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LETTER FROM THE MANAGER

BPC Members,

April was another wonderful month for the Club. Kudos to the membership and entire staff for keeping us very busy and running smoothly. Through the efforts of our House Committee, and in the midst of numerous banquets, we can now celebrate the completion of the President's Room. Thank you to all that donated their time, expertise, and dollars toward the project. It is a beautiful room and an inspiration as we look

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Club Members,

The preliminary phase of our Club refurbishment project "Completing the Task" has been completed. The President's Room is absolutely beautiful and is an example of what the House Committee is planning for the entire Club. I invite all Members to stop in and see what can be accomplished by donating a little bit of time and money, and a lot of hard work. Thank you to all Members and staff who worked on this project. In the coming months you will see and hear a lot more about "Completing the Task", so get ready to get involved.

Please join me as a member of the House Committee or the Membership Committee as we continue to work hard to make your Club a "Special Place" for you and your guests to enjoy.

Please contact me directly if you have questions, comments or concerns. My email is rcbalsam@gmail.com and my phone number is 259-1837.

See you at the Club!

Rob Balsam, President

toward future improvements. I encourage all of our members and guests to visit the President's Room when it is vacant. Also, if you are inclined, please use the comment box so that we can consider your feedback when planning the next phase of the refurbishment.

This month I am especially excited about our new Sous Chef, Jolene Lande. She has been an asset to the Club since she arrived two years ago. Her skill in the kitchen, proactive approach to staff development, strong communication skills, and love and knowledge of food are all apparent, and I know she will do wonderfully in her new position. Congratulations Jolene!

As always, I look forward to hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Finally, make your reservations for Mother's Day and enjoy the coming Spring!

Jacob Kellert, Manager

LETTER FROM THE CHEF

Hello Everyone,

Hard to believe that we are in the month of May; break out the lawnmower. April was an outstanding month for the Club as we were inundated with endless functions as well as a respectful menu service. May is no slouch either with plenty of bookings also. Don't forget to make your Mother's Day reservations early. We are looking forward to a full house with lots to offer in the line of food. Expect this to be the best Mother's Day Buffet yet with lots of new presentations.

We recently promoted Jolene to the Sous Chef position in our kitchen and she is doing a wonderful job. She will be taking on days and nights with us but, not to worry, she will still be doing her breads, which we all look forward to.

Finally, I will be having an art show at the club in conjunction with Jenny's ever-popular wine tasting on the 30th of May. I plan on bringing up twenty pieces of art for display and. In addition I will be donating an original painting for silent auction, which will be available for bidding from May 6th thru May 30th, with the money going towards a flat-screen TV for the Club's bar.

Sincerely,

Lance Johnson, Executive Chef

RECIPE FROM JOLENE'S KITCHEN

Dear Members,

With Mother's Day quickly approaching, I would like to share a recipe of my mother's. She has made these cream caramels since I was a small child. Enjoy!

Your New Sous,

Jolene Lande

CREAM CARAMELS

8-inch sq. pan, greased	1/2 C butter
1/2 C chopped nuts	3/4 C white corn syrup
2 C sugar	2 C cream, divided

Sprinkle nuts over the bottom of the pan. Set aside. In saucepan, mix sugar, butter, syrup, and 1 cup cream. Bring to boil over low heat, stirring constantly. Then, add extra cup cream. Stir and cook to 250 degrees or until hard ball stage is reached. Remove from heat; pour over nuts in pan.

Cool, cut, and eat.

WELCOME

the BPC's Newest Members

Lisa Perry - PPL Montana

Carl Hansen - D.A. Davidson

Lori Simon - March of Dimes

Todd Preston - D.A. Davidson

Wine Tasting & Art Show

Friday, May 30th

5 to 6:30pm

\$12

RSVP 252.6702



Featuring original watercolor works from our Chef, Lance Johnson, 6 art-themed wines, cheese and light hors d'oeuvres, and an original watercolor for silent auction.

SILENT AUCTION!!

Chef Lance has generously donated an original watercolor for silent auction. Valued at over \$1,200. Auction begins May 6th and closes @ 6pm May 30th during the wine tasting. Proceeds will go directly toward our refurbishment campaign, 'Completing the Task'.



Thank You!

Special thanks to the House Committee, Art Geiger, Bruce Posey, Rob Balsam, C. M. & Cyndy Opsal, Ike & Gayle Tadday, Elaine Kinnard, Jane Nelson, Blaze Tadday, Moss Home Designs, UBC, and Larry for the new President's Room!

MAY 2008

*Calendar subject to change, call or email the club for the most current information.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 MGS Rocky Mt College WAPA Retirement	2 MGS	3
4 Club Closed	5 Rotary Club Closed	6 United Blood Ser- vices Personnel Cmte	7 Barristers UBS Ditzel	8 Geiger Dinner Town & Gown Ditzel	9 Ditzel	10 Jensen Ditzel, ROA Cononco Phillips NO Dinner Service
11 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH 9:00-1:30	12 Club Closed	13 UGLY Ed. Jones	14	15 Boy Scouts	16	17 Premier Proff. Casino Night Dinner Service in the Grille Only
18 Club Closed	19 Club Closed	20 Billings Clinic Spring Fling Smith Barney Riverstone Found.	21 Smith Barney	22 Barristers	23	24
25 Club Closed	26 Club Closed	27 UGLY	28 Board of Oil and Gas	29 Board of Oil and Gas	30 Member Cmte Lance's Art Show and Wine Tasting 5-6:30 \$12	31
<h2>JUNE</h2> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Buy 1 get 1 free bar apps and drinks every Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm at the Bar</p> </div>  </div>						
1 Club Closed	2 Club Closed	3	4	5	6	7

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, May 11 9am-1:30pm

Adults \$23.95 Children (under 12) \$11.95

RSVP by Friday, May 9



Featuring : ice sculpture, complimentary mimosa, unlimited coffee and juice, Jolene's fresh pastries, made to order omelet bar, smoked salmon, French toast, eggs Benedict, breakfast potatoes, biscuits and gravy, three carved meats, cheese blintzes with toppings, fresh salads, and more!!



If your member number is 1575 or above, your quarter ends on May 31st!

If you have not been to the club in the last three months, come and enjoy lunch with friends or an evening of fine dining while using up your quarterly minimum. If you have questions, feel free to call the club. 252.6700

If you wish to pay with a credit card and receive credit toward your minimum please let your server know which account to charge it to. You may also pay your bill in full with a credit card each month.

Member Preview Week May 27th - 31st

Help your club grow and receive 2 for 1 entrees when you host potential BPC members!!

Simply contact our business office to receive a certificate, make a reservation for lunch or dinner and invite your friends, family, or business associates to join you to preview what the club has to offer. We have a very special place that deserves to be shared with more of the Billings Community. Contact Jacob for more information. 252.6700 Jacob_bpc@yahoo.com

CLUB INFORMATION

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Banquet Coordinator Jenny Woodward (jenny_bpc@yahoo.com)

DINING HOURS

For Reservations Call 252.6702

Sunday & Monday - Club Closed

LUNCH

Tuesday thru Friday 11:30-1:30

DINNER

Wednesday thru Saturday 5:30 - 9

BAR

Wednesday thru Saturday 5 - Close

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10am-4pm

Dining rooms may close early for dinner if there are no
reservations or walk-ins by 7:30pm.

Please call ahead and we will have your table waiting.

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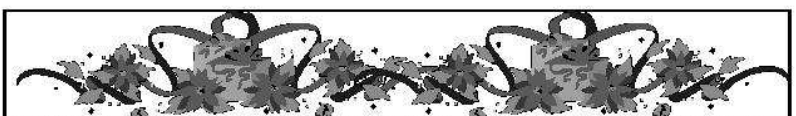
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Art Geiger (Chair)	Ike Tadday
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Gayle Tadday	

Membership Committee

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The House Committee is requesting sponsors of \$100 each for fresh flowers during 2008. The following is a list of sponsors:

May	Rob and Twyla Balsam in memory of Bob and Mary Balsam
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