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# Blue Notes

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## Look what's coming in the next issue of Blue Notes

There's just so much going on! It's impossible to let you know everything that will take place on Festival at Sea in just one newsletter. Here's a sneak preview into what's coming up in the next issue of **Blue Notes:**

- \* **Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Auction Item List**
- \* **African American Idol Talent Show**
- \* **Black Movie Channel**
- \* **Daily Itinerary at a Glance**
- \* **Book Drive**
- \* **Teen & Kids activities**
- \* **Grandparents' Tea**
- \* **More Entertainment**
- \* **Senior and 60+ Fun**
- \* **Jewelry giveaways**
- \* **Children's Book Drive**

## FUEL SURCHARGE NOTICE

As everyone is aware of, fuel prices have skyrocketed during the last months. **We have been advised by Carnival Cruise Lines that based on the current cost of fuel, there will be a fuel increase for our charter.** We have had fuel supplements only twice in the history of Festival at Sea. The true amount will be determined 30 days prior to departure, however, we are **estimating the surcharge will be approximately \$15.00 per adult passenger if current prices stay the same.** This amount will be added to your sign and sail account onboard the Liberty.

## Celebrating 30 Years of Excellence

Back in 1978 when I opened Blue World Travel Corp. our agency **specialized in Corporate Travel and planning Road Tours for many entertainers such as Santana, Journey, John Denver** and many other entertainment legends. We also handled individual travel and lots of cruise groups. Some of those groups of 60-80 African Americans seemed large at the time and I always loved cruising but there was just a cultural edge that I felt we were missing. There wasn't anything political, just the need to get our true travel dollar realized with small things like being able to play Bid Whist vs. Bridge or having a DJ who would play soul music through the night. Thirteen years later in **1991, the first Festival at Sea sailed out of Ft. Lauderdale with 250 African Americans** from all over the United States. Who would have thought that by 2008 we would be hosting full ship charters of over 3000 people and "Cruising with an African American Twist"? Now the activities are endless, we have Worship Service and Bible Study, Thurgood Marshall Fund Raisers, Caribbean Book Donations, Bid Whist & Dominoes Tournaments, Speed Dating, Grandparents' Tea, Salsa, Gospelcise, Funk Aerobics, theme nights including African Formal attire night and many more activities tailored with you in mind. How



**Patricia Yarbrough, President Blue World Travel Corp.**

did this all come about? There are three elements that have driven Festival at Sea. **First Element: You...the FAS Passengers with special emphasis on our repeat cruisers.** The Festival at Sea Cruise has gained popularity by "word of mouth". It's driven by your input, and how you take this product to be your own. You come on board and make the atmosphere like being at one big family reunion. This cruise would not be able to happen without you!  
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## 2008 Olympics Sports Theme Night

**LET THE GAMES BEGIN!** In honor of the 2008 Summer Olympics we're having a sports night. What's your game? Of course Basketball, Football and Baseball come to mind but that's easy. However, this is our theme night so think outside of the box as in **Boxer or Jockey, Gladiator, Bicycler, Biker,**

**Referee, Hockey Player, Tennis Player, Golfer, Umpire, Crazy Fan, Cheerleader, Popcorn Vendor, Coach, Ticket Scalper?** Every year our Festival at Sea passengers come up with incredible costumes and we're sure this year is going to be just as fun. The

evening activities are held on deck, and prizes and medals will be **given away for best Male, Female, Couple, Family, and Group.** Start your engines NASCAR fans and go for the Gold!

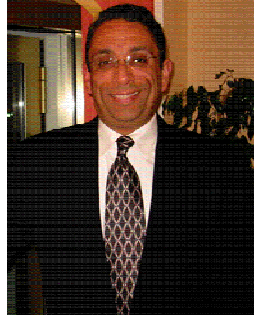


## Spotlight On: The Blue World Travel Staff



**Art Forte**

"It's exciting to have Brian McKnight in the fold this year. It takes a little longer to get some of the artists you want because many times they look at cruising as something musicians do at the end of their careers... rather than at the height of it. So while it can take a little convincing... once they're onboard and see how fresh and innovative Festival at Sea is... they really get into it. Almost as much as we get into watching them perform." *Art*



**Roberto Arce**

"I have been working for Blue World Travel for 15 years and worked very closely with most of our programs. Most recently I have been involved with our *Friends* programs taking us to places like Cuba, Costa Rica, Tahiti, Europe, South America, Africa and many more fascinating destinations. Come and join me on our next *Friends* program." *Roberto*



**Stephanie Spears**

"I look forward to seeing all my favorite Festival at Sea *friends* again this summer. To those of you sailing with us for the first time, welcome to the family!" *Stephanie*



**Laura Leipzig**

"13 years and still going strong at Blue World Travel. Besides being a Festival at Sea agent I am also the Jamaica Specialist. It's my pleasure to assist you in all your travel needs and look forward to meeting you this year in August on the 17th sailing of Festival at Sea."

*Laura*



**Hasina Johnson**

"Working here at Blue World Travel has been an out of this world experience! The staff has such wonderful relationships with our clients and one another that it's really like being a part of one big happy family!" *Hasina*



**Diana Brothers**

"Hello out there to all our Festival at Sea passengers. I just want to let you know it's a pleasure working with each and every one of you." *Diana*



**Veronica Batista**

I'm in the accounting department and it's been a pleasure serving our Festival at Sea passengers. It is an extremely rewarding experience and I'm sure you are going to have a wonderful Cruise on FAS 08! *Vee*

This is our **Blue World Family** whom you speak with when you call our office. Most of the staff has been with Blue World for over 10 years and we are very proud of their outstanding work.

**Continued from Page 2) Second Element: Our Loyal Employees.** I've given them special recognition in this issue not only because they work for Blue World Travel but because their hearts are also a part of Festival at Sea. They love our clients and have so much fun speaking to the individuals as well as group leaders. Although we have about **3000 people on this year's cruise**, every passenger is very special to us and we hope that shows in our customer service.

**Third Element: Our FAS committee.** We have about 80 committee volunteers from all over the country who work either in hospitality, security, entertainment, communications and a host of other onboard services. These dedicated men and women are on board to make sure your cruise experience is absolutely OFF THE HOOK! Believe me, they work long hours onboard the ship. Many have children who've grown up with Festival at Sea and are starting to get involved.

Finally, as an agency, our product has expanded during the last 17 years to include our **Friends of Festival at Sea** travel events. We traveled Africa, Europe, South America and as far away as Tahiti. We've enjoyed Resort Takeovers in Jamaica, and been to New York to see the Color Purple. We hope to keep pleasing you and taking you to places throughout the world. So to all of you Festival at Sea Faithful, I'd like to personally thank you for making this product such a big success. I promise to keep your faith in our company and continue to bring you unique travel experiences. I'd also like to thank my husband, Herbert, and my sons Kevin and Martin who have allowed me to travel so much during these past years in order to make sure that the **Festival at Sea** vacation products are the best in the world! *Patricia*

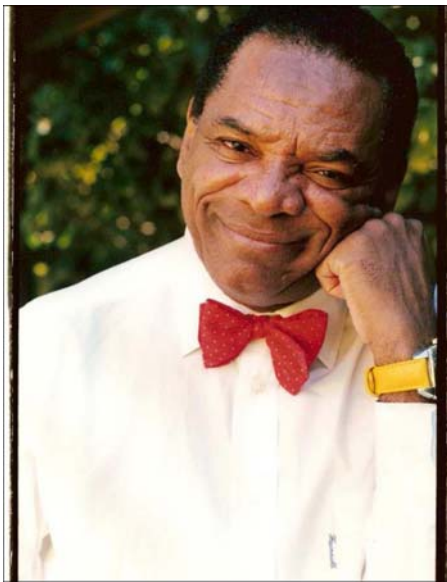
**Note: Patricia's Dress is an Ahneva Ahneva Original Design.**



# FAS VARIETY

Blue World Travel Presents

## The Comedy of John Witherspoon



**John Witherspoon**

Festival at Sea passengers are going to be rolling in the aisles in August because John Witherspoon is one of the funniest comedians you've ever seen. After years of making people laugh as a stand up comedian, he began an acting career and wonderful reputation as a "scene stealer" on both the big and small screen. John has co-starred with Eddie Murphy in *Vampire in Brooklyn*, directed by Wes Craven and, he can also be seen playing **Pops on The Wayans Brothers**, which airs on the WB network.

In the early 70's, before there was a comedy club boom, John Witherspoon was performing side by side with **Tim Reid, Marsha Warfield, Sandra Bernhard, Robin Williams, Jay Leno** and (continued on page 4)

## Brian McKnight

Blue World Travel is proud to welcome, Grammy Award nominee Brian McKnight to Festival at Sea 2008. He has sold over 15 million Albums including hits like "One", "One Last Cry", "Do I Ever Cross Your Mind, Anytime", "Every Time You Go Away" and the Duo, "Love Is" with Vanessa Williams to name a few. Here is a little history about Mr. McKnight. Brian McKnight grew up in a family where music came naturally. Alongside his immediate family, he was a member of the church choir, where his grandfather was the director. With a gospel upbringing, McKnight explored other genres of music. Still in his early teens, he exercised his writing ambitions by penning instrumentals (soft jazz, easy listening). He formed a band and began performing his originals at local venues. By the age of 18, McKnight had secured a publishing deal. His calling to the national scene manifested itself when his older brother Claude and the group he was a member of, Take 6, signed a recording contract with a major label. After sending out numerous demos to various record companies, McKnight's tape drew the interest of Mercury Records president Ed Eckstine (son of Billy Eckstine). Eckstine was so impressed with McKnight's sound that the young artist was signed to a deal within two weeks. McKnight's first release on Mercury was "The Way



**Brian McKnight**

Love Goes," peaking at number 11 after 19 weeks on the Billboard R&B charts. His two follow-up singles barely cracked the Billboard R&B Top 60, including "Love Is," a duet with Vanessa Williams featured on Beverly Hills 90210. Ironically, that single peaked at number three on the Billboard pop charts, introducing McKnight to a crossover audience. In addition to being a singer, McKnight is a songwriter, multi-talented musician, arranger, and producer. The success he has achieved as producer and songwriter on his own projects has facilitated his popularity as a **producer and songwriter for other artists**. However, the Buffalo native retained the services of hip-hop producer Sean "Puffy" Combs on the (continued on Page 4)

# They are BACK!!



## LARRY LEE AND BACK IN THE DAY

Yes, they are Back. It's been 3 years since we had Back In the Day as our dance band and by popular demand, they are joining us for Festival at Sea 2008. Not only do they play great music, but they are lots of fun and enjoy being onboard. The leader of the band, Larry Lee, is one talented individual. He spent 17 years in the NFL, 8 as a player and 9 as an executive. During his playing days he played for the Detroit Lions, Miami Dolphins, and Denver Broncos. After his NFL years he decided to return to his childhood passion, music. He has been a professional bass player for more than 25 years. LL and BITD has comprised a resume' that is second to none. In its short existence, 5 years, LL and BITD has shared the bill with artists such as Brian McKnight, Isaac Hayes, Gap Band, Morris Day and The Time, Dave Koz, Los Lobos, KEM, Robert Randolph and the Family Band, The Isley Brothers, Smokey Robinson, Little Richard, O Jays, Average White Band, and the Temptations just to name a few. **LL and BITD also have been nominated as the R & B band of the year at the 2005/2006/2007, Detroit Music Awards**, with Larry being named Urban/Funk musician of the year (2006). During Super Bowls XXXIX and XL, BITD performed for some high profile corporate events to include Former NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue's Super Bowl Gala, The perfect 1972 Miami Dolphins party, and the NFL management councils private bash. There are many other corporate events, casino performances, club dates, and wedding receptions too many to mention.. They play, Funk, Motown, Jazz, Blues, R & B Southern Rock, Classic Rock, and Current Hits. We're looking forward to dancing and having a great time with the band.

**NEXT ISSUE WILL FOCUS ON:  
OUR DJ'S,  
KARAOKE and our NIGHT  
CLUBS**

**Continued from page 3 - Brian McKnight**

release of his 1997 CD Anytime, which features the club-flavored single "You Should Be Mine." A Christmas album, Bethlehem, followed in 1998, and a year later McKnight returned with "Back at One" while 2003's "U Turn" was a fairly straightforward and ballad-filled affair. A divorce and some time playing guard for the California ABA basketball team the Ontario Warriors kept McKnight out of the musical picture for a couple years before 2005's "Gemini" marked his return. "Ten" followed in 2006. He currently hosts a radio show, The Brian McKnight Morning Show, in Los Angeles, CA. That show is syndicated to Houston, TX.

**Continued from page 3 - John Witherspoon**

David Letterman. David and John shared a mutual love of tennis and basketball and soon became best friends with a friendship that continues to this day. In fact, John has made more than two dozen appearances on Late Night with David Letterman. **David Letterman is also the Godfather to John's son John David.** John also has a Showtime Special.

It was John Witherspoon's ability to improvise and to create characters that were so real to life that John became much sought after for the movies. John's other roles were in I'm Gonna Get You Sucka and House Party where director Reginald Hudlin said to John, "Say whatever you want and do whatever you want to do."

With all this good buzz around the industry, John Witherspoon was Eddie Murphy's only and obvious choice to play **David Alan Grier's father in Boomerang.** To quote Eddie Murphy's own words, "I need Spoon!" For his role, John was a character created and outfitted out of his own imagination. He stole everything but the scenery. John gave movie audiences the hilarious catch phrase; **"You must know how to Coordinate."**

So it should come as no surprise that Eddie Murphy asked John to appear in Vampire in Brooklyn. Again, John Witherspoon knew exactly how he wanted to play the films character and showed up at the table reading in costume. The only thing John was asked by director Wes Craven was, "is it going to be 2 or 10 minutes? I need to know how long to keep the camera on you." John's efforts paid off again. The Orange County Register said, "Witherspoon is one of these performers who doesn't need a funny line to be funny; just standing there in a truculent posture with a suspicious look, he is funny, and enlivens every scene he is in."



More Entertainment  
Announcements in the next  
Blue Notes



# FAS FASHION VOGUE

## PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ !! TUXEDOS AND TAILS FORMAL NIGHT



Formal Night is going to be full of excitement once again. Let's make this a dazzling evening as we dress up in our finest formals and tuxedos. Gents, **Tuxedo Tails are the hottest new trend in formal attire** this year. Ladies, you're going to stop the guys in their tracks with those beautiful dresses and sense of style. Plan your evening with a captain's cocktail party, a show in the main lounge with Brian McKnight or John Witherspoon, then maybe some ballroom dancing. After a stop at the mid-night buffet, the clubs will still be open all night so you can party, sip champagne and dance the night away.

## African Attire Evening a perfect time to show your Pride or Jump the Broom at our Renewal of Wedding Vows



John and Kathy Polk

One of our most exciting evenings is the African Attire Formal night. It's an amazing evening of color and pride. Prior to dinner, we have our traditional renewal of Wedding Vows Ceremony officiated by **Reverend Darrell Armstrong, and coordinated by Peggy Presley and Deacon Fred Brown.** This event gives couples a chance to renew their commit-

ment to their marriage. You will receive a certificate signed by Rev. Armstrong to commemorate the event. After your vows are taken, you jump the broom while a photographer snaps your picture. **If you want to participate in this year's Renewal of Vows, please call 800-466-2719 and register or go to [www.festivalatsea.com](http://www.festivalatsea.com) and click on the "signups" link.**



Alonzo and Sonja Ward

## COOL WHITE NIGHT WITH A TOUCH OF BLUE!

White night has become a Favorite Festival at Sea theme. Each year passengers look forward to coming out for dinner, dancing and great shows. In honor of Blue World's 30th Birthday, FAS Committee member **Leon Davis has suggested that we add a little blue** to our theme this year so we're going to accent our white with a touch of Blue! Break out your cool white linen, gauze, cotton or whatever fabric you like! Then accessorize it with the Color Blue. Blue or Turquoise earrings, necklaces or bracelets, It could be a blue belt or scarf. Just help us celebrate. It's a classy and casual evening **and it is a fun and beautiful night.** To all you Elvis fans, don't forget about those **blue suede shoes !!!**



Friends of FAS in White

### Fashion Week at a Glance

Date	City	Dress
Sat Aug 9	Miami	Resort Casual
Sun Aug 10	Half Moon Cay	Formal-Tuxedos & Tails
Mon Aug 11	at Sea	Cool White Linen Night w/touch of Blue
Tues Aug 12	St. Thomas	Dressy
Wed Aug 13	San Juan	Olympics Sport Night
Thur Aug 14	Grand Turk	African Attire Formal Night
Fri Aug 15	at Sea	Resort Casual
Sat Aug 16	Miami	

## Queen Ahneva Ahneva's Fashion Show starring YOU!



One of the most exciting evenings onboard Festival at Sea is the Ahneva Ahneva Fashion Show. Ahneva has recently been awarded the contract to design flight attendant clothing for a major African Airline and has opened up a factory in Africa. However, she still will be designing clothing for our Festival at Sea passengers for our onboard fashion show. Ahneva and her staff put on this great event every year and the passengers, men, and women alike have a great time starring as models. **Yes, you can be America's next top model on Festival at Sea 2008!** Remember, **we will need both men and women** to sign up as models for this year's event. You can also sign up onboard, however, **sign up early to ensure your spot at this year's show by going to [www.festivalatsea.com](http://www.festivalatsea.com) and click on the "signups" link.** Or call 800-466-2719. Go online to see some of Ahneva's designs at [www.ahnevahneva.com](http://www.ahnevahneva.com). **Note:** On the left, long time Festival at Sea repeat passenger and group leader **Rochelle Johnson from Cincinnati** shows off one of Ahneva's fashions in the 2006 show.



## 3rd Annual Thurgood Marshall Bachelor Auction Sign Up's

### FAS 2008 Auction benefiting the Thurgood Marshall College Fund:

Named in honor of Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American to serve as Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, the TMCF mission is to continue his legacy ensuring that bright, talented young people fulfill their dreams of access to higher education and all of its many benefits. **We encourage you to bring an auction item (art, timeshare, electronics, etc.)** and donate to the Thurgood

Marshall College Fund, and continue to make the FAS Auction a success in supporting our African-American youth through higher education. **A donation receipt will be provided to you.** The Auction is actually a three fold event. We will have a **Silent Auction for smaller items, a Live Auction for larger items** and the popular Bachelor Auction where you can win a date with one of our eligible Festival at Sea Bachelors.

### GENTLEMEN, it's time to sign up for the Bachelors Auction.

This has become one of the Auction's biggest and most fun events. It's all for a good cause and we raise lots of money for students. -- Sign up now by going to **[www.festivalatsea.com](http://www.festivalatsea.com) and click on the signups link.** Or, call us at **800-466-2719.**

Once you sign up we will forward a Bachelor's Auction form to your attention to be completed and returned. Ladies get ready for a fun afternoon bidding on one of our **Fantastic FAS Brothers.**



## Bring in a Year of New Beginnings: FAS Choir



It's time once again to sign up for our **FAS Choir**. Here is a message from choir director **Ray Fred Hamilton**. "Hello again FAS Family, this is your choir director Fred Hamilton and Marcus Dyson, your musical director. This year we would love to have you in the choir for **Sunday morning service and to open up for the African American Idol**. It would be great if we could get over 100 members to set this year off right. (The year of new beginnings!) We have come up with some spirit-filled and anointed songs but we can't make it happen without your participation so sign up early! This year when you sign up **you will receive a CD and Words** from yours truly with the songs we plan to sing. Tell your friends and family we plan on "Doin' it Big" for the '08, the year of new beginnings. Rehearsal will be on Saturday evening August 9th. You will sing at our Worship Service which will be on Sunday morning, officiated by Reverend Darrell Armstrong." **Please contact Ray Fred Hamilton at [r.hamilton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.hamilton@sbcglobal.net). If you do not have access to email you may fax Blue World at (415) 882-9985, or call (800) 466-2719 so we can sign you up.** If you know you are a Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Baritone please let us know.

## Carnival's New Passenger Terminal in Miami



Carnival Cruise Lines recently began operating from the **newest passenger facilities at the Port of Miami**. Designed to provide panoramic views of Miami and Biscayne Bay, the stylish and modern terminals can accommodate approximately 4,000 guests through separate embarkation and debarkation facilities. Dual entry lobbies on the ground floor lead to four security scanners, and twin escalators lead to the second level — **a large hall with 50 check-in stations**. After check-in, escalators convey guests to the third floor through an “experiential” photo area to the boarding corridor and loading bridge. The baggage-claim area has a conveyor belt and carousel system similar to those used in airports.

### Miami Biscayne Marriott Pre-cruise Package Information

Because of the addition of the new Cruise Passenger Terminal and the realization that almost 1000 passengers are arriving at least one day early in Miami, **Carnival will not have a pre cruise check in at the Marriott Hotel**. The new passenger terminal is large enough and has enough staff to efficiently check everyone in on Saturday as you arrive. So, now you'll have time on Friday in Miami to sightsee, shop or just hang out by the pool. **The pre cruise package is sold out**, however, if you would like assistance in booking a Miami hotel, please give us a call at 800-466-2719 and we will be happy to assist you.

## NEW HOMELAND SECURITY RULES

All cruise lines are required to provide the **full passenger and crew manifest to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection at least 60 minutes prior to departure**. What does that mean as far as your check in is concerned? First, when your documents are issued, you should make sure you submit your travel **identification online at least 3 days prior to travel**. **If not, you must check in at the pier a minimum of 90 minutes prior** with your government issued identification required to travel. All passengers must be on board at least one hour prior to departure. So when making your flight arrangements to Miami, make sure you allow enough time to get from the airport to the pier on time. Also consider that there can be airport delays so allow ample time for unforeseen circumstances.

### New Cruise Luggage Rules

Once upon a time there was an unlimited amount of luggage you could bring onboard ships. However, we have been advised by Carnival that there has been a change in their language regarding luggage limits and luggage claims. Guests are encouraged to limit their checked luggage to **two suitcases per person**, with each suitcase **not to weigh more than 50 pounds** and not exceed 16"h x 24"w x 30"length. Also, curbside porters are not employees of Carnival; therefore, if you experience any problems, please report them to porter management on site.

**REMINDER: Cruise departs on  
SATURDAY AUGUST 9TH  
and returns on  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH!**

SPOTLIGHT YOUR  
BUSINESS ON THE  
POOLSIDE  
BIG SCREEN!



**BUSINESS OWNERS:** Here's an opportunity to advertise your business on the Big Screen. We have a 12 ft. high by 22 ft. wide screen mounted on 2 decks aboard the Carnival Liberty, where **you can advertise your business for a donation to the Thurgood Marshall College Fund**. Please contact Elaine Pearsall @ (425) 430-0699 or email her at [376158pears@comcast.net](mailto:376158pears@comcast.net) for details.

## The Games People Play Onboard the Liberty

In the next issue of Blue Notes, a complete Daily Itinerary will be available so you can plan your busy week on Festival at Sea. You're going to love all of the games going on onboard, We've got **Bid Whist and Dominoes Tournaments, as well as a Golf Tournament**. For those of you who want a little “non sports related competition, our **Relationship Hat Chat** gives Men and Women a chance to come face to face with issues of today's relationships. We've got the **Newlywed and Not so Newlywed Game** for couples, and a new **Family Feud Game**. For the gamblers there is **Casino Competition** as well as the old favorite, **Bingo**. For those of you who are looking to hook up with Mr. or Ms. RIGHT, you're who we need at our **Speed Dating Evening**. After all of this excitement you're going to need to get recharged with our “**Spoken Word**” poetry session. No matter what the name of your game, you'll get a chance to win big on Festival at Sea.



## FAS Message Center

The message center is a chance for our passengers to communicate with other Festival at Sea passengers throughout the USA. You can fax or email information about anniversaries, honeymoons, weddings, birth announcements and any FAS parties you plan to have prior to the cruise to FAX- (415) 882-9985 or email [FAS@Blueworldtravel.com](mailto:FAS@Blueworldtravel.com)

## Medical Notice

If you have any Medical conditions, or are pregnant, please contact Blue World so that we can notify Carnival. In addition, **if you are bringing your own wheelchair**, we need to notify Carnival in advance. If you do not have a pre-existing condition you can still **insure your vacation by calling Travellex at 800-228-9792** or [www.travellex-insurance.com](http://www.travellex-insurance.com). Our Location # is 05-1094

## Cupid's Arrow

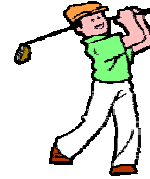
Congratulations to **Leon Davis Jr. and Theresa Davis from Bossier City, LA** will be celebrating 33 years of marriage on FAS 2008. **Tamela Beckford and Chevell Ervin of Suisun City, CA** are getting married on July 26 and will honeymoon on Festival at Sea 08. **Frances and Raymond DeJarnette of Colorado Springs, CO** will be celebrating 31 years of marriage on August 14th.



## Baby Boom



We would like to welcome the following "little ones" to the Blue World Travel Family. **Chadette and Raynol Loper of Inglewood, CA** added a new baby boy, Dallas to their family in February.



## Golf Tournament in San Juan, Puerto Rico

Our 2008 Golf Tournament will be held at the **Wyndham El Conquistador Resort and Country Club on Wednesday August 13th**. It was designed by Authur Hills. The James Bond classic "Goldfinger" was filmed here and it's easy to see why avid golfer Sean Connery would love it. A minimum of 8 players is required for the tournament. **Par 72, 6,662 Yards. Price is \$245.00**. If you would like to sign up go to [www.festivalatsea.com](http://www.festivalatsea.com) and click on the "signups" link or give us a call 415-882-9444.

## GRADUATES!

As June approaches, we want to congratulate all students who have achieved their diplomas, and other degrees. Please let us know if you will graduate this year and **we'll put your name in our next Blue Notes**.

## Proof of Citizenship and Reconfirming your Invoice



Don't forget, everyone must carry proof of citizenship. Proof of citizenship is either a **Certified Birth Certificate with a raised seal**, along with a **valid government issued photo ID**, or a Passport. Photo identification is required for all **persons 16 years and older**. **The first and last name on your picture ID must match the name on your documents**. In addition, if you are traveling with a

minor who is not your own child, you must have a notarized letter stating that you have permission from both parents to take the minor out of the country. **Please take time to look at your invoice. If anything is incorrect we need to know immediately**. Check that your name is spelled accurately. If you have purchased the pre cruise package it must be noted on your invoice. Also check your cabin

number to make sure you are in the correct category. Note, your Deck location and category are two different items. For example: Category 4A & 6A are on Deck 1 not decks 4 or 6. If you have any questions about where you are located onboard or if your invoice has any discrepancies, please let us know immediately. **After your documents are issued, a fee of \$100.00 will be charged to reissue**.



## Dining Charts

Enclosed you will find your dining charts. Only one dining form is needed per table. Call your traveling companions and determine who will fill out and submit the dining form. Please note the change in procedure for ordering cakes for anniversaries and birthdays. Cakes brought to the dining tables for celebrations are no longer complimentary and should be ordered on the ship. **Please return dining charts by April 30th**.

**NOTE:** If you are **part of a Group** your group leader has been sent a dining chart for your entire group. Check with your group leader to confirm that your dining has been submitted on your behalf.

## Airfares



If you haven't booked your airfare, now is the time to do so. Many flights are beginning to sell out. **American Airlines is offering a 5% discount to Miami** Just go to [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com) and click on "Make Reservations." You will be prompted for a discount code at the bottom of the reservations page. **Use Promotional Code A8288AA**  
If you do not want to book online, Blue World Travel will be happy to make your airline reservations for a service fee of \$35.00. **Just call us at 800-466-2719**.