

# Meetings

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HOSPITALITY

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**Location! Location! Location!**

Rhode Island is made up of picturesque ocean views, mouth watering restaurants, and an array of museums and historic venues. Whether you want to sail the harbor and relax along the beaches in Newport, or explore some of Providence’s Historic hot spots and attractions, Rhode Island can cater to everyone’s interests.

**Peace of Mind**

Newport Hospitality, Inc. has focused on destination management services in Newport, Providence, and the greater Rhode Island area for 23 years. As Rhode Island’s premier and only accredited destination management company we provide our corporate clients with off-site meeting planning services including evening events, tours, sailing, golf, airport ground transportation and corporate gift items under Hospitality Gifts LLC. From the early stages of planning, to confirming the final details, we arrange your program and activities from start to finish.

**Taking Home a Memory**

Hospitality Gifts, LLC is proud to work with local artists and vendors and is the premier gift provider for meeting and event planners, hotels, corporate clients and wedding planners. Hospitality Gifts complements Newport Hospitality’s services and stands alone as a company that offers unique specialty items and custom gift packages. Give your attendees a customized memento of their stay in Rhode Island!

**Why use a DMC?**

In general, DMCs act as both designer of programs and events (similar to an architect) as well as oversee the execution of that event (similar to a general contractor). Our value comes through our knowledge of the destination and the industry, vendor relationships, staff experience, risk management, program management skills and saving our clients invaluable time and energy.

*“I miss you already... Between the contract negotiations and last minute changes, you both should be candidates for sainthood. I really appreciate the help you both gave me, and the “can-do” attitude that made all of our obstacles disappear.”*

- Christie Huntenburg, Telcordia Events Planning





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## Kudos, Moves & Changes



Congratulations to **Julie Nack Locke, CMP** who was recently named an Associate Regional Vice President by

**HelmsBriscoe**. Since joining HelmsBriscoe she has earned the President's Club award two years and was the top producer for HelmsBriscoe Resource One. Julie has been on the board of directors of the New England Chapter of MPI. Her continued volunteerism led her to win the Chapter Leader Award in 2004, Meeting Professional of the Year in 2009 and President's Award in 2009.

Kudos to **Laurie Stroll**, owner of **Newport Hospitality, Inc** for the launch of her new business **Hospitality Gifts, LLC**. Hospitality Gifts, LLC will be a complementing service for Newport Hospitality's clients and additionally will stand alone as a company that offers unique specialty items and custom gift packages. The company provides everything from welcome bags to speaker gifts, turn down amenities to recognition awards, as well as thank-you gifts and local remembrances, allowing guests to take a piece of Rhode Island home with them. **Erin Coonan Schmidt** will be leading the sales team for Hospitality Gifts, saving clients the research time to find the perfect item

that is representative of the Rhode Island experience. Hospitality Gifts is proud to work with local artists and vendors and will be the premier gift provider for meeting and event planners, hotels, corporate clients and wedding planners.

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