

# MSC Promotes “WOMEN PO



*Above top: Carlotta Haber, bottom: Donna Rolfes.*

*Above, left to right: Sharon Savage, Veronica Simoncelli, Susanne Siebler.*

The Mediterranean Shipping Company's Baltimore office is a large “open space” design where 26 people work side-by-side to keep ships and cargo moving smoothly around the world. A pleasant atmosphere permeates the office, and camaraderie extends across department lines/boundaries. The phone rings so incessantly, it's hard to imagine receptionist Angelina Feibel-Kummer having a free moment. But she says that she likes to help the documentation department with their filing whenever she can.

“It's like a big family, everybody pitches,” says Inez Agran, accounting department manager, from her post next to Captain Lorenzo Di Casagrande's office. According to Agran everyone at MSC is treated fairly, and in the generally male-dominated world of shipping, women are given plenty of room for advancement.

Carlotta Haber, a veteran of many facets of shipping, works in the import division at MSC along with Susanne Siebler. Veronica Simoncelli heads the department. In late March Haber will be a panelist at the annual event honoring Women at the Port. She says that the Port's close-knit community and groups like the Traffic Club support women in many ways.

Her department provides customer service for cargo importers. In this era of heightened scrutiny of containers, this department must be even more diligent in keeping customers informed and assist them in getting their cargo delivered in a timely fashion.

MSC's Sharon Savage, charged with cargo coming from overseas that is booked to “go to the door,” arranges intermodal transport for everything from household items to amusement park rides.

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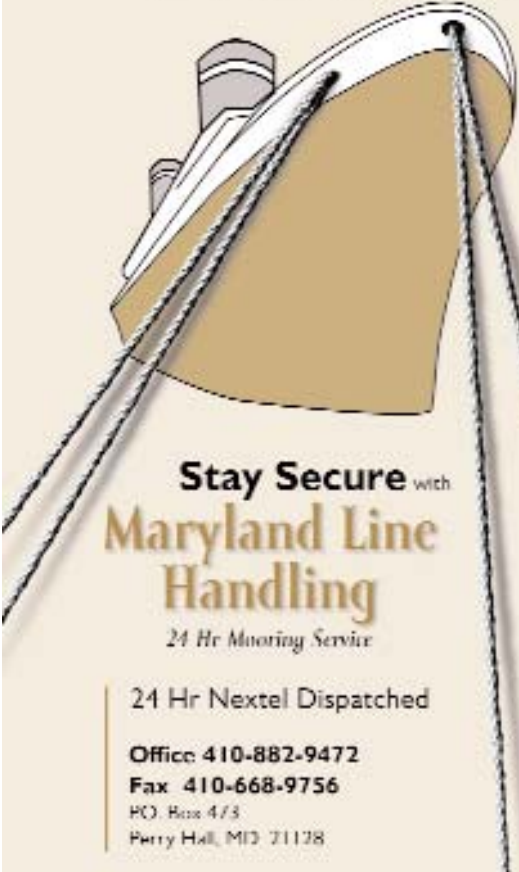
*Clockwise, from top left: Inez Agran, Angelina Feibel-Kummer, Jessica Grahe and Jennifer Milligan.*

Hazardous shipments are in the capable hands of Donna Rolfes. The 33-year-old has seen the ranks of women grow steadily at MSC in her five-year tenure. “I call it ‘Women Power’ at MSC,” laughs Rolfes.

Jennifer Milligan, who started at MSC as a receptionist, heads the documentation department. Her six-person staff handles manifest bills of lading for every container that goes through Baltimore, and the stacks can grow very large. Jessica Grahe also started as a receptionist and is now working with Milligan in export documentation. She is fascinated by the opportunities for learning at MSC. “I didn’t even know where Lexios was when I came to work here,” she says. [It’s in Portugal.]

Like many of the women at MSC Grahe has found a supportive environment for professional growth in a field that she finds challenging. Women power at MSC has plenty to celebrate March 8, International Women’s Day. ♪


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