

## A letter from the President



One of EDC's greatest strengths is the diversity of our workforce, both in terms of professional expertise and personal background. We have staff members who were born and raised all over the world—from as far away as Asia and Africa, to right here in New York City.

EDC is a fascinating bunch of people on an individual level, as well. This newsletter features victorious athletes and newly minted citizens, among others who should all take pride in their achievements.

Your commitment to improving New York City's security, prosperity and quality of life is demonstrated by two of the articles in this issue of *EDConnection*. Property Management's "Graffiti-Free NYC" program is cleaning up neighborhoods throughout the city, making them better places to live and do business. And then there's the federal funding that the Transportation Department recently secured to improve port security—a vital national priority.

As the holidays draw near, the latest Web site digest in *EDConnection Online* offers you a way to find gifts for your loved ones through a number of sites to suit any taste and budget.

Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Andrew M. Alper, President



## Restaurant picks



### Mason Almeida, Energy

*Lin's Dumplings/Double Happiness*

**Lin's Dumplings**—a fail-safe plan for getting maximum taste and quality for a minimum price while you're anywhere near Chinatown. The key: finding it. From Canal, walk south on Mott until you come to Pell St. Take a left onto Pell (Vegetarian Paradise 3 is at the corner). Mid-block on Pell, Lin's is on the right side; it had some yellow banners last time I checked. What am I having? In

order: Steamed Vegetable Dumplings, Boiled Shrimp Dumplings, General Gao's Chicken (white meat only, extra crispy) with white rice. The dumplings here are the best; they were highly rated during the whole cheap-eats in Chinatown craze in the late 90's. After going for five years, I'm excited to report that they now deliver. Chinatown, being in such a central location, allows Lin's to deliver north to 14th St. and south to the Battery. So try ordering next time you visit a friend in TriBeCa, SoHo or the Village—or when your department is doing a Learning Lecture, perhaps.

So, you're stuffed and feeling sort of euphoric—all my friends agree that Lin's leaves you in this state—how about frosting the cake with a little **Double Happiness**, only a short walk away? This joint is another one of those if-you-can-find-its. Southwest corner of Mott and Broome (just think mop and broom), straight down an unmarked stairwell next to a Native American painted on the wall. Great music and a relaxing setting if you get there early (I need a couch, I cannot watch other people chilling on a sofa as I stand!). The best part is that this really nice place has a happy hour from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.—make sure you check first with the bartender, and you will find that they are willing to ignore the clock. That's where the name comes from—two-for-one drinks during the happy hour(s). Warning: this place might be too swanky/"trendy" (as another EDCer called it once) for some. If you still feel comfortable in college bars, this ain't your place.