



COLONY NEWS

A Weekly Newsletter for Members and Staff of Meredith Bay Colony Club

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'SMILE MAKER' DEDICATION!



Last week MBCC Members John and Christine Dole officially presented MBCC CEO Jim Murray with a 6-Seat Golf Cart that has informally been designated the **'Smile Maker'** because everyone who has taken a ride leaves with a big smile. If you look really closely in the photo you will even see that John is smiling! The **'Smile Maker'** has already been used by Members of The

INN and The GARDENS for trips around the grounds, down the street towards the Lake and on motorcycle weekend it gave MBCC Members a front row seat to the parade of motorcycles traveling through the Round-a-Bout! As a not-for-profit Meredith Bay Colony Club is especially appreciative of donations such as this that allow us to better serve our Members without increasing the cost. Special Thanks are due to John and Christine – not just for their donation -- but for all the Smiles their donation has already made possible!

KURT'S CORNER.....



The Summer Season is not the 'slow' season around here. Kurt has a number of special culinary events planned so be sure to pay attention to newsletters and postings to keep track of new and exciting offerings. New this year we are offering '*Dinner and a Show*' and '*Dinner and a Concert*' packages that are specially priced and include transportation to The Barnstormer's Theatre in Tamworth and to the New Hampshire Music Festival in Gilford! Kurt will have special menus on those nights that will guarantee that he can get you to the show on time!

STAFF CHILDREN'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL SATURDAY!

Saturday July 9th from 2 to 4p in The Bistro, John and Christine Dole will once again welcome the Children (and grandchildren!) of Staff to a Summer Ice Cream Social! Special Thanks to Christine and John! What can be better than a little ice cream on a hot summer day!

CLAMBAKE ON SATURDAY JULY 23RD AT 6P

Seating is Limited and Reservations are required by Tuesday the 19th. A complimentary glass of Summer Beer is provided with every dinner! You get your choice of Lobster or Steak and for those who can't decide --- You can have Surf and Turf.

LEND ME A TENOR



Hysterically Funny "Lend Me a Tenor" Lands at The Barnstormers

The comedic pace revs up at **The Barnstormers July 12-16**, with Ken Ludwig's comedy "Lend Me a Tenor."

What's a theatre manager to do when it appears his leading man is down for the count? "Lend Me a Tenor" is a hilarious farce about a drunken opera star, a desperate general manager, mistaken identities, double entendres, and more plot twists than you can shake a libretto at. *USA Today* lauded it as "Uproarious! Hysterical!" and *CBS Radio* "Screamingly funny!"

"This play revs up to 80 mph early on and doesn't stop until the curtain comes down," said Barnstormers Artistic Director Bob Shea. "This fast pace requires precision timing for the actors and stage crew, and the intricately woven farce provides nonstop laughs – a perfect summer production."

"Lend Me a Tenor originated in NH where it was work shopped and launched at The American Stage Festival in Milford," said Shea. "I worked with (author) Ken on that early production, and then it took off when Andrew Lloyd Weber brought it to London's West End."

Barnstormers favorite Scott Severance returns for his fourth season as the renowned tenor Tito Merelli. Scott has over 300 productions to his credit as actor or producer. Celebrating his 31st season with The Barnstormers, Bob Bates is the frantic manager who personifies "the show must go on!"

Meredith Bay Colony Club
5:30 pm - DINNER AT THE CLUB
6:45 pm - DEPART FOR THE BARNSTORMERS
7:30 PM - ORCHESTRA SEAT & SHOWTIME
\$39 for the Complete Dinner & theatre Package

FOR THE BIRDS.....



I have been told that there is a bird's nest located at the top of our neighboring cell phone tower – and while I can only barely make out some of the nesting material – we have a number of Members who have been watching the Sharp-Shinned Hawks that are nesting there. Last weekend a Member's

family member who happens to be a Cornell ornithologist were able to watch as the fledgling chicks were nudged out of the nest to take their first flight.

Outside the Pool we have a Wren Box that is now host to three baby Wrens who should also be taking to flight soon. It is interesting to note that they appeared within just 24 hours of the box being put in. A second batch might just be forthcoming this season. Nature in our own Front and Side yard!

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE MUSIC FESTIVAL HAS MADE US AN OFFER THAT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY NO TO!

On Friday Nights how would you like to have a special dinner, transportation and premium tickets to the Concert in Gilford – all for the just the cost of the ticket! I've just got off the phone with the Music Festival and it all sounds like a wonderful arrangement! I think for this next Friday might be too soon for us to act on because we need to know by Wednesday a definite count. If this is something you are interested in --- please let Naella know. Tickets including Dinner, Transportation and Premium Seating are the same \$50 that the ticket alone would cost.

ANOTHER GREAT EVENING OF 'ALFRESCO' DINING ON THE TERRACE!



Where else can you enjoy Fine Dining outside with a great view of the Mountains (and perhaps a glimpse of the Lake)! When the weather is great the best seat in the house is actually outside!

Our Dining --- Thanks to Kurt and his Staff – is wonderfully remarkable and while others might try to imitate it – they don't come close to offering the quality, variety, setting and value that we do.

We encourage you to continue to invite guests to join you for Dinner – not only is it a great way to help us get the 'word' out – but it also helps Kurt's budget.

All we need is great weather!

MOVIE NIGHT TAKES A SUMMER SABBATICAL.....

But do not fear because come September Movie Night will reappear!
Special Thanks are due to Jean Stephens who is the woman who originated, organizes, publicizes and most importantly has the courage to select the movies!
Thank You Jean!

CLOSING NOTES.....

JOHN, CHRIS & JIM ---- You will find their photo on both the front page and on page 3 of Saturday's Citizen as part of our notice of John & Christine Dole donation of the golf cart to MBCC.

THANK YOU ALL ---- For reasons I cannot explain this has been a banner week for both scheduled and unscheduled tours! And while that is wonderful it can also get confusing. I want to thank all the many Members who so easily and willingly engage our visitors. They always love talking to people who they know have walked the same path. When things would get so busy that both Naella and I were already leading tours – some of you wonderfully took it upon yourself to lead your own tours! Thank you – Your help is very much appreciated!

GEORGE CLEVELAND ON THE RADIO! George is a descendent of President Grover Cleveland (who was our 22nd and 24th President). I understand that Max voted for him. George will be on our radio show on Wednesday to talk about the Barnstormers 81st Theatrical Season!

SORRY TO BE LATE..... I like to get this newsletter out on Fridays – but sometimes there just are not enough hours in the day. Summer is no longer the quiet time – it is the busy time including around MBCC! Concerts, Theatre, Dining Events and soon some local trips as well. As soon as things quiet down just a little bit I want to add to these pages the mini-bios of our new Members (along with photos) to help make it a little easier to get to know them – and then to use that as a way of updating our Member Directory.

Have a Great Weekend!

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