

# John Joseph Zaccari

## CEO

### A2Z Hospitality Management Company

## 'Big heart but very serious personality'

**W**hen you're in the hospitality business, it's all about giving people what they want and enjoy. And when John Zaccari says it's also a profession where hard work and networking are the best ways to reach the top, he speaks from the experience of success.

**Describe yourself in one sentence:**

Always striving for more, never satisfied.

**Describe your business in one sentence:**

Very demanding and working under always changing conditions.

**What motivates you?**

Being small but delivering big.

**How do you come up with new ideas?**

Listening to the customer and employees.

**What has been your best idea so far?**

Putting T'T's Tiki Bar on Charlotte Harbor.

**How would others describe you as a businessperson?**

Big heart but very serious personality.

**What advice would you give a young executive trying to break into business?**

This is one of the few businesses where your personality and hard work can take you further than years spent on degrees.

**What current issue affecting your business is most important to you?**

Well groomed, hard working employees.

**What charitable organization is most important to you?**

Make A Wish Foundation.

**Who is your most influential role model and why?**

My father. "Being liked was not a priority but raising seven sons to respect others was." My father was tough, but to this day his values put all of us in a much better place.

**Who is your favorite leader of all time (if different from above):**

Ronald Reagan, well liked by many feared by all.

**WHO AM I?**

**Name:** John Joseph Zaccari

**Title:** CEO

**Business or Company:** A2Z Hospitality Management Company

**Years working in Charlotte/Sarasota counties:** 24

**Family:** Wife Sandy, sons Mickey and Michael, daughters Natalia and Gabriella

**Education:** Hotel Management, Pittsburgh

**Hometown:** Narrowsburg, New York

**What would be your favorite childhood memory?**

I loved the winter blizzards, no phones or electricity for weeks.

**What was your first job?**

Villa Roma Country Club, Callicoon, N.Y. "Desk Clerk."

**If you could chat with anyone in history for 20 minutes, with whom would it be?**

Jesus Christ.

**What do you enjoy doing most with your family or friends?**

Taking yearly cruises.

**Tell us something few people know about you:**

I love Big Band Music and old TV shows like "The Waltons."

**Hobbies:**

Boating, Hunting, Skiing, Diving, Hiking.

**Name your favorite:**

- Book: "Student Body Mafia"
- Concert/Live perfor-

mance: Julio Iglesias

- Movie: "Band of Brothers"
- TV Shows: Reruns of "King Of Queens," "Everybody Loves Raymond," "Seinfeld"

■ Music: Easy Listening

■ Local restaurant: Stonewood, Dockside Grill, Jack Dusty's

**Most important lesson you've learned in life:**

You maybe can fool others but you'll never fool yourself. ■



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