



► **STATELY:** The library of New York's Union League Club (above) was once again the venue for Burke & Parsons' annual holiday party. (Pictured right) Poten & Partners brokers Bruce Sullivan (on left) and Jeffrey Goetz (centre) with Burke & Parsons partner Ray Burke. **Photo: BURKE & PARSONS**



► **HOLIDAY MOOD:** (From left) Genco Shipping & Trading vessel operator Alexis Lemon, Liyov Bilas of NYK Bulkship and Connecticut Maritime Association (CMA) president Ian Workman.



► **GATHERED:** (From left) Finance man Alan Ginsberg, FTI Consulting shipping advisor Bob DiMarsico, Compass Maritime broker founding partner Bart Lawrence and Universal Maritime chief executive Ron Dal Bello.



► **PHOTO OP:** (From left) Mitsubishi counsel Peter Klein and senior counsel Lana Yang with Chris Dillon, a lawyer at Burke & Parsons.



► **GROUP SHOT:** (From left) Burke & Parsons partner Keith Heard, Statoil senior accounting analyst Stephanie Killen, Paragon Consulting Group senior sales manager Louis Crossin and Burke & Parsons partner Michael Walsh.

Maritime law firm spreads cheer at historic club

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In the home of a historic New York social club, maritime law firm Burke & Parsons sought to spread holiday cheer to a host of shipping-industry participants. The outfit has been holding this party at the Union League Club since 2006 as a way to say "happy holidays" to its clients. Ray Burke — dubbed by some as the dean of the maritime bar in New York, which sits at the heart of the country's admiralty law

practice — greeted guests as they entered the stately, subtly lit library in the Union League Club's 82-year-old headquarters. The firm estimates that about 200 people attended the event. The venue, which was completed in 1931 and is the clubhouse for an organization that began in 1863 to support the northern side of the US Civil War, played host to shipbrokers, shipowners, maritime lawyers and other industry participants mingling at this annual shindig.



► **DUO:** Groton Pacific Carriers president James Drakos (left) and Overseas Shipholding Group (OSG)'s Dave Fekishazy.



► **CAMERA READY:** MUR Shipping US president James Russell-Walling with Bulkore Chartering shipbroker Marygrace Collins.



► **SMILES:** Karen Randmer (left), senior vice-president of vessel registration at International Registries, and Robert Hart, former containership master for Marine Transport Management.



► **TRIO:** (From left) Jacques Pierot Jr & Sons president Christian Pierot, son Jacques Pierot, who works on the sale-and-purchase team, and Groton Pacific Carriers finance chief Nicholas Sofos.



► **ON HAND:** (From left) MUR Shipping chartering manager Jasmine Alvarado, Compass Maritime sale-and-purchase broker James Lightbourn and MUR Shipping US office manager Marina Critides.



► **PICTURE PERFECT:** Jud Starr (left), partner at law firm Venable, with Tradeweb vice-president Suzanna Palasti.



► **ATTENDING:** (From left) V.Ships operations director John Kerr, Swift Maritime Associates president Peter Swift and V.Group executive director Robert Bishop.



► **LOOKING SMART:** Charles Davies (left), vice-president of commercial services at World Fuel Services, with Tom Roberts, founding partner at shipbroker Compass Maritime.