

**CELEBRATING
THE
MOMENTS!**



COLONY NEWS

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

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AN MBCC HALLOWEEN 2012!









AN OUTSIDE FLAG POLE UPDATE!



THANK YOU ALL!

The Flag Pole has been ordered and we are well on track for a December 7th Dedication Ceremony where we will raise an American Flag that has flown over the USS Arizona Memorial!

Mike and Joe have already started digging the hole but not surprisingly have discovered ledge at just two feet down ---- I have a message in to the fabricator checking to see what options we have. We think that by some combination of broadening the base and by possible pinning the footing to the ledge that we might be OK.....

Donations continue to come in and your generosity is very much appreciated. Additional donations are continuing to be accepted and will be applied towards landscaping and lighting.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK.....

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does"

- William James

KURT'S KORNER.....



Blue Plate Specials are now being offered nightly --- Ask your Server for details!

Make reservations early for our Thanksgiving Buffet at 1pm on November 22nd. Please be sure to check the Flyer found later in the Newsletter! Reservations are filling up fast --- Don't be left out!

Mark the Date Saturday November 10 for a special Saturday Breakfast Buffet in memory of John Dole from 900am until 1200pm the Bistro will be closed except for the buffet

Please help support the Sap House Meadery a local business by purchasing some of their Mead. Order forms were put in your cubby holes last week

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

November 26 th	Marjorie Maher
November 30 th	Vince Durnan
November 30 th	Ann Thomsen

DON'T FORGET THE ANNIVERSARIES!

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**At the
Meredith Bay
Colony Club
November 22, 2012**

Includes

**Root Vegetable Bisque
Fall Harvest Salad
Roasted All Natural Turkey
Stuffing
Yukon Gold Mashed Potato
Green Bean Casserole
Butternut Squash
Peas and Pearl Onions
Cranberry Sauce
Dinner Rolls
Pumpkin or Apple Pie**

All For \$24

**Served Buffet Style at 1:00pm
Limited Seating
Reservations Required-Book Early**

**The Bistro will be closed on
Thanksgiving Day.
The Terrace Dining Room Will Be Closed
Thanksgiving Evening.**



A MARKETING MOMENT.....

Lately everyone has been asking me what is going on with other area retirement communities --- what with full page newspaper ads noting that prices have been reduced and that special deals will continue until Thanksgiving. It all strikes me equally unusual. I've never seen that approach taken by another retirement community.

What I can tell you is the approach that we have always taken here at MBCC ---- it begins with the affirmation of a simple but very important value: Taking great care of your existing Member is not only the Right thing to do – it is the best thing to do for business as well. While financial terms of newer Members will be different from longer term Members --- you can always be sure that whoever has been here the longest has the best possible terms. I can't quite imagine how a retirement community can offer better terms to new people than they offer to those who have been supporting them for years?

I get a little nervous when financial terms start to get confusing. When there get to be so many options that you can't remember them all – then something is matter. I love being able to tell people taking the tour for the first time that the finances could not be more straightforward: You always get 100% of your Membership back. The larger the apartment the greater the Membership Fee and the higher the monthly fee. That's it --- that's all it takes to explain our finances. We have a one page rate sheet that shows all the costs for all our apartments.

If your friends are looking at retirement communities --- Please be sure to encourage them to never settle for less than what they deserve. Ask them to give us a call at 279-1500 for more information.

Board

Game Time!!

Guest Welcome

In the Bistro!

Bring →
Play → YOUR FAVORITE GAMES
Teach →

Monday November 5 from 3:00pm to 5:30pm
Can be Continued After Dinner

PARCHESI ! "WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE YOU?"

CHECKERS !

Syzyqy !

Chess !

Blokus !

SCATAGORIES !

MONOPOLY !

SEQUNCE !

SCRABBLE !

AND ANY OTHERS OF YOUR CHOICE!!!

JOKE OF THE WEEK.....

One Halloween a man was walking down the street and heard a thumping noise behind him. Looking behind him he saw a coffin following him, upright. He was a bit nervous and began walking a little bit faster. The coffin continued, "thumpety thump, thumpety thump". He began running and the coffin kept up and began opening and closing, ""thumpety thump, thumpety thump clap, "thumpety thump, thumpety thump clap". Terrified he ran to his front door, and went inside, slamming the door and locking it. The coffin continued, "thumpety thump, thumpety thump - CRASH" it came right through the door, He ran up the stairs, and right behind him, "thumpety thump, thumpety thump clap, "thumpety thump, thumpety thump clap". He rushed into the bathroom and slammed the door, but the coffin broke through the door - "thumpety thump, thumpety thump crash". Terrified the man grabbed the first thing he could, a bottle of Robutusin and threw it - and the coffin stopped!

FROM THE SUGGESTION BOX



-- Suggestion was made that it is time for our Wait Staff to have new uniforms

SAVE THE DATES! DECEMBER 7TH & 20TH

December 7th – This will be the start of John Eaton’s wonderful crèche display with specific hours to be announced.

December 7th - This also the start of our annual Christmas Decorating starting with Tree in the Bistro and presentation of our Christmas Present to our choice of an outside group to receive our care and love. This it will be the Veteran’s Home in Tilton --- more about this later.

December 7th -- A Dedication of a new Flag Pole?

December 20th - A Holiday Special: A Traditional Christmas Carol Sing. This will also be a part with festivities and food! More to come later.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON TUESDAY!

I would rather you vote for someone with whom I disagreed than to not vote at all! It is our right and our privilege and I would very much encourage you to exercise that right!



WORD OF THE WEEK.....

ad hominem \ad-HAH-muh-nem\ adjective

- appealing to feelings or prejudices rather than intellect
- marked by or being an attack on an opponent's character rather than by an answer to the contentions made

EXAMPLES

The governor's only response to the criticism of his new policy was to launch an *ad hominem* attack against those doing the criticizing.

"This democratization of the online media comment world results in both a lot of angry, nasty and downright insulting ad hominem attacks, followed quickly by *ad hominem* attacks by email commentators on each other that make for salty and entertaining, if not particularly edifying, reading." — From an editorial by Richard Hermann in the *Daily Messenger* (Canandaigua, New York), August 30, 2012

DID YOU KNOW?

"Ad hominem" literally means "to the person" in New Latin (Latin as first used in post-medieval texts). In centuries past, this adjective usually modified "argument." An "argument ad hominem" (or "argumentum ad hominem," to use the full New Latin phrase) was a valid method of persuasion by which a person took advantage of his or her opponent's interests or feelings in a debate, instead of just sticking to general principles. The newer sense of "ad hominem," which suggests an attack on an opponent's character instead of his or her argument, appeared only in the last century, but it is the sense more often heard today. The word still refers to putting personal issues above other matters, but perhaps because of its old association with "argument," "ad hominem" has become, in effect, "against the person."

BUS TRIPS.....



1. (Proposed) Christmas Shopping at Steeplegate Mall

- Date:** Tuesday November 27th
- Time:** Leaving MBCC at 10:30a Returning by about 4p
- Cost:** Lunch will be on your own!
- Sponsor:** John Eaton
- Notes:** More information to be forthcoming

2. (Proposed) Holiday Lights and McDonalds for Ice Cream

- Date:** Tuesday December 18th
- Time:** Leaving MBCC at 6:30p
Returning to MBCC by about 8p
- Cost:** You pay for what you order at Micky D's
- Sponsor:** Nancy Thomason

If you are interested in this or other trips – please be sure to sign up at the Front Desk – it doesn't commit you (after all you don't have all the details yet) but it does help us to determine the general level of interest.

CLOSING NOTES.....

This and That:

The Lab Can Come to You! Diana informs me that it instead of you going to the Lab – that in many instances the Lab can come to you – and at no additional charge! That sounds pretty attractive to me! Just be sure to talk to Diana or Katie to see if your kind of test are covered and what kind of arrangements to make.

More Photos on Facebook! Do you want to see more photos taken at the Art Show Opening and Reception? All you have to do is to go to our Facebook Page!

The John Dole Benefit Breakfast Buffet John loved the Saturday Breakfast Buffet and in his honor we will be hosting a Benefit Breakfast Buffet on Saturday November 10th with the proceeds going the Lakes Region VNA & Hospice.

Board Games in the Bistro Monday November 5th at 3p: Be sure to check out the Flyer somewhere above!

Thank You! Wednesday's party means more to me than I can begin to put into these words. The good news --- and there is some good news --- is that thanks to Jim's wonderful flexibility --- that I will be staying on to work on projects and in some supportive roles. No, it will not be the same --- but it will be an ongoing and meaningful connection --- a connection that I very much cherish.

And so it is not good-bye ----- just until next time!

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