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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone,

If you could not attend the last Board meeting, let me catch you up. The Board approved the MDP Budget for 2024. It came with a modest 8% increase, but considering how expenses have grown, Nelson, Leslie, and Jorge did a fine job keeping the maintenance costs down while filling in all the boxes. Next month, we'll begin calculating the amount necessary to meet the reserve requirements mandated by the State of Florida. We have hired a company that will thoroughly evaluate our material needs and financial obligations going forward. Considering MDP has kept up with the necessary repairs and upgrades, we believe the blow will be softened.

Lastly, remember the Christmas Bonus for our outstanding employees is coming up. Our people are hardworking and dedicated, doing everything they can to keep us safe and comfortable. We ask a lot from them, and they deliver year after year. This is our opportunity to show our appreciation. I'd also like to thank you for contributing to the fund for one of our employees who is going through a difficult health issue. The opportunity to contribute never ends. If you haven't donated or want to make an additional donation, please give what you can. Needless to say, this person can use all our help.

I'd like to end on a personal note and say how much the Board, Management, and I appreciate all your trust, support, and confidence. It's been a challenging year, and we still have a ways to go, but I'm starting to see the end of the tunnel or, at least, the sound of water trickling into the swimming pool. I know it's hard to hear over the noise of the drills, but it's coming. Have a great 2024!

Happy Holidays!
 Ernesto



WHAT IS CHANUKAH?

In 2nd century BCE, in an effort to pull Jews away from Judaism and adopt the Greek culture – Hellenism, the Syrian-Greek regime of Antiochus outlawed aspects of Jewish observance, including the study of Torah, which began to decay the foundation of Jewish life and practice. In response, a band of Jewish settlers took to the hills of Judea in a revolt against this threat to Jewish life. Led by Matitياهو, and later his son Judah the Maccabee, this small band of devout Jews led guerrilla warfare against the Syrian army. Antiochus sent thousands of well-armed troops to crush the rebellion, but the Maccabees succeeded in driving the foreigners from their land.

Jewish fighters entered Jerusalem in December, 164 BCE. The Holy Temple was in shambles, defiled and desecrated by foreign soldiers. They cleansed the Temple and re-dedicated it on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev. When it came time to re-light the Menorah, they searched the entire Temple, but only one small jar of oil bearing the pure seal of the High Priest could be found. Miraculously, the small jar of oil burned for eight days, until a new supply of oil could be brought. From then on, Jews have observed a holiday for eight days in honor of this historic victory and the miracle of the oil. Today, the observance of Chanukah, meaning “dedication” features the lighting of a special Chanukah menorah with eight branches (plus a helper candle), adding one new candle each night. Other customs include spinning the dreidel (a top with Hebrew letters on the sides), eating “oily” foods like potato latkes (pancakes) and sufganiyot (jelly donuts), and giving Chanukah gelt (coins) to children.




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Smoked Salmon Dip

Ingredients

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 6 ounces smoked salmon, chopped
- ¼ cup capers, or to taste
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onion (Optional)
- 1 ½ teaspoons chopped fresh dill
- ¼ cup heavy whipping cream
- 3 dashes Worcestershire sauce
- 3 drops hot pepper sauce
- 1 squeeze fresh lemon juice

Directions

- Process cream cheese in a food processor to soften completely.
- Add smoked salmon, capers, green onion, dill, cream, Worcestershire sauce, hot pepper sauce, and lemon juice. Process the mixture again until creamy and smooth.
- Serve with crackers & vegetables.







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- Zun Zun Children's Festival: 123 Andrés **SUN 10.1** **FREE**
- La Escala Sonora **WED 10.4**
- Kany Garcia • Second Date **FRI 10.6**
- Mala Rodriguez & Sara Socas **SAT 10.7**
- Kevin Kaarl **THU 10.12**
- Italian HIT week • Coma Cose **SAT 10.14** **FREE**
- Scary Pockets **SUN 10.15**
- Cuco in Concert: iii points Satellite Event **THU 10.19**
- The Head and the Heart **FRI 10.20**
- Arturo O'Farrill & the Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra **SAT 10.21**
- Pedro Capó **SUN 10.22**
- The Dip **THU 10.26**
- Midnight at MuseZeum ft Slick Rick **SAT 10.28**
- Rocky Horror Picture Show **SUN 10.29**

NOVEMBER

- Rhythm Foundation Gala **THU 11.2**
- Gera MX & Nanpa Básico **FRI 11.3**
- Israel Fernandez & Diego del Morao **SAT 11.4**
- Fall For Dance NOW! **SUN 11.5**
- GIMS **THU 11.9**
- The Second Annual Law Rocks Miami **FRI 11.10**
- Juanes (Ratones Paranoicos) **SAT 11.11**
- Daybreaker **SUN 11.12**
- Nu Deco Ensemble Dress Rehearsal **THU 11.16** **FREE**
- Nu Deco Ensemble ft. Lucius **SAT 11.18**
- Metronomy **SUN 11.19**
- We Belong Here **SAT 11.25**

DECEMBER

- North Beach Music Festival **FRI 12.1 • SAT 12.2 • SUN 12.3**
- Miami Beach Rock Ensemble:
A Tribute to Doug Burris **SAT 12.16**
- North Beach Social: Suénalo Sound System **THU 12.21** **FREE**

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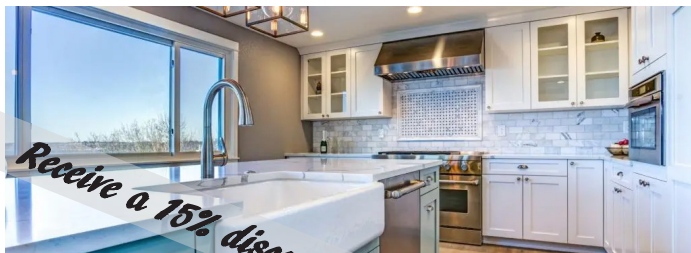
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