

EESF Holds the First Annual Chicago Dinner Cruise on Lake Michigan July 24, 2007



Guests mingle about on the *Summer of George*.

Chicago, IL – On June 27, 2007 139 guests sailed from the locks of the Chicago River into Lake Michigan aboard the *Summer of George* for the First Annual Chicago Dinner Cruise. The Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation (EESF) sponsored the event and raised \$11,300 to help educate children on the safe and proper use of elevators, escalators and moving walks. The event was held in conjunction with the National Association of Elevator

Contractors Educational Seminar. The educational seminar helped attract attendees to the cruise. EESF would like to thank NAEC for their support during this event.

The event was a success thanks to the attendees and the sponsors which included:

Adams Elevator Equipment Company

- Platinum Bar Sponsor

Formula Systems North America

- Gold DJ Sponsor

C.E. Electronics

- Silver

EMS Elevator

- Silver

Innovation Industries

- Silver

Hollister Whitney / GAL

- Champagne Toast Sponsor



Event sponsors *left to right*: Jeff Kneur (Innovation Industries) Charlie Simpkins, Kenny Grohowski and Mike Goeltzenleuchter (CE Electronics); Wayne Bene and Kevin Flotten (EMS Elevator) and Brian Musholt (Hollister Whitney)

The weather was threatening for two days prior to the event. With the help of a few dances done by staff and boat crew, the weather subsided and allowed guests to enjoy a nice evening with views of the Chicago skyline followed by fireworks at Navy Pier.

Registration began at 6:30 pm and boarding began at 7:00 pm. A special thanks goes to volunteers Charlie Simpkins, Kenny Grohowski and Mike Goeltaenleuchter of C.E. Electronics who helped at the registration table.

Guests were greeted with a warm welcome from the Crew and a champagne toast sponsored by Hollister Whitney/ GAL Manufacturing.



ABOVE: DJ Sponsor – Formula Systems North America. Cornelius Walls (left), the DJ, Cathy Hayat and John Curzon.

BELOW: Bar Sponsor – Adams Elevator Equipment Company. John Roussos (left), Rick Stumpf and Mark Hennessey.



The DJ on the top deck began the cruise with a familiar song as guests settled down for a “Three Hour Tour”. Requests were taken as a few brave souls danced the night away. The DJ was sponsored by Formula Systems North America.

The bar flowed freely as guests were treated to an open bar sponsored by Adams Elevator Equipment Company. The bartenders were warm and accommodating as the line dwindled down into the night.

EESF would like to thank Cathy Hayat of Formula Systems North America and Tom Sybert of CJ Anderson for their assistance in the planning of this event.

By popular demand, the EESF will offer this same cruise next year. Please watch the EESF’s website for further details.



LEFT: Richard Gregory (Vertex Corporation and Leslie Malloy (Westcoast Companies, Inc.)

RIGHT: Marie and Gilbert Voision (Magil/Centrel Corporation)



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