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## Daytime Smoking Is Banned at 3 Restaurants

By Bernie Nguyen

With the advent of new research about the hazards of secondhand smoke, states and cities have begun to adopt legislation that bans smoking in workplaces, restaurants, and even bars. Locally, several

restaurants have implemented policies that keep their dining areas smoke free until certain times, including Seabiscuit and Grog Cafe, the Pub and Oyster Bar, and The Gate House.

The Pub and Oyster Bar and Seabiscuit and Grog Cafe, which

are both owned by Debra and Sandra Orr, started their policies just this year. The Pub and Oyster Bar maintains a smoke-free restaurant before 9 p.m., and the Seabiscuit and Grog Cafe is smoke-free until 4 p.m.

Since some states now have nonsmoking laws in place for restaurants and bars, creating a smoke-free environment during the day became an important

issue, said Denise Hanrahan, manager for the Pub and Oyster Bar.

"A lot of tourists are coming from nonsmoking states," Ms. Hanrahan said, adding that the restaurant would often get comments about how the excessive smoke was creating an uncomfortable atmosphere. She believes that by keeping the restaurant smoke-free during

the day but allowing smokers to enjoy the bar at night, the Pub and Oyster Bar is giving both smokers and nonsmokers an option.

Wendy Crowley, manager of the Seabiscuit and Grog, also said she feels keeping the restaurant smoke-free during the day makes the environment more appealing to families.

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## Tower Museum Shares New Views of History



Paige Harrington of Gaylord at the Mission Point Tower Museum with St. Mary's Cathedral School.

By Bernie Nguyen

The once-abandoned tower at Mission Point Resort's Activities Center has undergone major renovation, seven years of restructuring to meet building codes, and a vast aesthetic facelift to transform itself into the Mission Point Tower Museum, eight floors of murals, photographs, models and artifacts that chronicle the history of Mission Point Resort and the Straits of Mackinac.

The experience begins with a photographic exhibit of "Somewhere In Time," starring Jane Seymour and Christopher Reeve, some of which was filmed at the resort. Above it are displays depicting the construction of the buildings that now comprise the resort, built by Moral Re-Armament (or MRA) after WWII and used as the organization's summer world headquarters until the late 1960s, although MRA maintained a presence on the Island until 1970.

The fourth floor is dedicated to the history of MRA, with photographs, timelines, and fact sheets detailing the organization's goals, missions, and accomplishments while on the Island. The centerpiece of this display is an impressive, floor-to-ceiling mural depicting influential world leaders who joined MRA in its efforts to mend the damage of the war. It once was displayed at the Great Hall, now the registration lobby of Mission Point Resort.

"These are the actual murals from Moral Re-Armament," said Pat Driscoll, director of activities at the hotel. "It's amazing that someone had the foresight to preserve it."

Ms. Driscoll said that one of the MRA display's most important aspect is the memory of the people it describes, some who return to the Island and view the display with nostalgia and affection.

The museum itself, Ms. Driscoll explained, serves as an important commemoration of the role that the facility has played on the Island.

"Every time I come up, I still see something I haven't noticed before," she said. "What better way to do something for the guests, residents, and visitors than to give them a history of the Island and the freighters and the property itself?"

The other floors of the museum detail the nautical history of the Straits of Mackinac, including a large display about the enormous freighters that cruise the Great Lakes, an eerie

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- Pat Driscoll, Mission Point Resort

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## R.D. Musser Jr. 'Forged the Way' in 35 Years of Leadership for Board of Public Works

Grand Hotel Chairman Is Honored by the City

By Karen Gould

Grand Hotel Chairman R.D. Musser Jr. was honored by the Mackinac Island City Council, Wednesday, May 24, for his 35 years of leadership on the Board of Public Works (BPW).

With the full council present and his wife Amelia in the audience, Mayor Margaret Doud read Council's resolution for the man who "forged the way in securing state and federal government grants enabling the City of Mackinac Island to refurbish the reservoirs, to build the Island Water Filtration Plant in 1987, the Solid Waste Facility in 1990, and to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant in 1985 and 1992..."

Mr. Musser also has led the drive to establish the Island's recycling and composting programs and for, "making ours the model and envy of communities across the nation..." said Mayor Doud.

A standing ovation and handshakes all around followed.

Mr. Musser served as the BPW's first chairman, having been appointed to the newly created public works board in February 1970 by then Island Mayor Otto Emmons. He retired from the post January 1,

2006, and is succeeded by East Bluff cottager F. Thomas Lewand.

In his letter of resignation Mr. Musser wrote, "...It is time for a younger and more energetic person to take that job on."

Mr. Musser's final contribu-

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Mayor Margaret Doud and R.D. Musser, Jr. in council chambers at Community Hall shortly after he was recognized for his contributions to the Board of Public Works.

## Island Observes Memorial Day at 4 Venues

Mackinac Island will join the rest of the country in celebrating Memorial Day Monday, May 29, with the following events:

**Memorial Sunday Service  
Trinity Episcopal Church**

A special Memorial Day service will be held Sunday, May 28, at Trinity Episcopal Church at 10:30 a.m., and will celebrate the memory of many Island friends with special hymns and the reading of

names. All are welcome to participate.

**Memorial Sunday Service  
Little Stone Church**

Little Stone Church will hold a special celebration for Memorial Day on Sunday, May 28, at 10:30 a.m., as a celebration of all military veterans. A wreath will be placed in honor of all who have served. Everyone is welcome.

**Fort Mackinac**

**March to Post Cemetery**

Mackinac State Historic Parks will perform a tribute to soldiers who served at Fort Mackinac on Monday, May 29, 8:30 a.m. There will be a march to the Post Cemetery from Fort Mackinac, where soldiers will perform a short ceremony and salute. The public is welcome to participate.

**American Legion Post 299**

There will be a brief Memorial Day observance at Veterans Memorial Park by the Mackinac Island Post of the American Legion at 11 a.m. Speakers will include Mayor Margaret Doud and Post Commander Paul Wandrie, and



Paul Wandrie stands in Veterans Memorial Park where a special ceremony will be held on Memorial Day Monday, May 29.

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