



# COLONY NEWS

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

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## **NANCY THOMASON IS OUR BARNSTORMER'S THEATRE WINNER!**



Deborah Crosby on the right. Great Job Nancy!

The challenge was to take the titles of this summer's eight Barnstormer's Shows and somehow weave them into a vignette using all 30 words. No small task! Our Winner is CLUB Member Nancy Thomason (left) who is presented her prize of Two Tickets by The Barnstormer's Director of Marketing Communications

Here is Nancy's Vignette:

*"I'd been dumped by better beaus so in anger I shouted, "You're a good Man Charlie Brown, "but a Bedroom Farce. Either take me to the Bus Stop and I'll walk The 39 Steps for A Life in the Theater where They'll Lend me a Tenor ( and I'll find Gold in the Hills of Hollywood) or I'll create Murder on the Nile and blame it on you! Charlie was fascinated with any ferocity and asked me to marry him. That was in 1950 The End-so far!"*

## MARKETING TRIVIA

Did you know that we have 15 Members who have joined us from 9 other Retirement Living Centers? While the majority of new Members do join us from their own home – a significant number have transferred to us from other organizations. There is no single reason --- for some it is geographical (they prefer our location), for others it is financial (we are a better value), for some it is our unique mesh of having Independent and Assisted Living under the same roof, others have come to us because of our values, our flexibility and our commitment to Members. Whatever the reason --- We are glad that they have chosen us!

## PIE AND ENTERTAINMENT SOCIAL.....



Dianne mugs for the camera as she serves Yvette a piece of pie at Tuesday's Pie and Musical Social. Part of what makes MBCC so special is this wonderfully unusual relationship that The CLUB has with The INN and The GARDENS. While we are not at all trying to combine programs we do know that there are opportunities where some shared effort makes good sense. This could be as simple as

CLUB Members helping out as Volunteers as they did last week at the Pool Party. Already we have CLUB Volunteers who lead morning programs and others who conduct church visitations and administer sacraments.

## **A TOUR OF THE WINNI PLAYHOUSE CAMPUS!**



**NEXT TUESDAY AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>  
AT 1:30**

This is a free and easy opportunity to see all the wonderful things that are happening just down the hill from us.

You will be amazed at what they have done with the former AnnaLee grounds. There is a little walking involved so wear 'practical' shoes! Please sign up with Naella at the front desk!

## **PIANO LESSONS NOW AVAILABLE!!!!**

Have you always wanted to express that musical side of your personality but never had the time or the courage to try? This could be your chance. Diane has found a gentleman from the Boston Conservatory who as part of the Landmark Education organization makes available ongoing lessons at no charge. This could be your chance for a risk free way to show off your creativity! Please let Naella know if you are interested.

## **NEXT FRIDAY AT THE GRAND COURTYARD: THE TOM LEMIEUX KIDS JAZZ BAND PERFORMS AT THE GAZEBO!**

There is no charge, all are welcome and dessert is included! You can't beat a deal like that with a stick! Friday August 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30p. To help with planning making an RSVP to Naella is appreciated (but not required).

## DINNER AND A SHOW!



**THURSDAY EVENING AUGUST 25TH**

**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**

**'THE 39 STEPS' by Patrick Barlow**

Please be sure to make your Reservations with Naella as soon as you can!

## YOUR HELP IS STILL NEEDED!

We are in the midst of redoing our advertising and we need your help to make it successful. We would like to use photographs of Members, Family Members and Staff along with any *'testimonials'* that you might care to share. A *'testimonial'* is nothing more than an you giving an example of the many wonderful things that we all hear (and say) everyday. Plans are still in the formative stage but right now center on our hosting a little wine and cheese 'gathering' late some afternoon where all those willing to contribute can take part. We will have a professional photographer on hand to be sure to capture you looking your best! As a Thank You to all who help us in the endeavor we will be providing free Dining Gift Certificates to all who participate. We want this to be FUN! All you need to bring is your enthusiasm and your smile! I know that some of you are a little shy – but I promise this will be all fun and no pressure! Let Naella know if you are interested!

## HOW ABOUT A RIDE ON THE SOPHIE C?

How would you like to go on a 2 hour Cruise on the oldest floating Post Office in the United States? The cost is \$24 --- but I'm sure that some of you qualify for a Senior Senior Discount! Date and Time are to be decided – but please let Naella know if you are interested! The Early Response has been very favorable and we have more than enough interest to move forward. The next big question: Do we want to go in the Warmth of Summer or with the Beauty of Fall? The Sophie C only runs until September 10<sup>th</sup> --- after that only the Big Boat runs through Fall foliage.

## A PICNIC AT HESKY PARK.....

Today was the perfect day for Dianne to pick for a Bay Side Picnic! Dianne knows how to celebrate what many of us take for granted -- A beautiful day and lunch with friends in a beautiful setting is very special – even if it is right down the street!



Everyone was thrilled with the sandwiches that Kurt and his Crew made for the event. Our Activity Program is wonderfully special in that we are small



enough and flexible enough to have this type of small group gathering. Thank You Dianne!

## **KURT'S CORNER.....**

### **NEW BISTRO MENU COMING IN SEPTEMBER!**

Kurt will be offering both our Old Favorites plus some new items that are sure to become our New Favorites!



### **“DWINDLING DOWN PARTY”**

*“.....Oh, the days dwindle down to a precious few.”*

September 9<sup>th</sup> in the Fireside Tavern at 4p

**BYOB with Kurt serving as our Master Mixer!**

The cost is \$14 for food and entertainment – and I am told that Kurt plans to have a wonderful assortment of hors d'oeuvres and appetizers for you to choose from.

**Dinner will not be served in the Terrace Dining Room – although special arrangements can be made.**

Reservations are Requested and can be made by calling Carolyn at 279-1583

### **A STORY TO GO WITH AN AFTERNOON DESSERT.....**

Something is coming our way on Thursday Afternoon September 29<sup>th</sup> at 2p....Save the Date. More information to follow.....

## CLOSING NOTES.....

**Emergency Contact Information:** Some of you have been here over 2 years and during that time things have probably changed a bit --- family members have added cell phones, maybe they've moved and maybe they have a new phone number. The more emergency contact information we have – the better for you and the better for us. When you get a chance please check in with Naella to see what we have on file and confirm whether it is both complete and accurate! Thanks for your help with this!

Member Update: Carolyn had a fall this morning and has gone to Mary Hitchcock just to be extra prudent. Let's just say that everyone is very optimistic.

Have a Great Weekend!

*Howie*

As seen in The BISTRO and The INN Dining Room.....



