

**2009 MASSEY KNAKAL HOLIDAY PARTY  
(AND YOUR HOLIDAY TRADITIONS!)**

*"Undoubtedly the food; the traditional Italian feast on Christmas Eve followed by brunch on Christmas day made from recipes passed on for years from both sides of my family."*

**- Jon Hageman**



*"Ten years ago I brought home a ridiculously large Christmas tree... naturally Gretchen shot me down and instead of getting rid of it, I lit it up on our outside porch so we could look at it from inside. It looked so great (especially when snow covered it) that we now do that every year."*

**- Paul Massey**



*"I wear a red vest every year on Christmas day."*

**- Andrew Liebhafsky**

*"Hot chocolate on Christmas morning!"*

**- Bob Knakal**



*"My immediate family still gives 'coal' to the family member who deserves it."*

**- Tom Donovan**

*"My wife, Jennifer, and I take a random weekday off during December and walk down Fifth Avenue to see the tree and do some shopping. We end up at a midtown restaurant for an early dinner and martinis."*

**- Brian Hanson**

## MORE HOLIDAY TRADITIONS...

*"My mother let us open one present on Christmas Eve and it was always new pajamas. I realized later in life that it was probably to insure we all looked presentable in the Christmas morning photos! And yes, she still does this!"*

- **Chaundra Hugel**

*"Opening my presents... duh!"*

- **Chris Germaine**

*"Last year we started the Doherty Family Woodchopping Contest, in which all the men on my dad's side of the family compete by chopping as much wood as they can in a minute."*

- **Dan Doherty**

*"My favorite tradition is eating all kinds of fish dishes at my grandmother's house on Christmas Eve."*

- **Vic Sozio**

*"My family and I watch 'National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation' in the living room with a fire going in the fireplace and lots of junk food every Christmas Eve. (I also like mistletoes...what a great idea.)"*

- **Craig Waggner**

*"Eating Chinese food and seeing a movie on Christmas."*

- **Joe Sitt**

*"My mom would read 'How The Grinch Stole Christmas' to us every Christmas Eve, now I recite it to her... 'Every Who down in Whoville liked Christmas a lot...'"*

- **Shannon Krause**



## MASSEY KNAKAL THANKSGIVING "POT LUCK"



## SPOTLIGHT on

### LEV KIMYAGAROV

*First Vice President of Sales,  
Queens Office*

**Besides working at MK, you own a barber shop and a jewelry store. How did you get involved in such diverse businesses?**

I learned how to cut hair while I was in high school at my uncle's shop. I opened my first shop when I was 22 while I was in college. As for the jewelry store, my brother is in the business so we had a store together.

**Are there any similarities between the three businesses?**

Client service is essential for all three businesses.

**What's your favorite aspect of each business? Least favorite?**

My favorite aspect for each business is dealing with people. Least favorite is working on the weekends.

**I hear you have some pretty interesting clients at your barber shop – care to drop any names?**

My shop is located in the vicinity of Hofstra University so we had many players from the Jets come in. Some others... Chris Russo (from Trump's Apprentice), Chesty (Hells Angels).

**During your free time you play soccer and are a Judo expert. Tell us about Judo.**

The best thing about Judo is that you can't blame anyone for your mistakes but yourself.

**What advice do you give your four children on how to succeed in life?**

The advice I give them is to give 100% effort in everything they do.



**What was it like having one of your children as your intern?**

I liked the fact that they wanted to help me build my business. They want me to succeed.

**I'm told your favorite saying is "Are you feeling strong?" – Please elaborate.**

This quote is from Goodfellas by Billy Butts (Bar Scene). I like the movie.

**Tommy Lin seems to be upset with you regarding your feelings about Evander Holyfield.... Care to explain?**

I liked Mike Tyson too much.

**Can you share an interesting story or fact about where you were born?**

I was born in Tashkent, Uzbekistan a former Soviet Union republic. The city is a capital and home to 3 million people.

**I hear you are a fan of Borat. Can you critique Sasha Baron Cohen's latest movie Brüno?**

Ask Swain he likes him more than I do.

**What do you love about NYC? What do you dislike?**

I love the fact that within 15 minutes you could be anywhere in the world. I dislike rush-hour traffic.