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MEMBERS & FRIENDS of
THE FREELANCE FORUM
MAY 2005

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10TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

See You at The Moulin Rouge!

There's no general membership meeting on May 5th, so don't show up at the Creative Circus. Instead, we'll be having our **"Party in Paris" 10th anniversary celebration on Thursday, May 12th**. It'll be a grand night, with plenty of food, drinks, live music, conversation and fun in Atlanta's most unique party room.

Reservations required

The party is free and open to Freelance Forum members who have made reservations for themselves and their invited guests (one adult guest per member).

If you haven't made a reservation

If you haven't replied to any of our invitations and you would like to attend, send an email to ronkissiah@yahoo.com to find out if there is still space available. Include the name of your guest if you want to bring one. You will receive a reply to let you know if there is space.

After we give the caterer a guaranteed head count on May 6, no additional reservations can be taken. Anyone who shows up at the event

"Party in Paris"

THURSDAY, MAY 12TH, 7 TO 11 PM

*Le Moulin Rouge
at Paris on Ponce*

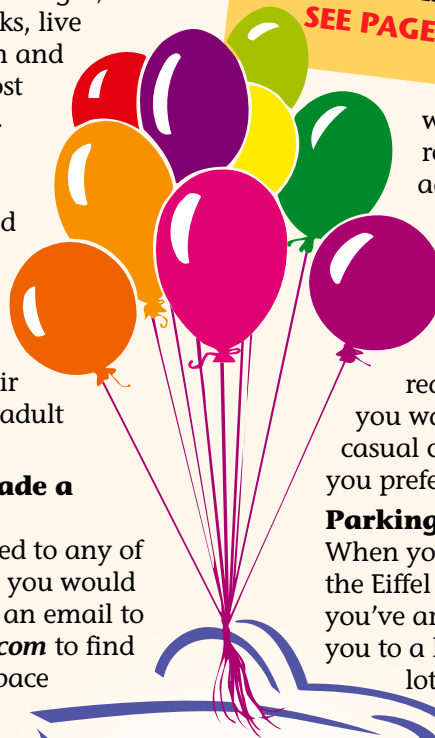
716 PONCE DE LEON PLACE, MIDTOWN

PRIVATE PARTY

FOR MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS ONLY

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

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without a reservation will NOT be admitted.

Attire

The funky party atmosphere at the Moulin Rouge is a trip back to Paris in the 1920s, so festive attire is encouraged but not required. Come dressed any way you want: party clothes, period outfits, casual chic or . . . just plain old jeans, if you prefer.

Parking

When you see the big orange building with the Eiffel Tower out front, you'll know you've arrived. A security person will direct you to a large parking area in back. If that lot fills up, you will need to park on one of the neighborhood streets off of Ponce de Leon Place. Do NOT park in the Ford Factory Square/Kroger lot across Ponce de Leon Avenue or your car will probably be towed.

Need more info?

Contact party co-chairs **Kathy Couch** (couchcom@mindspring.com) or **Linda McCulloch** (designthatworks@mindspring.com) for more information.

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No More Slippin' In the Back, Jack (or Jackie)

The Creative Circus, our regular meeting location, has asked that we use the Main Entrance of the school for security reasons.

Thanks for respecting the wishes of our generous host!

Membership Update

BY KAREN DENOVIK AND MICHELE RYAN,
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

The Membership Committee continues to find ways for you to increase the value of your membership.



New Member Lunches:

These events give new members the opportunity to connect with one another, as well as to ask questions regarding our organization or freelancing in general.

Please join us at **Bridgetown Grill** in Buckhead, on **May 26th, 11:30 AM to 1 PM**, at 3316 Piedmont Road, NE, Atlanta, 404-266-1500, www.bridgetowngrill.com. We send official invitations to members who have most recently joined, but if you're new and haven't had a chance to attend, contact **Michele Ryan** (michele59@bellsouth.net) and she'll put you on the RSVP list.

Welcome/Mentoring Program:

Our committee is implementing a "Welcome Wagon" of sorts. No, we won't bring a fruit basket to your doorstep, but someone from the Membership Committee will take the time to give each new member a call to officially welcome him or her to Freelance Forum.

Strictly Networking Events:

Even with the best intentions to arrive early to Freelance Forum meetings for informal networking, the combination of client deadlines and Atlanta traffic can often keep that from happening. Hence, we're giving you the opportunity to strictly network with your fellow freelancers.



Don't miss our next event at **Sangria's Mexican Café**, on **May 25th, 7 to 10 PM**, 4369 Hugh Howell Rd, Tucker, 770-270-1777, www.sangrias.com.

You'll receive an e-mail notice prior to the event. Mark your calendar to attend this casual get-together . . . drop by when you can and stay as long as you like.

How Do You Keep Your Computer Happy?

The April 7th Freelance Forum meeting was a great opportunity for all of us to learn some good maintenance practices, tips and tools for both Apple and PC computers. Presenters **Kevin Livingston** and **Les Capouya** spent the better part of an hour covering computer and network security, archiving and good back-up practices, and when it's time to buy a new computer (and what to look for).

The two speakers presented a wealth of information—one example was their caution about using internet cafés. The convenience of these cafés is tempting, but users should be careful. A previous user can set up a computer to log the next user's keystrokes, enabling them to harvest private credit card or password information once you leave.

Kevin and Les also encouraged us to make full use of our present computers before purchasing a new one. This is especially important for budget-minded freelancers! If you do decide it's time to buy, be sure that your new computer allows access to or "translates" all your old documents and software. You don't want to interrupt your workflow and possibly lengthen your response time to clients.

Kevin and Les can be reached at www.toshconsulting.com and www.sensiblenetworks.com respectively.

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Got an item or suggestion for the *Folio*? Have you won an award, landed a new account, had a baby? Contact one of our *Folio* editors—Janina Edwards at justwrite@mindspring.com or 404-288-5924, or David Knope at knope@mindspring.com or 770-390-0386. We want to hear from you.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



An organization is only as strong as the dynamics of the people who drive it. We have been fortunate at the Freelance Forum to be blessed with talented, visionary people for 10 years. As we celebrate our 10th anniversary, look for changes to our website, a new sourcebook and a fantastic party for members!

Many thanks to **Karin Koser**, who is stepping down as Programs Chairperson. Karin has done a great job continuing our tradition of compelling programs for freelance creatives. We appreciate her hard work at one of our more demanding volunteer positions. I'm happy to announce that **Irene Pierce** will be our new Programs Chair. Many thanks to Irene for taking the torch. Please feel free to share program ideas and contacts with her.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

— MAYA ANGELOU

Missy Barrett, our vice president and my good friend, shared this quote with me recently. I can't think of a better way to invite you to our magnificent 10th

Anniversary Party! Come party with us as we celebrate 10 years of professional development for Atlanta's creative freelancers. **Kathy Couch** and **Linda McCulloch**, along with Missy and committee members **Georgia Dzurica**, **Ron Kissiah**, **Helga Ojinmah**, and **Barbara Wilkes**, have put together a wonderful evening of great food and music in a Parisian atmosphere that you won't want to miss. Make sure you return your RSVP to attend, because space is limited. You won't want to wait another 10 years for an evening this special! Come get to know other members and catch up with old friends. And remember, our 10th anniversary party is our May meeting—on the special date of May 12th! Hope to see you there!

—Laura Heck

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Bonnie Griffin, graphic designer
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PARTY at PARIS ON PONCE • 716 Ponce De Leon Place

The map shows a grid of streets including Monroe Dr, Ponce de Leon Ave NE, North Ave NE, Boulevard, Freedom Parkway NE, Highland Ave NE, Moreland, and Briarcliff. A red arrow points to 716 Ponce de Leon Pl, marked with an Eiffel Tower icon. Other landmarks include Kroger & Ford Factory Square and Carter Center & Library. An inset map shows the area's location relative to major highways (I-75, I-285, I-85, I-20, I-75/85, I-400).