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Construction Complete

Construction on the bar expansion has been completed. The Grand Opening, held on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007, was a huge success. Our hats off to Maillie Construction. They did a fantastic job matching up the old with the new. The addition looks like it has always been there with its warm, richly-colored mahogany walls. The new black and avocado granite bar-top lends a touch of class with a hint of the old school bars of yesteryear. If you haven't been down to the club

recently, you will not believe the difference this bar expansion makes on the whole ambiance of the club. We have also expanded our selection of spirits to include some of the popular high-end brands. Including Hammer & Sickle vodka. This brand was mentioned recently in an article in *The Lowell Sun* as it is only being distributed from Lowell, Mass at this time. An import with local ties. We are now able to process Visa and Mastercard at the bar for dues and whatnot.

Come on down, you won't be disappointed!



View of the finished bar looking from the new room into the serving area.

Message from The President

James Pappas

I would like to thank the past members of the board of directors for a very successful year that saw the club rebound from dire financial straits to ending the year on a positive swing. It took a lot of hard work to bring us to a new chapter in our long historical journey. Think about where we came from — in 1913, a group of Franco-Americans celebrating Le Jour

de l'An in clubs not French, where the members did not have the same ties of language, blood, and tradition, forming the Club Lafayette — now fast forward to 2007, to the multicultural club it is today. The inclusiveness — providing an atmosphere where everyone feels valued, regardless of the many ways people are different, including but not limited to

ancestry, age or race. We now need to get to that next level. The key will be our commitment to speaking the truth, building trust, and seeking intimacy as we focus on our future. This is our club, we are in this together. I look forward to working with the new board of directors and all of you, to ensure a successful 2007!

Jim

Club Clippings

We are currently at 378 members. 122 more to go to meet our goal of 500. If you haven't done so already, please make sure your dues are current. The club depends on its membership for survival. All members sponsoring one new member in 2007 will have their dues waived for 2008. Sponsored members must be accepted into the club before members have their dues waived for the 2008 calendar year. Sponsor a new member today. The winner of the 40" plasma display raffle was Jon-Brad James, Sr. Congratulations Jon! Thanks Jim Pappas. The new flat screen behind the bar? Courtesy of the proceeds. The "Buy a seat at the bar" campaign is over and was a huge success. Over 30 chairs have been graciously sponsored by our members! We were able to purchase a new dishwasher for the members lounge as well as help pay down some of the new construction loan. Our thanks to Larry Valcourt for spearheading that campaign.

Nice job by our resident "sign-guy" Rich Thuillier on the 3-D lettering on the outside facade and frosted lettering on the new mirrors. The new lettering brings a very classy look to the bar. Thank you, Rich! Saturday evenings are heating up at the club. What better way to cap off your evening — stopping by the club to enjoy the company of friends, or make new ones! Enjoy a nice glass of wine or try a flavored martini from one of our many new spirits. Have a favorite drink recipe? Bring it down and we'll see if we can add it to our menu.



Sample tag from the "Buy a Seat at the Bar" campaign.

New Board of Directors Elected for 2007

The new board of directors were elected at the annual meeting held in February. There was a large turn out and seven members were nominated from the floor for the four available seats on the board. The following gentlemen were elected: Marc Poirier, Richard Poirer, Larry Valcourt and Richard Gingras.

They join James Pappas and Bob Dube. The associate rep has not been appointed as of this writing. The new officers for 2007 were elected from the current board and they are as follows: James Pappas, president; Larry Valcourt, vice president; Richard Gingras, treasurer; Bob Dube, secretary. Please welcome them to their

new positions.

Thanks to our past board consisting of George Ayotte, John DeAngelis, Gerry Pacht and Gino Roy.

Editor's note: Richard Poirier has stepped down and was replaced by Emile Houle. John has been asked back to represent the associate members on the board.

10th Annual Golf Outing July 27th

The 10th Annual Club Lafayette Charity Golf Outing will be held Friday, July 27, 2007 at Stow Acres Country Club. "Shotgun" start at 8:30 a.m.



Our friends at Baker Commodities sponsored a hole, donated Red Sox tickets, and they golfed!

A flyer will be coming out shortly with more details. As always, we will be relying on the support of our members to make this event a success. There are three levels of sponsors:

- Eagle Sponsors - \$125.00
- Premium Sponsors - \$75.00
- Par Sponsors - \$25.00

Please consider one of the options mentioned above, even if you plan on golfing with us that day. We are planning on making this the biggest golf outing to date. Watch for future information with details on sponsorship and signing up to golf with us. It's going to be huge!

New Members

The following new members were presented and accepted:

January; Eric Boucher, Arthur Bubanas, Brian Callahan, John Costa, Robert Gere, James King, Dennis Lemire, Roberto Mendes, George Metropolis, Michael Metropolis, Rex Parkins, Peter Pereira, James Roberts, Jerome (Jerry) Robillard, Charles Stepanian.

February; John Bue, Roland Cormier, John Clemons, Jr., William Franks, George Gilbride, Ronald Goulet, G. Scott Gray, Michael Hayes, Scott Ledger, Mark Maille, Kenneth Mailloux, Rodger Martin, Ray Ralls, John Tierney.

March; Eric Bajd, Richard Beauchesne, Patrick Bradshaw, Andy Bubanus, George Buglar, III, Dennis Cormier, Dennis Ducharme, SR., Gerald Goodwin, Ed Grondine, Phillip Grondine, Jared James, Rick Lacoss, Thomas Lafferty, Patrick Morris, III, Frank Niejadlik, Ronald Ralls.

Win \$10,000.00!

The club is holding another fund-raiser to help pay down the new construction loan. We are selling raffles tickets for \$100.00 each. We will only be selling 200 tickets. The winner will receive \$10K! The club will also receive \$10K! That's win-win in my book.

The drawing will be held Saturday, May 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. A light buffet will be provided. There will also be five door prizes of \$100.00 each. Ticket holders must be present to win a door prize. Stop by and see a Club Steward for your ticket. Raffle is open to family and friends. Again, only 200 tickets to be sold. Don't miss out on a chance to win and help your club at the same time. Good luck to all!

Calendar of events planned for 2007:
May 12th - Lafayette Day - details to come
May 26th - \$10K Raffle Drawing
July 27th - 10th Annual Golf Outing
We're looking for volunteers for these events, See Larry or John for details.