical Wardrobe Union, Local 764 and our dear friend Joseph Benincasa, President and CEO of The Actors Fund who served as our Master of Ceremonies for the evening. We would be remiss if we did not thank Rev. John Fraser, Pastor of St. Malachy's Church who provided an invocation.

We extend deepest appreciation to our many benefactors who contributed prizes for our auction and raffle, including Philip Smith of The Shubert Organization, Dennis Riese of National Restaurants Management, Peter Fitzpatrick of Allied Management, Scott Nadeau of the New York Marriott Marquis and Tony Caruso of Clear Channel Spectacolor.

Finally, Encore sends gratitude to all of our readers for your generosity, support and caring. Here at Encore, we know that we simply could not fulfill our mission to serve the needs of the elderly poor and homeless without all of you! Thank you so much.

And, on a closing note, I would like to take this opportunity to inform each of you of my retirement and to express my deepest gratitude for your support through the years! I know that you will be supportive of Encore's programs and services for the elderly into the future for without all of you, I don't know where Encore would be! I know, too, that all of you will welcome Encore's new Executive Director, Jeremy Kaplan, as he assumes stewardship of Encore.

Thank you so much...and have a safe and wonderful summer... and I hope to "see you around"!

# GOOD NEWS AND RECENT HAPPENINGS

## Vocal Ease Serenades Senior Center Members

Vocal Ease, a nonprofit organization that brings live performances to seniors who are unable to attend the theater and concerts, came back for an “encore” performance to entertain Senior Center Members on May 23. Founded in 1999 by Eva Swan, its mission is to “provide outstanding entertainment and enhanced quality of life for New York City’s senior communities.” Their specialty is staging cabaret-style shows, usually with four singers who perform solos, duets and group numbers with piano accompaniment.

This organization boasts a rotating roster of more than 80 performers who have given hundreds of performances, bringing the enjoyment of live entertainment to senior citizens at hospitals, nursing homes and senior centers and residences. We say Bravo! to the many talented artists who give the gift of music with each moving and heartfelt performance.



Performers from the nonprofit organization, Vocal Ease, recently performed at the Encore Senior Center to the delight of seniors and staff.

## Encore 49 Residents Take A Break in Central Park to Enjoy the Outdoors

It was a glorious day for members of the Walking Club of the Encore 49 Residence to stroll along the paths in Central Park for a little exercise and to simply enjoy the outdoors. Sometimes, however, a break is needed to rest one’s weary feet. Pictured here are members of the club who appropriated one of the many benches that line the park’s pathways to enjoy their lovely surroundings. Each week, the club sets out for a different destination in the city that enables residents to take in various city sites while participating in a mild form of exercise that can benefit one’s health and well-being. Our residents thoroughly enjoy these weekly jaunts during the spring, summer and early fall.



Encore 49 Residents Linda Sahagian, Tatyana Bashkanova, Hector Graniela, Daniel Garland and James Belton enjoying the outdoors in Central Park.

## Seniors Enjoy A Show at the Westchester Broadway Theatre

Members of the Encore Senior Center ventured to Westchester County to see a revival of the hit Broadway musical, *Annie Get Your Gun*, at the Westchester Broadway Theatre in Elmsford, New York. Seniors savored a delicious lunch while listening to such Irving Berlin hits as “There’s No Business Like Show Business”, “Anything You Can Do” and “You Can’t Get a Man With a Gun” to name a few of the popular tunes from the show. *Annie Get Your Gun* is a fictionalized version of the life of Annie Oakley, a sharpshooter who starred in Buffalo Bill’s Wild West, and has seen many revivals since its original production back in 1946 starring Ethel Merman. It is still loved today as our seniors can attest to and agree.



Members of the Encore Senior Center enjoy lunch and a show at the Westchester Broadway Theatre.



the number of organ donors in New York State. Mr. Salmirs has also volunteered at Encore, helping to deliver meals to homebound seniors, as part of ABMCares, a program that encourages and supports ABM employees to volunteer and donate to nonprofits.

Presenting the Heart to Heart Award to Mr. Salmirs was Julius Lang, Secretary of Encore's Board of Directors. Encore was delighted to have the opportunity to recognize Mr. Salmirs and to thank him for his support and friendship to Encore.

**Anthony DePaulo** recently retired as International Vice President and Co-Department Director of Stagecraft for the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States and Canada (I.A.T.S.E.). Mr. DePaulo served as a member of the I.A.T.S.E. General Executive Board from February 2002 through February 2017. Mr. DePaulo was appointed as Stagecraft Co-Department Director and joined the I.A.T.S.E. staff at its New York City headquarters on May 24, 2004.

Mr. DePaulo has been a member of Theatrical Stage Employees, Local One since 1975 and worked as a stagehand for many years. Prior to his role at the I.A.T.S.E. International, Mr. DePaulo served as a Trustee to the Local One Executive Board, serving two terms. In 1996, Mr. DePaulo became Business Manager and served in that capacity for three terms. He continues to be a proud member of Local One.

Mr. DePaulo also served as a delegate to the New York City Central Labor Council from 1996 to 2001, and as Vice President of the New York State AFL-CIO from 2006 to 2018. Mr. DePaulo was Chair of the I.A.T.S.E. Broadway Council from 2005 to 2018 and is one of the founders of the Coalition of Broadway Unions and Guilds (COBUG), serving as Chair from 2002 to 2018.

Presenting the Heart to Heart Award to Mr. DePaulo was Patricia White, Benefit Chair and President of the Theatrical Wardrobe Union, Local 764, I.A.T.S.E. Encore was honored to present its Heart to Heart Award to Mr. DePaulo.

This year's benefit included a "live" auction that successfully raised funds for Encore's Home-Delivered Meals Program, which provides hot and nutritious meals to homebound seniors. Our appreciation is extended to Herb Mauthner who served as the evening's auctioneer. Encore is also grateful to its many benefactors who contributed auction prizes, with a special thanks to Anthony Caruso of Clear Channel Spectacolor for providing ad space on its Digital HD LED screen on 47<sup>th</sup> and Broadway for Encore's "Name on Broadway" auction. Benefactors who contributed \$500 will have their names or a message appear on the digital billboard in Times Square for an entire month in the summer.

Capping off the evening was our popular raffle drawing of assorted theater tickets and gift certificates for dinners for two. Encore is most grateful to Philip Smith of The Shubert Organization for donating theater tickets to several popular Broadway shows, and to Dennis Riese of National Restaurants Management and Peter Fitzpatrick of Allied Management for donating an assortment of gift certificates to their restaurant establishments. Encore also extends its gratitude to all the restaurants and benefactors who contributed prizes for our auction and raffle.

Encore expresses its thanks and appreciation to its Heart to Heart honorees, Scott Salmirs and Anthony DePaulo, Benefit Chairperson Patricia White, and to all program participants and guests, as well as our generous benefactor, Mutual of America and its Chairman, President and CEO John Greed, for making the evening such a memorable occasion.



Executive Director of Encore Sr. Elizabeth Hasselt with Joseph Benincasa, President and CEO of The Actors Fund.



Encore staff member Sr. Peggy McGirl, second from left, joins Anne Walsh, Patricia Mescall and James Locker of the New York Marriott Marquis for a friendly photo op.



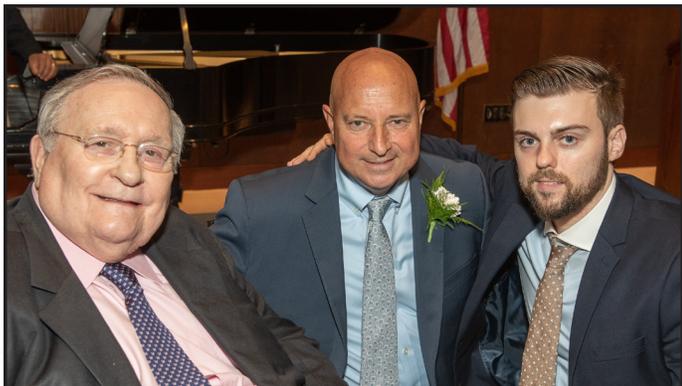
Family members were on hand to celebrate with Scott Salmirs on receiving Encore's Heart to Heart Award. From left, Honoree Scott Salmirs, his wife, Marcy, his Dad Stan, his daughter Erica and his mother Eileen.

# Heart to Heart Benefit

## A PHOTO SPREAD!



All Heart to Heart  
Photos by Ben Asen



From left, Chairman and Co-CEO of The Shubert Organization Philip J. Smith, Heart to Heart honoree Anthony DePaulo and his son Ryan DePaulo.



From left, Steve Machinski, Jesse Allen and Mark Piszko of PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP.



Pastor of St. Malachy's Church Rev. John Fraser and Sr. Margaret Oettinger, Director of Spiritual Care at Hospital for Special Surgery.



Len Egan, Vice President of Marketing at Mutual of America, welcomes guests to the Heart to Heart event on behalf of Mutual.



Mary D'Elia of the Clinton Association for a Renewed Environment and Encore Board Member Edward Reigadas.



Long-time friend and supporter of Encore, George Stonbely, and Sr. Lillian McNamara, Director of Operations at Encore Community Services.



Auctioneer Herb Mauthner, with help from Sr. Peggy McGil, raises funds for Encore's Home Delivered Meals Program during the live auction.

## BULLETIN BOARD NEWS

### Encore Wishes its Readers a Wonderful Summer... And Hopes Everyone Will Keep These Summer Safety Tips in Mind!

With the summer months right around the corner, we hope that our readers take heed of these precautionary measures while enjoying the outdoors to make certain your summer is a safe and pleasant one!

- Drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated
- Use sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher and wear a hat and sunglasses when outdoors
- Avoid caffeine and alcohol which can dehydrate the body
- Eat light foods like fruit and vegetables
- Wear loose-fitting clothing in natural fabrics like cotton and dress in light colors that will reflect the sun
- Keep your home and apartment cool by investing in an air conditioner
- Stay indoors during extreme, oppressive heat
- Know the signs of heat stroke: flushed face, high body temperature, headache, nausea, rapid pulse, dizziness and confusion



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