

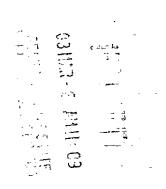
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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

February 14th, 2003

Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: THE SPECIALTEA SHOPPE, CO.

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for \$70.00 (Filing Fee: \$35.00 for articles of incorporation filing and \$35.00 for designation of registered agent).

Please forward the <u>filed</u> articles of incorporation directly to our Attorney's attention: Seth T. Weinstein, Esq. of Sokoloff & Weinstein, P.A., Attorneys at Law, 11440 Okeechobee Blvd., Suite 104, Royal Palm Beach, Florida, 33411. A self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

FROM: KAAREN VAN PUTTEN VINK, CO-DIRECTOR
THE SPECIALTEA SHOPPE, CO.
127 Seminole Lakes Drive
Royal Palm Beach, Florida 33411

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

# The Specialtea Shoppe, Co.

We, the undersigned incorporators, hereby make, subscribe, acknowledge and file with the Secretary of the State of Florida these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida as a For Profit Corporation, under Florida Statute Chapter 607.

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be:

The Specialtea Shoppe, Co.

#### ARTICLE II

The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation under Florida Statute Chapter 607 as a for-profit corporation with the specific purpose of operating a café-type eatery establishment for serving hot beverages (coffees, teas,

etc.), pastries, desserts, as well as for the sale of gifts (new and old) and antiques, as well as providing consignment services.

Additionally, the corporation reserves the right:

To manufacture, purchase or otherwise acquire, and to own, mortgage, pledge, sell assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of, and to invest in, trade in, deal in and with goods, wares, merchandise, real and personal property and services of every class, kind and description; except that it is not to conduct a banking, safe deposit, trust, insurance, surety, express, railroad, canal, telephone, telegraph or cemetery company, a building and loan association, fraternal benefit society, state fair or exposition.

To conduct business in, have one or more offices in, and buy, hold, mortgage, sell, convey, lease or otherwise dispose of real and personal property, including franchise, patents, copyrights, trademarks, licenses in the State of Florida and in all other states and countries.

To contract debts and borrow money, issue and seal or pledge bonds, debentures, notes and other evidence of indebtedness, and execute such mortgages, transfers of corporate property or other instruments to secure the payment of corporate indebtedness as required.

To purchase the corporate assets of any other corporation

and engage in the same other character of business.

To endorse, purchase, hold, sell, transfer, mortgage,

pledge or otherwise acquire or dispose of the shares of the

capital stock of, or any bonds, securities or other

evidences of indebtedness created by any other corporation

of the State of Florida or any other state or government,

and while owner of such stock to exercise all the rights,

powers and privileges of ownership, including the right to

vote such stock.

To become guarantor or surety or any other person, firm, or

corporation for any purpose or transaction whatsoever.

To make gifts of its property or cash, either to charitable

organizations or otherwise, when deemed in the interest of

the corporation.

To enjoy all of the powers now or hereafter conferred upon

corporations by the statutes and laws of the State of

Florida.

The foregoing shall be construed as both object and powers.

The enumeration of specific powers and purposes is not intended

to restrict or limit in any way the powers or purposes of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE III

This corporation shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved by law.

#### ARTICLE IV

The corporation shall be capitalized as follows: The total number of shares of common capital stock authorized shall be one hundred (100) shares of common stock having an initial par value of \$100.00 per share.

All or any part of said capital stock may be paid for in cash, in property (excepting stock and securities in labor or services or any combination thereof) at a fair valuation to be fixed by the incorporators at a meeting called for such purpose. All stock when issued and fully paid shall be non-assessable. These shares shall be designated "common shares".

The Board of Directors is authorized to issue "Section 1244 Stock" as defined in Section 1244 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Any shareholder and any representative of a deceased or incompetent shareholder of The Specialtea\_Shoppe, Co. may sell or transfer her shares in such corporation.

Initially, the 100 shares of said common stock will be issued as follows:

50 shares to Co-Director, KAAREN VAN PUTTEN VINK and the remaining 50 shares to Co-Director, JOAN MARIE KOHLER.

Additionally, the Board of Directors may authorize more stock to be issued and/or kept by the corporation for future expansion as empowered by these Articles and by Florida Law.

#### ARTICLE V

This corporation shall have two Co-Directors, initially. The number of Directors may be increased from time to time by By-Laws adopted by the stockholders, but shall never be less than one (1). The names and addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors are:

KAAREN VAN PUTTENVINK, CO-DIRECTOR

The Specialtea Shoppe, Co.

127 Seminole Lakes Drive

Royal Palm Beach, Florida 33411

AND

JOAN MARIE KOHLER, CO-DIRECTOR

The Specialtea Shoppe, Co.

131 Seminole Lakes Drive

Royal Palm Beach, Florida 33411

The corporation shall indemnify any and all persons who may serve or who have served at any time as Director or Officer, or who at the request of the Board of Directors of the corporation may serve or at any time have served as Director or Officer of another corporation in which the corporation at such time owned or may own shares of stock or of which it was or may be a creditor. and their administrators, respective heirs. successors, and assigns, against any and all expenses, including amounts paid upon judgments, fines, counsel fees, and amounts paid in settlement (before or after suit is commenced), actually and necessarily incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of any claim, action, suit, or proceeding in which they, or any of them, are made parties, or a party, or which may be asserted against them or any of them, by reason of being or having been Director or Officer or a Director or Officer of the corporation, or of such other corporation, except in relation to matters as to which any such Director or Officer or former Director or Officer or person shall be adjudged in any action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for gross negligence or intentional misconduct in the performance of his/her duty. Such indemnification shall be in addition to any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any law, By-Laws, agreement, vote of stockholders, or otherwise.

#### ARTICLE VI

The names and addresses of the persons signing these Articles of Incorporation as incorporators are:

KAAREN VAN PUTTEN VINK, INCORPORATOR

The Specialtea Shoppe, Co.

127 Seminole Lakes Drive

Royal Palm Beach, Florida 33411

AND

JOAN MARIE KOHLER, INCORPORATOR

The Specialtea Shoppe, Co.

131 Seminole Lakes Drive

Royal Palm Beach, Florida 33411

#### ARTICLE VII

Every shareholder, upon the sale for cash of any new stock of this corporation of the same kind, class or series as that which he already holds, shall have the right to purchase his pro-rata share thereof (as nearly as may be done without issuance of fractional shares at the price at which it is offered to others).

#### ARTICLE VIII

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be in the Village of Royal Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida.

The street address of the initial registered and principal office of this corporation in the state of Florida is:

127 Seminole Lakes Drive
ROYAL PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 33411

The name of the registered agent of this corporation at that address is:

SETH T. WEINSTEIN, ESQ.

SOKOLOFF & WEINSTEIN, P.A.

11440 OKEECHOBEE BOULEVARD

SUITE 104

ROYAL PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 33411

### ARTICLE IX

Although not required to be enumerated by these Articles of Incorporation, both Co-Directors, KAAREN VAN PUTTEN VINK and JOAN MARIE KOHLER, shall also initially occupy the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, jointly.

#### ARTICLE X

From time to time any of the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation may be amended, altered or repealed, and other provisions authorized by the laws of the State of Florida at the time in force may be added or inserted in the manner and at the time prescribed by said laws, and all rights at any time conferred upon the shareholders of the corporation by these Articles of Incorporation are granted subject to the provisions of this Article IX.

#### ARTICLE XI

The power to adopt amend, alter, change or repeal any provision herein in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law, and all rights conferred on stockholders herein shall be vested in the shareholders subject to this reservation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporators have
executed these Articles of Incorporation, this day of
Harren Van Putten Wirk, Incorporator My Harre Holler
JOAN MARIE KOHLER, Incorporator
STATE OF FLORIDA : COUNTY OF PALM BEACH :
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, a Notary
Public, duly authorized in the State and County named above to
take acknowledgements, personally appeared KAAREN VAN PUTTEN
VINK and JOAN MARIE KOHLER, to me well known to be the persons
described as the incorporators, who provided
FLDL as identification, and who
executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and they
acknowledged before me that they subscribed to those Articles of
Incorporation.
WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State
named above this day of Market Public, STATE OF FLORIDA  Notary Public, STATE OF FLORIDA  Name typed or printed  Commission No.:  Commission Expires:

## CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THE STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, and the provisions of Florida Statute Section 607.0501, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

That The Specialtea Shoppe, Co., a corporation desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at the City of Royal Palm Beach, County of Palm Beach, State of Florida, has named Seth T. Weinstein, Esq., of Sokoloff & Weinstein, P.A. whose address is 11440 Okeechobee Blvd., Suite 104, City of Royal Palm Beach, County of Palm Beach, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

SETH T. WEINSTEIN, ESQUIRE Sokoloff & Weinstein, P.A.

Registered Agent

For: The Specialtea Shoppe, Co.