

Ode to Jennifer Delaye

My task, at hand, is to introduce Jennifer Delaye
Jen is the catering mastermind who created JDK

Her start at City Island, quite lowly she proclaims,
Began the dynasty that in Harrisburg surely reigns.

With a sister (now an attorney) and brother in tow
She fried up millions of French fries, so much that she glowed.

A restaurant came next, where she slaved boocoo hours weekly
And retired from years later, as the financials were bleakey

AH-HA, she bemused, perhaps catering will be the ticket
As Martha Stewarts' rise to fame brought her out of the thicket

Playing off her City Island reputation,
Jen began with a belief in her product and complete customer
satisfaction

She listened and gave people even more than they needed
So that her old foes couldn't complete – and were weeded!

She did it all – and she loved what she did
The unlimited potential for her future was not hid

Jen drove her catering truck around for PR;
It also slid into the Susquehanna (but fortunately, not too far).

Live the vision, she proclaimed, not the fear in your bones
'Lest you never progress and remain quite alone

With now over 200 employees in the fold,
She's now freed her staff to use their talents, to be bold!

They buy all their linens, design flowers and more,
They decorate their rooms resplendent, never a bore.

You must be a problem-solver, she states to those listening.
Your customers will shine because your stars have glistened.

And we, you fair listeners, will learn from her ploys,
As she shares with us, both, her sorrows and her joys.

It is my pleasure, to introduce to you now
This woman who believes in four principles, to which she vows.

I won't tell you them now; it's her story to tell
And you'll enjoy every word – this good story bodes well

So, may I present, in her spritely, spirited package
The woman to whom only important things matter.

Ladies and Gents,....
the superlative innovator,
flawless executor,
provider of unparalleled customer service,
and,
steward of talented, dedicated and resourceful employees,
the effervescent Jennifer Delaye