

Newsflash...

## Men in Black

QCGC Honors SDS President & CEO

On March 27, 2006, the Queens Child Guidance Center (QCGC), a dynamic, 51-year old, family-focused non-profit organization, which serves more than 10,000 children annually, honored Tony Racioppo, President and CEO, of SDS Global Logistics, Inc. and three other unique individuals for their continued years of service and giving to the organization.

Many of Mr. Racioppo's clients, business associates, friends, and family members were in attendance. It was heartwarming to have such a large turnout for this event and to see his SDS colleagues ("The Men



*The SDS Men in Black,*

*Bill Guido, John Zahorodny, Marc Racioppo, Tony Racioppo, Rodney Sparks, Matthew Wizeman*

In Black") looking like they stepped out of the *GQ Magazine*.

QCGC is best known as being a dynamic and effective organization focused on education and family counseling. This reputation of fundamental success has been widely held for many years—so much

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- ◆ Same Day Domestic Air
- ◆ Worldwide Courier
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- ◆ Mail Distribution to/from the Post Office
- ◆ Interstate Trucking
- ◆ Warehouse Logistics & Distribution
- ◆ Document Destruction
- ◆ Trade Show Management

**ALERT**

*In the event of telephone service interruption at SDS Corporate HQ, please call our Newark Facility.*

INDUSTRY NEWS

**When Overnight Delivery Isn't Fast Enough**

*Domestic Same Day, Next Flight Out, Service*

Sometimes, delivery on the next business day just isn't fast enough. When you need critical shipments to arrive within hours, you can call the SDS Worldwide Logistics team for help. You will be asked a series of questions to best support the process: the shipment's description, where it is going and when does the location close, contact information, where it is being picked up and when it is ready. Proper shipping forms must be on file. On a daily basis, SDS receives up-to-the minute commercial flight information. From this data, the SDS freight forwarder can evaluate the best flight and delivery service to get your critical time-sensitive cargo to its destination the same day.



Have you ever run late on a proposal and missed the next day air service—say to Chicago from New York? If a letter or package is due in Chicago by 4:00 PM, we can pick it up in New York City at 10:30 AM for same day delivery. This is a service used more often than you may realize. In particular, Financial Service companies, Printers, and Law Firms use this service often. Service is available from coast-to-coast at a starting cost below \$180. Call 718-784-5586 x 7 for details.

**Promotions at SDS**

*Dias and Alisyam Rise to New Responsibilities*

Rodney Sparks, Vice President of SDS' Local/Tri-State Operations, proudly announces the promotion of Richard Dias ("Dias") and Andre Alisyam. Both joined the firm in 2000 and have consistently proven themselves in their duties.

Dias was promoted from Customer Service Representative to Customer Service Supervisor after he showed the dedication and leadership required to handle this supervisory position. Andre was the Assistant to Mr. Sparks and the COO. As a result of his reliable and consistent hard work, he will serve as the Assistant Operations Manager. Congratulations to Richard Dias and Andre Alisyam.

**SDS Attends International Air Cargo Conference and Builds Relationships**

*New Global Lanes and Better Rates For Customers*

John Zahorodny, Senior Vice President of SDS' Worldwide Logistics, recently attended a Global Transportation Conference in Canada to develop strategic partnerships with other freight forwarders. The dual purpose was to find better trade lanes and recognize cost-savings for clients.

Mr. Zahorodny noted that, "This was a great networking opportunity and I've already been able to save clients money and time in shipping to China." Not only has John established new relationships for Far East shipping but to Africa and South America as well. Consider using SDS for your next international shipment, inbound or outbound.

**Charity Honors Racioppo**

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so, that four years ago, the New York City Department of Mental Health selected the Center to receive its annual agency mental hygiene award, given as a "symbol of service excellence and exceptional program performance."

Each year, the Center itself, awards those that have not only heeded, but exceeded the call of service for the community. Mr. Racioppo was awarded the distinction for the many years SDS has been on call for the QCGC for all of their events—serving as a quiet provider of the logistics services that are necessary to keep their charitable efforts viable.

Mr. Racioppo, who is currently an officer on four different business and community service boards noted at the event that he was truly humbled by the honor. It is estimated that SDS alone, helped raise over \$20,000 for the event, which according to Susan Gleason of the Center was by far the most successful fundraiser ever. The other honorees were Joshua Muss, Dr. Bhupendra Patel, and Samuel Freed. To learn more about The Queens Child Guidance Center, visit their website at [www.qcgc.org](http://www.qcgc.org).

EVENTS and HAPPENINGS

**Weight-loss and the Workplace — SDS Winds Down First Ever Slimdown**

Studies show that weight gain in the United States is a serious problem, in terms of productivity, 58 million days of work are lost in relation to excess weight amounting to \$5.7 billion, annually (Business and Health). Recently, this trend has received a great deal of attention, and some workplaces are taking proactive steps to buck the trend.

SDS and its employees recently did their part by creating a program to promote better health. It began in February with the First Annual Great SDS Slimdown. The friendly competition encouraged employees to pare down the pounds and offered a prize for the employee who lost the greatest percentage of body weight during a three month period. A good number of employees participated in the voluntary competition, and by the time the competition was over, net weight losers outnumbered weight gainers by almost 2 to 1. Many of those who gained weight during that period stated that they would have likely gained more weight if they were not making a conscious effort to pay attention to their diet and exercise.

In the end, Robert Ruiz of the Local/Tri-State Operations Team won the contest by shedding over 4.5% of his body weight. Congratulations to Robert and to all the successful participants.

**Post Office Seeks 3-cent Stamp Rate Hike**

*“Forever” Stamp Proposed with Operational Rate Hike*



The independent Postal Rate Commission is proposing a “forever” stamp for letters, good no matter how much postal rates increase. If approved, the change would take effect May 2007.

The Rate Commission has proposed raising the price of a stamp for a letter by 3 cents, to 42 cents. If the increase takes effect, the forever stamp would be available for 42 cents. If the First-Class rate rises at anytime; to any amount, the 42 cent forever stamp would still be honored on letters. Once the new price takes effect, forever stamps would then sell for the new rate. The forever stamp is part of a broader rate adjustment plan to cover operations costs.

The January 2006 rate increase was instituted to fund a \$3.1 billion escrow account required by a 2003 federal law. Public Law 108-18 transferred to the USPS, the obligation to make payments to the Treasury for the costs of civil service pensions related to military and other government services of postal employees.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Greater New York PCC**  
 Monthly Meeting:  
 June 21st  
 (No Summer Meetings)

National PCC Day 2006  
 September 20th

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**NY Metro/NE Region**  
**Periodicals Focus Group**  
 July 13th, October 12th  
 JAF Building, NYC

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**IFMA**

June 12th—Member Tour  
 July 24th—Golf Outing

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**Client Appreciation**

*Thank You to SourceMedia’s Althea Majors*

We are honored when a client takes the time to say “thanks” for the excellent service we work so hard to achieve. And, its our turn to say *thank you*, Althea Majors from SourceMedia, for your thoughtfulness in recognizing the efforts of our Local/Tri-State Operations.

*May 10, 2006*

*To: John Racioppo, COO*

*I just wanted you to know what a fantastic job your company is doing. You have a great team of messengers, dispatchers and mail delivery and pickup personnel. Your managers do a great job as well. Keep up the good work.*

*Althea Majors*  
*Facilities Manager, SourceMedia*

TIPS from Us to You



- ✓ Seeking a good website with Promotions and Interactive Tools? Visit [www.sdsexpress.com](http://www.sdsexpress.com) and find cost-saving ideas, Measurement and Currency Conversions, Related Links to DOE-Fuel Costs, International Holidays, Weather, Time Zones, Zip Codes and more. SDS-the transportation resource company.
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SDS Milestones

Happy Anniversary To:

Eddie Mayers	23 years
Michael Kiznick	8 years
Reggie Knight	8 years
Benny Reyes	8 years
Donald Brijmohan	5 years
Steven Clement	5 years
Curtis Lewis	5 years
Nick Racioppo	5 years
Michael Sun	4 years
William Arthur	3 years
Ray Ayala	3 years
Albert Girdner	3 years
James Mitchell	3 years
Daniele Garner	2 years
Marris Lezaja	2 years
Manuel Serrano	2 years
Ralph Perez	1 year
Ernest Saunders	1 year
Tyrone Scott	1 year
Michael Shaw	1 year
Michael Tisdall	1 year

Happy Birthday To:

Benjamin Reyes	06/01
Richard Brandford	06/07
Tony Gaeta	06/07
Christine Brooks	06/09
Latoya Brown	06/10
Albert Girdner	06/15
Jermaine Fulton	06/20
Senia Perez	06/25
Larry Lockett	06/27
Fritz Bazile	07/04
Michael Ortis	07/05
Nick Racioppo	07/22
Gerry Sarro	07/23
Bob Sheehan	07/26
Charles Capers	08/02
Matthew Wizeman	08/06
Elias Mc Neil	08/07
Albert Amador	08/08
Willie Cochran	08/10
Kenny Auyeung	08/12
Barbara Arrington	08/13
Carlos Perez	08/15
Kareem Broadus	08/23
Angelo Hamlet	08/31
Harold Hampton	08/31

**Happy Independence Day**  
SDS Will Be Closed Tuesday, July 4

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2006/2007 Postal Holidays

There will not be any mail pickups on the following holidays. Should you require **special** pickup on any of these days, please call Ray Mendoza at (718) 784-5586 x 3 and if possible, he will make the necessary arrangements.

Holiday	Day	Date
Independence Day	Tuesday	July 4, 2006
Labor Day	Monday	September 4, 2006
Columbus Day *	Monday	October 9, 2006
Veterans' Day *	Saturday	November 11, 2006
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 23, 2006
Christmas Day	Monday	December 25, 2006
New Year's Day	Monday	January 1, 2007
Martin Luther King's Day	Monday	January 15, 2007
President's Day	Monday	February 19, 2007
Memorial Day	Monday	May 28, 2007

\* SDS is open on these holidays