The John C. Bladt, CCM
CMAA World Conference Scholarship

CMAA's Virtual World Conference on Club Management and Club Business Expo
March 8-12, 2021

John C. Bladt, CCM was born in Denmark in 1936. He did an apprenticeship at the Restaurant Wivex in Copenhagen, while attending the Hotel and Restaurant School in that same city. He furthered his education at the Plaza Athenee Hotel in Paris and the Claridge Hotel in London, before coming to the United States in 1961. His first position in the United States was at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

In 1962, John began the first of two positions at Montauk Point on Long Island, serving as Food & Beverage Manager at the Montauk Manor Hotel & Yacht Club from 1962 to 1964. He later returned to Montauk in 1970, to serve six years as General Manager at the Montauk Golf & Racket Club. In the interim, he moved to Florida to become the Food & Beverage Manager at the Colonnades Beach Hotel in Palm Beach Shores. John became a member of CMAA in 1972.

In 1975, John accepted the position the position as General Manager at the Rolling Hills Country Club in Wilton, Connecticut. During his tenure in Connecticut, which lasted through 1990, John was the initiator of the Connecticut Club Managers' Charity Foundation in 1986. While at Rolling Hills, John was Membership Chairman, Vice President and eventually President (1986-1987) of the Connecticut Chapter. John received his CCM designation in 1988, and was a recipient of the Region I Club Manager of the Year Award in 1989. John also served as President of the Region I-II-III Alliance 1989-1990 and is a past Board Member of the New York State Club Association.

John Bladt was named General Manager of The Blind Brook Club in January of 1991 and retired in 2017. While in the Metropolitan chapter he was inducted into the Hall of Fame, served on the Board of Directors and ultimately became its President for two terms. During his tenure on the Board, he initiated the efforts of organizing the Metropolitan Club Foundation, with the original goal of establishing an endowment fund of one-half million dollars. He served as the Foundation's first Chairman, during 1996-1997 and was a driving force in starting the annual MCF Vendor Show, the profits from which are the major contributor to the Metropolitan Club Foundation. He has always been actively involved in charities for both the Connecticut and Metropolitan Chapter of the Club Management Association of America and helped secure annual donations from Rolex and the Pepsi Bottling Company for their annual charity events.

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The Metropolitan Club Foundation established *The John C. Bladt, CCM CMAA World Conference Scholarship* in 2017 to honor Met member John C. Bladt, CCM for his may contributions to the Chapter. This scholarship provides an opportunity for Professional members of the Met Chapter to attend World Conference when they would not otherwise be able to attend due to limited club resources. This year's scholarship will reimburse recipients for the virtual registration fee.

WORLD CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is based on need and open to Professional Metropolitan members.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR APPLICATION

1. A current resume that lists work experience and educational background.

2. A letter of support from your General Manager.

3. Each applicant is required to provide the committee with an essay (minimum 500 words) explaining at minimum the following: what do you hope to gain from attending, who else from your club will participate this year, what is your education budget like and have you attended before. Additional essay prompts are below.

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY PROMPTS

1. What are the reasons you wish to attend World Conference? How do you think this experience can benefit you and your club?

2. In the past year what have you participated in with CMAA and the Met Chapter? What MCF scholarships have you received in the past?

3. What community activities are/have you been an active participant in?

4. Have you been to World Conference before? If so, when did you last attend and how many have you attended in total? What was a memorable experience you've had at a World Conference?

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Essay, letter of recommendation and resume should be scanned and sent *as one single attachment* to md@metcma.org by Wednesday, February 24th. with subject "2021 John Bladt Scholarship Application – (Applicant Name)".

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.
Acknowledgement of a submitted scholarship will be sent via email.
Applicants are responsible for ensuring their application is received.

Scholarships are not guaranteed upon submission of an application.
Awards based on availability funds and will be reimbursed after
World Conference with submission of credit report listing a minimum number of credits.
Attendees can earn up to (12) Association Activity credits and up to (23) CMI Credits.