

Profile: Sandy Engel "Hooked On Cruising"

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is glorious!"

Sandy has cruised in the Orient, the Caribbean, South Pacific, Alaska, Scandinavia and Russia, on the Nile, among the Greek Isles, in the Mediterranean and through the Panama Canal.

Where has she not cruised?

"South America," she says, noting that she will take a group there next year, "probably to Rio, Buenos Aires, and some nice islands in between."

Sandy Engel is considered THE cruise specialist of Las Vegas.

In December, the national Ask Mr. Foster corporation asked her to escort 30 travel agents from all over the country on a cruise in the Hawaiian Islands. Sandy conducted cruise seminars for the agents, teaching them how to evaluate cruiseships and understand cruise life, how to advise clients and prepare them for their special cruise experiences.

Prestige Travel sponsors Sandy as a public speaker, most recently for the American Business Women's Association and for groups of seniors in mobile home communities.

Sandy has represented the agency, which is the largest in Nevada, at a variety of trade expositions, including bridal fairs and travel shows.

She was named Prestige Travel Employee of the Month in February, recognized for her extraordinary achievement in promoting cruising, serving travel clients, and participating in virtually all company projects.

Sandy organized the popular CruisSingles Club, a group of more than 100 men and women who share the fun and savings with compatible traveling companions matched up among Cruis-Single members.

Sandy's credentials go beyond her 13 years as a travel counselor: she earned the cherished CTC (Certified Travel Consultant) degree. In the travel industry, a CTC might be compared with a graduate degree, undertaken by the most dedicated travel professionals and achieved by the most skilled.

Meanwhile, back at the Jewish community...

Sandy is a life member of Hadassah and was recording secretary for the Las Vegas chapter in 1983-84.

Her current volunteer work on behalf of the May 20 awards dinner helps the National Jewish Hospital in Denver gain deserved recognition as the world's only medical facility that focuses its resources entirely on respiratory, allergic and immune disorders. It is a non-profit, non-sectarian facility.

"In the past five years," Sandy explains, "79 chronically ill Nevada residents have received in-patient care at National Jewish Hospital. And Nevada physicians have trained at the Hospital so they could bring this expertise back to our state."


Sandy and Dan have two sons, both married, one settled in New York, the other in San Francisco.

Apparently Sandy's cruise addiction is not genetic.

The winners of the 15th annual Art-A-Fair, the juried art exhibit presented by the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, are now on display in the Main and Photography Galleries of the Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Rd., through May 25.

The American Cancer Society announced recently they will be doubling the number of Fresh Start, stop smoking programs that they hold every month. "The response to this program has been overwhelming," says Al Levitt, Fresh Start coordinator for the Clark County unit of The American Cancer Society. "Each session of Fresh Start can only handle 25 people and they have been filling up almost as soon as we announce them. It was obvious we needed to increase the number of sessions offered.

The new Fresh Start schedule will include two sessions held the week of May 22nd. For more information and to sign-up call the American Cancer Society at 798-6877.



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