

Nutrition, health, training top agenda at Elliot Leadership confab

NEW YORK — More than 200 foodservice executives recently attended the annual Elliot Leadership Conference at the Essex Hotel near Central Park.

Matters of health and nutrition, the economic condition of the industry as well as the need to provide better leadership training all were topics covered at this invitation-only event, hosted by The Elliot Group, LLC.

The Tarrytown, N.Y.-based company, founded by Alice Elliot, is the parent company of Elliot Associates, an executive search agency for foodservice and hospitality companies; Elliot Solutions, a consulting firm; and Elliot Executive Source, an executive search agency for manufacturing.

An evening cocktail reception preceded the all-day conference, where Rick Federico, chairman and chief executive of P.F. Chang's China Bistro Inc., received the Elliot Mentor of the Year Award, and three people received the Elliot Motivator of the Year Award. Those motivators were John Prutsman, executive director of field human resources for Applebee's International Inc.; Rodney Morris, director of human resources and training for Pasta Pomodoro Inc.; and Heidi Martin Gilanfar, vice president of recruiting for The Cheesecake Factory.

Ted Fowler, president and chief executive of the Golden Corral Corp., was the keynote speaker.



Above: front row, from left: Joanne Shufelt, Georgia Pacific; Alice Elliot, The Elliot Group; Anna Graves, Pillsbury Winthrop; middle row, from left: Jim Miller, Ecolab; Mike Milliorn, Daydots International; Steve Schickler, Seattle Coffee Co.; Gary Levy, JH Cohn Hospitality Services; Bill Lovette, Tyson Foods; Lori Daniel, Two Chefs On A Roll; third row, from left: Ben Salisbury, Stimson Lane Vineyards & Estates; Scott Feldman, American Express; and Brian Cornell, Pepsi-Cola North America



Above: Company Spotlight Panel, from left, Craig Culver, Culver Franchising System; Kevin Hall, Guru's Enlightened Eating; Todd Hovenden, Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano; and Sam Karos, SeaFare Seafood Restaurant



Above, from left: Scott Richardson and Tony Santarelli of Village Tavern with John Metz of Metz Enterprises

Below, from left: Elliot Associates' Ganis; Diana Wynne, Metromedia Restaurant Group and WFF chair; McDonald's Corp.'s Crump-Caine; and Pat Harris, McDonald's Corp. and MFHA Chair



Below, from left: Catalina Ganis, Elliot Associates; John Miller, Romano's Macaroni Grill; Starlette Johnson, Brinker International; GJ Hart, Texas Roadhouse; Cheryl Henry, International Dairy Queen; Lynn Crump-Caine, McDonald's Corp.; Sheri Miksa, Rubio's Restaurants; and Fred Hipp, California Pizza Kitchen



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Above, from left: Mike Speck, PizzaPALS; Troy Erb, Elliot Associates; Bob Holden, Pat & Oscar's; and Joe Kohaut, Buca Inc.



Above, from left: Dick Rivera, Darden Restaurants; Michael Kaufman, Metromedia Restaurant Group; Steven C. Anderson, National Restaurant Association; John Metz, Metz Enterprises; and Ted Fowler, Golden Corral



Left, from left: Dina Berta, Nation's Restaurant News; Golden Corral's Fowler; The Elliot Group's Elliot; and Ed Eynon, The Cheesecake Factory



Above: GJ Hart, left, of Texas Roadhouse and Jon Luther of Allied Domecq



Above: Jack Schuessler, left, of Wendy's International and Sid Feltenstein of A&W Restaurants and Long John Silver's

Right: The Elliot Group's Alice Elliot, second from right, with Motivator of the Year winners, from left, Rodney Morris, Pasta Pomodoro; Heidi Martin-Gilanfar, The Cheesecake Factory; and John Prutsman, Applebee's International

