

Holland America Line Hosts Fundraiser Luncheon for MANA de San Diego on ms Veendam at the Port of San Diego

SEATTLE, Wash., March 6, 2015 /3BL Media/ — The Port of San Diego in California, Holland America Line hosted a volunteer appreciation luncheon aboard ms Veendam for MANA de San Diego, one of the company's community partners.

Following the luncheon, guests had an opportunity to watch DanzArts perform several flamenco pieces as well as hear highlights from MANA de San Diego's past year. The event celebrated 400 volunteers who donated more than 6,000 hours to the organization. Highlights from 2014 included granting \$30,000 in scholarships and serving more than 1,300 women and families in San Diego County. Then guests were invited to tour the ship before disembarking.

"MANA de San Diego has a tremendous impact on the Latina community, and we're proud to support an organization that recognizes the importance of promoting diversity," said Orlando Ashford, president of Holland America Line. "Volunteerism is a key part of Holland America Line's corporate culture, and we're happy to host a luncheon that honors the volunteers that make MANA de San Diego possible."

About MANA San Diego

MANA San Diego is a chapter of MANA, A National Latina Organization that provides a voice for Latina women at the national, state and local levels. MANA de San Diego is the largest of the 18 national chapters and empowers local Latinas through education, leadership development, community service, and advocacy.

MANA San Diego offers a Hermanitas Youth Leadership Mentor program; scholarship program; the annual MANA de San Diego Health Fair; the Latina Success-Mujeres De Éxito Conference, a one day, bilingual conference that provides women with professional and leadership workshops; and Platicas, quarterly events that educate Latinas on key issues. For more information about MANA de San Diego, visit www.manasd.org.

"Thank you to Holland America Line for hosting our volunteer luncheon in such an elegant setting," said Catherine Arambula, President of MANA de San Diego. "Without the support of community partners like Holland America Line, we would not be able to positively impact the lives of so many deserving Latina women in our community."

Holland America Line Community Support

Each year Holland America Line hosts more than 25 shipboard charity luncheons for nearly 5,000 guests in its homeport cities. In addition, Holland America Line and its corporate foundation's charitable-giving programs provide cash sponsorships, in-kind donations, free- and reduced-fare cruise donations for nonprofit fundraising events, donations of usable shipboard items around the world, employee volunteerism and other philanthropic activities.

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