



COLONY NEWS

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

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OUR FIRST SADIE HAWKINS DAY A SUCCESS!



As with so many things here at MBCC the credit for an event's success rests with a great many people – all who contribute in many and various ways to make it all happen!



Sadie Hawkins Day at MBCC was the brainchild of Carolyn Sutcliffe who early on engaged the talents of our visiting fiddler – Audrey Budington – of Sanbornton. At age 15 this was her first 'Professional Gig'. She did a great job and I am sure she has a musical career ahead of her! There are more photos on Facebook!





CLUB MEMBERS WITH UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

March 13 th	Isabel Barach
March 16 th	Katherine Taylor
March 26 th	Christine Dole
March 26 th	George Savramis
March 29 th	Helen Houran

AND HOW ABOUT 'MOVE IN' ANNIVERSARIES!

2 Yrs.	March 9 th	Jane and Vince Durnan
1 Yr.	March 18 th	Flo and Rudy Laport
2 Yrs.	March 29 th	Roxana Krueger

BOOK CLUB MEETS TUESDAY MARCH 6TH AT 2!

The meeting will be at 2p next to the Library where a discussion will be held about past movies, plays and books. All are invited and are encouraged to bring suggestions for the new year. If you have any questions please feel free to call Majorie Maher art 279-1567. My apologies for giving you the wrong time last week! Did anybody notice?

TONIGHT'S MOVIE: *"THE HELP"*

Friday at 7:30p in the First Floor Community Room

This is a great movie. OK, so maybe it is not action packed and filled with car chase scenes – but it captures some of dynamics of the 1960's between Black servants and white home owners in the south. Don't forget to check it out!

'AGING WELL' ON THE RADIO

Each Wednesday at 8:35 on WEZS 1350 AM MBCC Sponsors *'Aging Well'* a talk show that invites a special guest to talk about issues of special interest to Senior or that showcases the special of work of Seniors.

THIS WEEK... COL. JACK POTTER

This past Wednesday we welcomed Colonel Jack Potter (USAF Retired) to the



Show – and if his name sounds familiar to you – it should. He and Eva Dunn are our first 'Non-Resident Members' and while they have not physically moved in yet – they are still part of our extended family. And speaking of extended families Jack has become quite an accomplished Genealogist having traced his heritage back to the Middle Ages! Jack and I both agree that many of our Members are carrying around in your heads – and maybe hidden in shoeboxes --- information about your families that can not easily be found anywhere else. We would like to help you be able to pass that information on to another generation. Even if you are not interested --- helping to preserve the

information you know and that you have – would be a wonderful gift to the rest of your family. Jack has offered to give us an illustrated talk about how exciting he has found this whole process to be.

As one who has zero personal interest in genealogy I immediately became interested after seeing what Jack has already done. Seeing how many of you were interested in John's story of his mid east travels today leads me to believe that we have an untapped interest in learning. The perfect solution to this will be to find a Member sponsor who will work with Jack and me in scheduling the event. In the mean time start writing some names on the back of those old photos and maybe even start a list that could be the basis of creating a family tree!

ALL ABOUT ART.....

Members can do just about anything they want to do inside your apartments --- but in the hallways is another matter. Using public areas requires a bit of collaboration as we work toward a goal of having our art feel intentional in its selection, presentation and location. We rely very heavily on Kathy our interior decorator who is more than willing to listen to your thoughts and suggestions and has certainly demonstrated a flexibility of working with individual ideas to come us with a plan that works for everybody. There is also good news in that a lot of additional art has been ordered and should be arriving shortly. When in doubt just give a shout! Let me know what you want to do and together we can figure out what the next steps should be.

“REFLECTIONS ON VISITING EGYPT AND JORDAN”



I was on a tour and could not sit in on John Eaton's talk ----- If I had wanted to I don't know that I could have found a seat. I had thought that John was a Congregationalist but when after an hour and one half everyone was still spell bound I decided that he must really be a Baptist! We are so very fortunate in having so many among our own numbers

who are will to get involved and to help and share and make this place special! John --- I wasn't there to know what you did = but I can tell from the expressions on the face of your audience that you did it exceedingly well!



THE WISH LIST.....

There are sometimes things that you would like to have but just can't justify putting in the budget because of the relatively occasional use they would receive. Those are the perfect kind of thing to try to find an 'Angel' to make it happen. Sometimes for the gift giver – finding something that would add to the ambiance of the place or one that would solve an occasional problem is the best gift. I put these out there just in case you or someone you know might be so inclined.....Here's the List:

1. Old Fashion Pop Corn Maker: Nobody really needs to have this --- but it would certainly be both eye catching and still very practical. Gatherings that we have all over the building might benefit from having a hot snack handy. Movie Night would be all the more special.



2. A Lectern: I'm not really sure of the difference between a Lectern and a Podium but I believe Lecterns have speakers and amplifiers built in. Although we have done very well with our little \$100 amplifier – it is far from the best and inexperienced users sometimes have a difficult time with it. Of course I am hopeful of our having more and more lectures and speakers. It was great today to see a full

house listening to John Eaton's talk. I want to make it even easier for those in the rear to be able to hear.....

3. A Laptop Computer: While many Members have their own computer – not all do -- and it would be great to have a public access computer where you and your families could log on to check on email and the like. I'm not sure exactly where would be the best place for it to be – but that is an interesting problem to have.



FROM THE SUGGESTION BOX.....



It is good to get suggestions --- it is even better if I can read them!

Dining Related.....

1. 'Baby Lamb Chops' I assume this means that they are not on the menu and you want to see them on the menu?
2. 'Haddock is not fresh – it is frozen' I'm going to guess that is probably true. In order to have some items that we never run out of – we need to look to using some very nice frozen products.
3. 'Potato pancakes with applesauce' I assume is a suggestion for us to add
4. 'Turkey Legs' and related comments I could not understand
5. 'Beef calf livers with onions' is I assume a suggestion as is:
6. Baked Sweet Potatoe

I will pass all of the above along to Kurt.

7. It was suggested that we should have hand sanitizers at the doors of the Bistro and the Terrace Dining --- apparently like they do on Cruise Ship. I've never seen that on the MV Mt. Washington but I think it is a great idea ---- but we need to implement it with class.....I want to talk to Kathy or interior decorator to see if we can't find a way to do this up nicely (a little stained glass enclosure might be something to consider.....)

Non-Dining 8. A Request for Movie selections to be published in advance. I know that this newsletter doesn't always get distributed until it is almost moving time – but most weeks a separate flyer is distribute to your 'cubby' by Wednesday. Don't forget to check your cubbies!

CLOSING NOTES.....

Theological Trivia Question: The Christian season of Lent began this past week with Ash Wednesday and continues until Easter Sunday on April 8th. If Lent is 40 days long --- then why are there 46 days until Easter? **(Because Sundays do not count!)** Bonus Question: The date of Easter varies from year to year --- How is it determined? **(Easter is always on the first Sunday after the first Full Moon in Spring!)** John Eaton was the winner!

Today I not only got my state certification to be able to do required Member assessments – I also had the opporutnity to take an inside look at how another much larger and much **This comment raised several comments: Member assessments only apply to Assisted Living – not to those of you in the CLUB. And no, they do not hurt, even a little!**

Ice Cream from the Store Unaccounted for: We suspect that perhaps some of our younger visitors who either cannot read or are in to much of a hurry to read are taking ice cream without paying for it. One of the problems with pricing things so low and so close to cost --- is that when there are any ‘losses’ at all it really hurts and calls into question whether the program can continue. Your help is needed in helping us to figure out what is going on.....

ATTENTION ALL STAFF --- We are just 10 shy away from hitting magic number of 100 ‘Likes’ on Facebook ---- so if you haven’t already done so – please hit the button. On Facebook you will find even more photos of Sadie Hawkins Day!

Well that’s just about it for me!

Time to run the presses!

Have a Great Weekend!



Howie

Ted Goes Fishing – since this photo was taken Ted has found a friend!