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# WELCOME HOME

The older I get, the more I need quotation marks to qualify my sense of “adventure.”

As an Oregon teenager, an enjoyable camping trip with my friends required little more than sleeping bags, a hastily packed cooler and trusting parents willing to let their idiot kids disappear into the woods until morning.

As a new college graduate looking to stretch my legs before squeezing into a corporate cubicle, I spent an unscripted summer trekking through Europe on \$20 a day, living out of a backpack, sleeping on hostel bunks or public benches, and seeing whatever I could without paying admission (admiring everything from the base of the Eiffel Tower to the exterior of the Sistine Chapel).

Now as a 40-something husband and father who wouldn't (willingly) walk a mile without hailing a cab, my thirst for “adventure” has been reduced to staying at an off-brand hotel, using a ride-sharing app or embarking on a Disney-led “Wild Africa Trek” before catching an air-conditioned performance of “Festival of The Lion King.” While I still love to travel, I require considerably more amenities and assurances than I did back when my idea of a luxury vacation was simply knowing the names of everyone with whom I was sharing a toilet.

I'd venture to guess that even my fellow campers back in high school would now hesitate to follow me into a forest without the promise of fresh linens and a functioning fridge at the end of the trail. Thankfully, if I ever *were* to reunite that lovable group of idiots for a weekend in the wilderness, we now have accommodations ideally suited to our evolved sense of adventure: the Cascade Cabins at the newly opened Copper Creek Villas & Cabins at Disney's Wilderness Lodge (pages 3-8). Packed with creature comforts, these well-appointed abodes are my kind of wilderness!

You'll find similarly comfortable “adventures” in the pages ahead, from a visit with the directors of *Olaf's Frozen Adventure* (page 24) to Jim Korkis' historical look at the legendary Society of Explorers & Adventurers (pages 27-28). They're all right in this aging adventurer's wheelhouse, and none require me to sleep in a bag, on a bench or next to someone I just met in the bathroom.



Welcome home,

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By Ken Potrock, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Disney Vacation Club and Adventures by Disney

Among the guiding principles that have helped shape the recent growth of our magical community is a commitment to building for the greater good. In other words, while adding new accommodations to an existing property, we seek opportunities to help create or enhance shared amenities for all guests at the resort to enjoy.

At Disney's Polynesian Village Resort, for example, the addition of our Deluxe Studios and Bora Bora Bungalows were part of a broader enhancement project that included everything from the re-imagined lobby and pool areas to the creation of Pineapple Lanai (a dedicated home for the famed Dole Whip!) and the instantly popular Trader Sam's Grog Grotto.

We took a similar approach in creating the now-open Copper Creek Villas & Cabins at Disney's Wilderness Lodge (our 14th Disney Vacation Club Resort), working with our partners to create and enhance amenities designed to delight not only resort guests and new Members, but also long-established Members at the nearby Boulder Ridge Villas (which opened in 2000 as our neighborhood's fifth resort).

It's in the shadows of Boulder Ridge Villas, in fact, that one of the most refreshing additions to the lodge opened this summer. The creation of Boulder Ridge Cove pool dramatically re-imagined the area between our new and original villas, welcoming explorers to an expanded swimming hole that now appears to have

repurposed an abandoned rock quarry. Vintage mining equipment (salvaged from Catastrophe Canyon, part of the former Studio Backlot Tour at Disney's Hollywood Studios) and an aging water tower are among the weathered relics of the former Boulder Ridge Railway and Mining Co., enhancing the area's sense of place and adding another visual layer to the resort's rich Pacific Northwest back story.

Tucked between the new Boulder Ridge Cove and the beautiful shores of Bay Lake is the incredible new Geyser Point Bar & Grill (featured in the summer edition of *Disney Files* Magazine, and already drawing rave reviews from Members and guests). And, for explorers in search of a sugar rush, the Geyser Point Bar & Grill area's new fire pit is perfect for making s'mores under the stars.

These and other Disney-funded additions and enhancements to the lodge (meaning these projects are not funded by annual dues) – from recent enhancements to the Roaring Fork quick-service restaurant (including the addition of a covered, outdoor seating area) to the creation of the now-open Salon by the Springs (see page 15) – are just the latest examples of our commitment to building for the greater good.

Whether you call these expanded resorts "home" or simply include them in your future vacation plans, all of us at Disney Vacation Club hope you enjoy the new additions, and we look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!

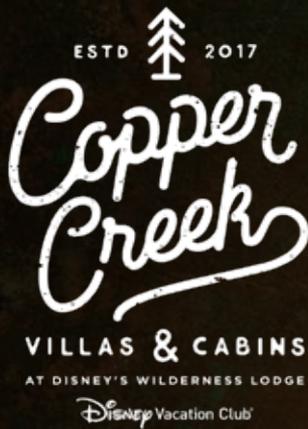


# CABIN FERVOR



WILDERNESS ABUZZ AS CASCADE CABINS

WELCOME MEMBERS HOME



The July 17 opening of Copper Creek Villas & Cabins at Disney's Wilderness Lodge marked the latest milestone for our magical community, expanding Members' vacation options with new Deluxe Studios, one-bedroom Villas, two-bedroom Villas (the three room types featured in the summer edition of *Disney Files Magazine*), three-bedroom Grand Villas and waterfront Cascade Cabins along the serene shores of Bay Lake. According to the resort's imagined back story, the cabins once housed supervisors of the area's former railroad and have since been reimagined by resourceful locals who salvaged steel from the deserted trains, stone from an abandoned quarry and wood from fallen trees. Each cabin sleeps as many as eight, with a king-size bed, a queen-size bed, a queen-size sleeper sofa, a kid-size pull-down bed and a sleeper chair. Other features range from a full kitchen equipped with a stove-oven combination, full-size refrigerator and freezer, dishwasher, microwave and other small appliances; a laundry area with a stacked washer and dryer; a wraparound screened porch with a private hot tub; and two elegantly appointed bathrooms (one in the master suite and a split bathroom near the second bedroom, with a rain shower and vanity in one section and a vanity and toilet in the other). *Disney Files Magazine* captured the following images in a new Cascade Cabin before it welcomed its first Members home. For more details about the resort, including 360-degree virtual tours, visit [DisneyCopperCreek.com](http://DisneyCopperCreek.com).



The natural stone of the living room's interior-exterior gas fireplace makes a dramatic statement, while floor-to-ceiling windows feature automatic shades that extend at the touch of a button.



The living room sleeps three – two on the queen-size sleeper sofa (right) and one on the sleeper chair (lower-left).



An entryway light fixture (above) draws inspiration from mined gemstones, while a shadowboxed necklace in a bathroom (below) is reminiscent of the totem presented to Kenai as a symbol of love in the 2003 Walt Disney Animation Studios film *Brother Bear*.





As each Cascade Cabin sleeps as many as eight, the dining area's oak dining table (below right) also is designed to comfortably accommodate eight.



Among the kitchen-dining area's Disney details are artfully deconstructed railroad-logo blocks - one celebrating the miniature Carolwood Pacific Railroad that traveled through Walt Disney's backyard in the early 1950s, and one saluting the Fort Wilderness Railway, which operated at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort & Campground from 1973-1980.

Pictured below from left are the fireplace's exterior seating area, a full-size picnic table and a private hot tub, all screened in a white-oak porch and each offering picturesque views of Bay Lake.





The master bedroom's towering oak headboard (above) frames an insert representing an aged teepee. The room features a private entrance to the screened porch's exterior-fireplace seating area. Rainforest-brown marble extends above the dual-sink master bathroom's bubble-jet tub (below left), while a TV screen hides in the bathroom mirror.





A pull-down, kid-size bed beneath the second bedroom's TV (above left) opens to reveal a restful image of Chip and Dale (above). Storage options range from a closet concealed behind a mirrored, sliding barn door (above) to open space beneath the bed (also true in the master bedroom) to drawers beneath the window seat (below). Both bedrooms feature convenient reading lights built into the headboards (below right).



Answers: 1: C (the nearby Fuji Hakone Izu National Park is home to the iconic Mount Fuji, while Lake Ashinoko lies in the crater of the Hakone Volcano); 2: D (other songs written about San Diego include Bruce Springsteen's "Balboa Park" and Bing Crosby's "Where the Turf Meets the Surf"); 3: F (among the points of interest are the mesmerizing Fushimi-Inari-Taisha shrine and the famed Golden Pavilion Kinkaku-ji); 4: B (the National Tiger Sanctuary is among the unexpected attractions in a city well known for music venues); 5: A (particularly popular in this area is the fall foliage of Japan's famed "Romantic Road"); 6: E (the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway embarks on 8-minute rides from the desert floor to a mountain station)

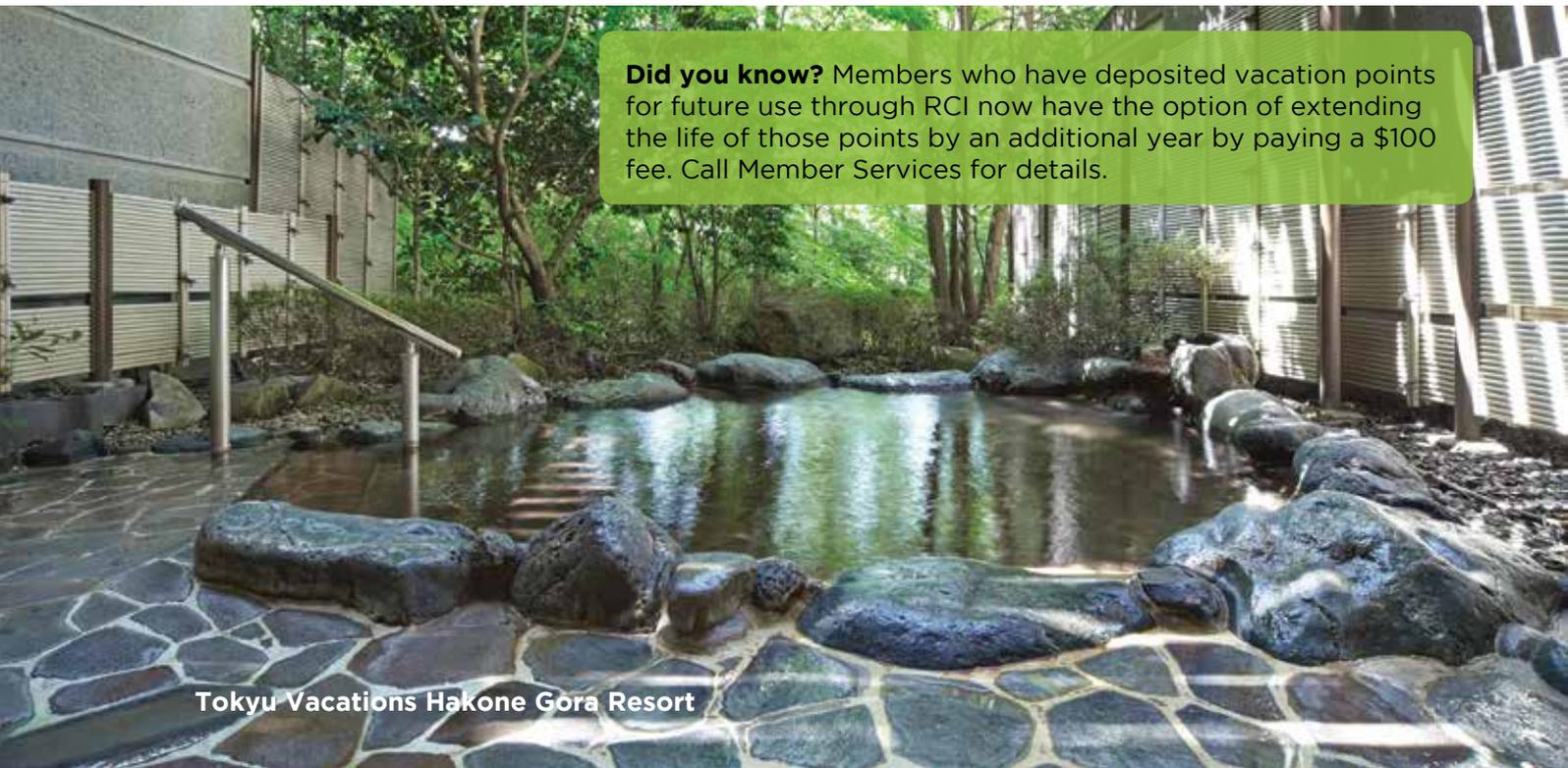
## Concierge Collection Quiz

### Test your knowledge of new Concierge Collection additions

Disney Vacation Club recently added six new resorts to the Concierge Collection, including three additional Welk Resorts in the U.S., with varying accommodation sizes available for 3-, 4- or 7-night stays, and three Tokyu Vacations Resorts in Japan, featuring 2-bedroom accommodations furnished to sleep as many as six. Visit [disneyvacationclub.com](http://disneyvacationclub.com) (Plan Vacations, Concierge Collection) to review point charts and learn more about these resorts before calling Member Services to book your vacation. In the meantime, see if you can match these tidbits of travel trivia with their corresponding additions to the Concierge Collection.

1. Local attractions near this resort range from a lake formed in the crater of a volcano to an iconic mountain that shares its name with a word meaning "peerless one."
  2. Among the songs written about this resort's city is Eric Clapton's "The Road to Escondido."
  3. This resort is located in a charming city known for its shrines, gardens and temples.
  4. Local attractions range from famous music shows to a sanctuary for tigers.
  5. Located between two well-known cities, this resort gives Members and guests easy access to waterfalls, hot springs and picturesque mountains.
  6. This resort's city operates the world's largest rotating aerial tramcars, which lead travelers up one of the world's steepest tram climbs.
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| <p>A. Tokyu Vacations Karuizawa Resort</p> <p>B. Welk Resorts Branson</p> <p>C. Tokyu Vacations Hakone Gora Resort</p> | <p>D. Welk Resorts San Diego</p> <p>E. Welk Resorts Palm Springs</p> <p>F. Tokyu Vacations Kyoto Resort</p> |
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\*See important eligibility information at the bottom of page 1



**Did you know?** Members who have deposited vacation points for future use through RCI now have the option of extending the life of those points by an additional year by paying a \$100 fee. Call Member Services for details.

Tokyu Vacations Hakone Gora Resort



# Community Calendar

As part of Disney Vacation Club's commitment to helping Members plan their vacations, *Disney Files* Magazine is pleased to highlight Member events\* on tap for the season ahead and beyond. Please note that event dates, locations and other details are subject to change, and that further details (including pricing and registration information if applicable, as well as new events materializing after this magazine hits the press) debut on the Event Calendar online at [disneyvacationclub.com](http://disneyvacationclub.com) when available. Located under the site's Plan Vacations tab, the calendar allows you to browse all events, sort by destination or event type, and more.

\*With the exception of the Condominium Association Meeting and pool hopping, the events listed here are considered "Membership Extras," and eligibility restrictions apply. For details, please see the important information at the bottom of page 1.



## AROUND THE CORNER

### Disneyland Resort

- Oct. 31: Disney Vacation Club Halloween Event, Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa
- Nov. 15: Disney Vacation Club Moonlight Magic at Disneyland Park

### Walt Disney World Resort

- Sept. 6 and 13: Disney Vacation Club Moonlight Magic at Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park
- Sept. 20 and Nov. 8: **Member Night at Markham's at Golden Oak:** This free-flowing Culinary Magic event, taking place from 5:30-7:30 p.m., leads Members through a variety of exclusive spaces within Markham's, the casually elegant restaurant inside the private clubhouse at Golden Oak, the gated, master-planned luxury residential community near Magic Kingdom Park. While enjoying music from a string trio, Members enjoy wine and crudité's in the lounge, cocktails and appetizers at the bar, the main course in the dining room and desserts in the library. The price of \$130 a person includes tax, gratuity and roundtrip resort transportation (arranged when making your event reservation) for Members staying at a Disney Vacation Club Resort. Please note that reservations are required and are open to Members and either the number of people sharing their Resort accommodations or a maximum party of six (including the Member) for Member families not staying at a resort. Also note that attendees not staying at a Disney Vacation Club Resort must provide their own transportation and present a valid driver's license at the Golden Oak gate to gain admittance. Call Member Services for reservations.
- Oct. 31: Disney Vacation Club Halloween Event, Disney's Contemporary Resort
- Nov. 23: Disney Vacation Club Thanksgiving Dinner, Disney's Contemporary Resort



## DOWN THE ROAD

### Disneyland Resort

- Dec. 24: Disney Vacation Club Holiday Dinner, Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa

### Walt Disney World Resort

- Dec. 4 and 11: Disney Vacation Club Moonlight Magic at Epcot
- Dec. 24: Disney Vacation Club Holiday Dinner, Disney's Contemporary Resort

**Condominium Association Meeting:** Watch [disneyvacationclub.com](http://disneyvacationclub.com) for time and location details for the annual condominium association meeting for all condominium associations, currently scheduled to take place on Dec. 7 at Walt Disney World Resort. Also note that, as part of its commitment to conservation, Disney Vacation Club offers Members the option of receiving email communications from their condominium association(s) instead of traditional mail. Simply update your contact preferences online at [disneyvacationclub.com](http://disneyvacationclub.com) (look for the Condo Association News section within the My DVC Membership tab).



## ONGOING

**Plan your pool time:** Visit [disneyvacationclub.com](http://disneyvacationclub.com) for complete details about Members' ability to "hop" to other eligible pools at select Walt Disney World Resorts during their vacation. The frequently updated site lists a variety of important rules and restrictions, including block-out dates.

# MEMBERSHIP EXTRAS PART OF



## The most wonderful times of the year (to pay less) Halloween, Christmas parties offer Member discounts

**Walt Disney World Resort:** Two of the most popular parties on the Walt Disney World calendar are readying their return, and Disney Vacation Club Members will once again enjoy discounts\* on select dates in 2017 as part of Membership Magic Ever After. From Not-So-Scary to Very Merry, this is news we're happy to share-y. (Sorry, runaway rhyme.)

**Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party:** On the intensity scale of Halloween haunts, Mickey's No-So-Scary Halloween Party lands somewhere between princess costumes and clown masks – slightly spookier than a typical day in the park but not nearly as scary as the thought of a world without Dole Whip. It's in that comfortably creepy soft spot of the spectrum that Magic Kingdom Park hosts this fun-for-all-ages, after-hours celebration, featuring trick-or-treat stations, special Halloween entertainment (from the Mickey's Boo-to-You Halloween Parade and Hocus Pocus Villain Spelltacular castle forecourt stage show to the "Cadaver Dans" Barbershop Quartet and Happy HalloWishes fireworks), meet-and-greets with Halloween-costumed Disney characters and shorter-than-usual wait times at some of the Park's most popular attractions.

This year's event got an earlier-than-ever jump start on the season, kicking off with a pair of parties in August and setting the table for a schedule that features a new record of more than 30 event dates, with others taking place from 7 p.m.-midnight on Sept. 1, 7, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26 and 29; Oct. 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 29 and 31; and Nov. 1. Disney Vacation Club Members may call Member Services to purchase advance tickets for themselves and as many as five guests at a discount for the parties taking place Sept. 1, 7, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26 and 29; Oct. 1, 3, 5, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17 and 19.

Please note that Guests ages 14 or older are strongly discouraged from wearing layered costumes or costume props that surround the entire body, as they may be subject to additional security screening. Also note that costumes may not contain any weapons that resemble or could easily be mistaken for an actual weapon. Visit [disneyworld.com/halloween](http://disneyworld.com/halloween) for complete costume guidelines.

**Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party:** Plenty of creatures are stirring at this festive seasonal celebration – including a very important mouse. Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party has become a cherished tradition for countless families who look forward each year to Mickey's Once Upon A Christmastime Parade, the "Holiday Wishes" fireworks, shimmering lights on Cinderella Castle, snow flurries on Main Street, U.S.A., Christmas carolers, complimentary cookies and cocoa, meet-and-greets with Santa and those shorter-than-usual wait times on some of the Park's most popular attractions.

This year's parties are scheduled to take place from 7 p.m.-midnight on Nov. 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 26 and 28; and Dec. 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 22. Disney Vacation Club Members may call Member Services to purchase advance tickets for themselves and as many as five guests at a discount for the parties taking place Nov. 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 26 and 28; and Dec. 1, 3, 5 and 12.

**Discount details:** Disney Vacation Club-discounted prices vary by party date, typically saving Members an additional \$4-\$5 off the already discounted advance-ticket prices. Call Member Services for pricing details and to purchase discounted tickets, which will then be available for pickup at Will Call. Members must present their valid Disney Vacation Club Member ID, along with their valid photo ID, when picking up tickets.

\*See important eligibility information at the bottom of page 1. Tickets subject to availability. Discounts available only for advance-purchase tickets on eligible dates. Entertainment subject to change without notice. Admission to this event requires a separately priced ticket. Tickets valid only during specific event dates and hours.

**Disneyland Resort:** As event dates and discounts weren't available at press time for Mickey's Halloween Party at Disneyland Park, please visit [disneyvacationclub.com](http://disneyvacationclub.com) (My DVC Membership, Member Benefits & More) for those details.



# That's the *Ticket!*

## Members enjoy options with special Walt Disney World ticket offers

**Walt Disney World Resort:** Whether you're looking to stretch your Walt Disney World vacation dollar for a week or an entire year, Disney Vacation Club has just the ticket.

Introduced this summer as part of Membership Magic Ever After, two tickets created with Members in mind\* are available for purchase through Jan. 3, 2018, and are valid for first use any time before the end of 2018.

Members looking to enjoy seven days of fun in the Parks may purchase a special **7-day theme park ticket for the price of a 5-day ticket**. (Try not to look *too* smug when walking around the Park on those two bonus days. It's understandable but still impolite.) As an added benefit, **this ticket gives you six months after first use** to enjoy the remaining days, as opposed to the usual 14-day window of the traditional 7-day ticket.

Members planning to return to Walt Disney World Resort over an entire year may take advantage of an offer that allows them to

**save at least 25 percent off the purchase of a Disney Platinum Plus Pass**, which includes access to all four Walt Disney World Theme Parks (with park-hopping privileges), both Disney Water Parks, ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex and Disney's Oak Trail Golf Course – all with no blockout dates. The pass also includes complimentary Theme Park parking and Disney PhotoPass downloads.

Current passholders may take advantage of the Disney Platinum Plus Pass offer by renewing anytime between now and Jan. 3, 2018.

Whichever ticket you choose, the offer is valid for as many as eight tickets in the Member household.

These offers are available online at **DVCMagicalTicketOffers.com**, through Member Services by phone or in person at any Walt Disney World Theme Park ticket window (just remember to bring your valid Membership Card and photo ID).

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**Pandora – The World of Avatar**  
Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park

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# community kitchen

restaurant spotlight

**Disneyland Resort:** Elevate your view of the Tomorrowland skyline through the new Tomorrowland Skyline Lounge Experience, now available at Disneyland Park. Priced at \$45 for guests ages 3 or older (including tax), the experience includes access from 8-10 p.m. to a retro-themed, open-air lounge above the entrance to Star Wars Launch Bay, where guests enjoy cold non-alcoholic beverages and an “interstellar snack box” of sweet and savory selections. During nights on which fireworks are scheduled, the lounge allows its guests to enjoy the show from a unique perspective. Reservations are available through Member Services.

**Disney’s Animal Kingdom Villas:** Did you know that made-to-order breakfast is now available at Disney’s Animal Kingdom Villas’ Kidani Village? The Sanaa Kuamsha Breakfast, now in its first full year of operation and available daily from 7-10 a.m., serves traditional breakfast favorites with an African flair. Members and guests place orders at the register before choosing a seat in the Sanaa dining room, where a server delivers the meal. A grab-and-go section, meanwhile, offers convenient options for breakfast on the run.

**Walt Disney World Resort:** The recent opening of Satu’li Canteen as part of Pandora – The World of Avatar at Disney’s Animal Kingdom Theme Park marked the debut of a new Mobile Order service designed to make casual dining easier than ever. The new service allows guests to order and pay for their meals through the My Disney Experience app, tap an “I’m here” button within the app upon arrival at the restaurant and receive an alert through the app when their food is ready for pickup at a designated window. Look for the Mobile Order service to expand to other select fast-casual and quick-service restaurant locations throughout Walt Disney World Resort in the months ahead.

Please note that, during this launch period, credit cards are the only accepted method of payment, and no discounts or dining plans are applicable. Members and guests using a discount or dining plan, as well as those with special dietary requests, should place their order with a cashier.



**Disney Springs:** Three new dining concepts are scheduled to open by year’s end at Disney Springs, with two more in the works for 2018. Levy Restaurants, the team behind the popular Paddlefish, is re-imagining the iconic steamboat’s next door neighbor, turning the former Portobello Country Italian Trattoria into Terralina Crafted Italian, scheduled to open this fall. Also slated to open late this year are Wine Bar George (featuring shareable plates, cheeses and charcuterie with more than 100 wines selected by Master Sommelier George Miliotes) and The Edison (an “Industrial Gothic” home to classic American food, craft cocktails and live entertainment ranging from contortionists and aerialists to DJs and more), both located in The Landing neighborhood. Looking ahead to 2018, world-renowned Chef Jose Andres will celebrate the flavors of Spain at Jaleo, a multi-level restaurant on the West Side featuring table-service tapas, along with a grab-and-go market on the ground floor. Rounding out the new concepts next year is Wolfgang Puck Bar & Grill, a new Town Center location capturing the essence of the chef’s flagship Spago restaurant in Los Angeles.



## Crab Cakes

Crab cakes from the kitchen of Chefs Oscar Estrada and Eric Lopez at Olivia's at Disney's Old Key West Resort continue to be among the Disney dishes for which Members most frequently request the recipe. *Disney Files* Magazine is pleased to fulfill that request, sharing a recipe that calls for ingredients available at most major grocers and steps that even our editorial staff can follow. Short of filling your kitchen with sand or asking if anyone at the table is on the dining plan, we can't think of a better way to make dinner time feel like vacation.

Makes: 6 crab cakes

### Ingredients:

- 1 lb. lump crab meat
- 1/8 cup mayonnaise
- 1/8 cup Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon Old Bay seasoning
- 3 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper, ground
- 1/2 pound panko bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup cooking oil (canola, olive, vegetable, etc.)
- Salt and pepper to taste

### Steps:

1. Combine the crab meat, mayonnaise, Dijon mustard, Old Bay seasoning, 1 egg, dry mustard and black pepper in a mixing bowl.
2. Form your crab mixture into balls (about the size of a golf ball) and slightly flatten them to your desired thickness.
3. Place your crab cakes on a sheet pan and freeze them for 15-30 minutes to firm them up.
4. While your crab cakes chill, mix together your two remaining eggs and the milk, creating an egg wash. Place the flour in a separate bowl and breadcrumbs in another, giving you a three-stop work station (in this order, from left to right: flour, egg wash, breadcrumbs). Season each with salt and pepper to taste.
5. Remove chilled crab cakes from freezer and, one at a time, dredge each cake in the flour, shaking off any excess. Then submerge in the egg wash to coat and, finally, fully cover in breadcrumbs.
6. Heat oil in a frying pan on your stove until it reaches about 350 degrees Fahrenheit (medium-high heat on most stoves). Fry crab cakes (2-3 at a time so as to not overcrowd the pan) until golden brown (about 3 minutes per side on most stoves).
7. Salt and pepper crab cakes to taste as soon as they're out of the pan. Serve with lemon wedges and your favorite tartar sauce, and enjoy!





# neighborhood notes

new or noteworthy in our magical community



**Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge:** Keep an eye out for some adorable new faces during your next stay at Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge, where two male red river hog piglets born at the lodge this spring to a first-time mom are making themselves at home on the savanna. You may have to look closely, as red river hog piglets are born with striped patterns that help the babies hide from predators by blending into the vegetation. As they mature, their fur will change to the bright russet color seen on their mother. Learn more about these and other creatures online at [DisneyAnimals.com](http://DisneyAnimals.com).

**Bay Lake Tower at Disney's Contemporary Resort:** Members feeling inspired by one of the most enviable views in the neighborhood are putting that inspiration to good use during "Painting with a View," an instructor-led painting workshop offered on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. at Top of the World Lounge atop Bay Lake Tower at Disney's Contemporary Resort. Priced at \$50 a person, the experience accommodates as many as 20 participants\* (ages 12 or older) and includes beverages (soft drinks for all, with one alcoholic beverage available as an option for those ages

21 or older), light snacks and all supplies needed to paint the day's featured Disney image. Call Member Services for reservations.

**Disney's Polynesian Village Resort:** Looking for your own private poolside place in paradise? Rent a private patio at the Oasis Pool, on the east side of Disney's Polynesian Village Resort. Oasis Patios are furnished with cushioned lounge chairs and stocked with towels, and allow Members and guests to purchase food and beverages for delivery from the nearby Oasis Bar & Grill. They're available for full- and half-day rental by calling Member Services in advance or by visiting the resort's concierge desk during your vacation. Rental prices vary by season, and Disney Vacation Club Members enjoy a 15 percent discount.\*

**Disney's Vero Beach Resort:** AAA recently bestowed its coveted Four Diamond Rating on Disney's Vero Beach Resort. Less than 6 percent of the nearly 28,000 hotels and resorts inspected by AAA achieve this prestigious rating. Other resorts around the neighborhood honored with this distinction include Aulani, A Disney Resort & Spa, Ko Olina, Hawai'i; Disney's Animal Kingdom Villas; Disney's Beach Club Resort; Disney's BoardWalk Inn; Disney's Contemporary Resort; Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa; Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa; Disney's Polynesian Village Resort and Disney's Wilderness Lodge.

**Disney's Wilderness Lodge:** Salon by the Springs is scheduled to have opened at Disney's Wilderness Lodge by the time this magazine mails. Located at the site of the resort's former Trout Pass Pool Bar, the new salon offers a full menu of services, from manicures and pedicures to makeup and hairstyling. Plans call for the salon to operate from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Reservations are available by calling Member Services or by pressing the Massage/Health Club button on your in-room phone.

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**Disney's Wilderness Lodge:** Disney's Animals, Science and Environment team recently installed a butterfly garden between the Copper Creek waterfall and Copper Creek Springs Pool as part of an ongoing commitment to reversing the decline of these critical pollinating insects. Filled with ideal "host plants" favored by egg-laying butterflies, the garden is marked with a Disney's Butterfly Conservation sign for easy identification. When posting photos of the garden to social media, remember to include #DisneyAnimals to help spread the word about conservation. The Disney Conservation Fund and Disney's Animals, Science and Environment team have been supporting and collaborating with the University of Florida to reverse the decline of butterflies in Florida and California, including efforts to provide critical habitats for multiple species across Disney Parks and Resorts. For information about saving butterflies in your own backyard, visit [DisneyAnimals.com](http://DisneyAnimals.com).

**Magic Kingdom area resorts:** Three resorts in the Disney Vacation Club neighborhood come together for the "Highway in the Sky Dine Around" Tuesdays through Saturdays. The evening begins at Disney's Contemporary Resort, where diners enjoy an appetizer and cocktail before boarding the iconic Walt Disney World Monorail bound for

Disney's Polynesian Village Resort, where island-inspired appetizers and libations await. From there, it's back to the Monorail and on to Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa for champagne and cheeses or charcuterie, followed by a main course. The experience ends with desserts, cordials and coffee back at Disney's Contemporary Resort and a viewing of the Magic Kingdom fireworks. The cost of \$160 a person plus tax includes gratuity. Call Member Services for reservations.

## PARDON OUR Pixie Dust

Refurbishment news from around the neighborhood\*

**Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa:** Work is scheduled for completion by the end of this year on the most extensive renovation of Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa since the California Craftsman-inspired hotel opened at Disneyland Resort in 2001. The multi-phase, property-wide effort includes updates to everything from the lobby to the pool area to hotel rooms (rental accommodations that, like other Disneyland Resort hotel rooms, are available to Disney Vacation Club Members without the traditional \$95 exchange fee). The refreshed guest rooms offer a modern take on the famed Arts & Crafts style and feature distinctively Disney details, including a quarter-sewn-oak headboard that frames a mural of a blossoming orange tree inhabited by Chip n' Dale, Bambi artwork hidden in select rooms' foldaway sleepers and framed orange-crate-label art with subtle references to Disney history ("Dominguez Grove Oranges," for example, honors the family of Disney Legend Ron Dominguez, who owned the property on which Disneyland Resort would be built, while "Silver Lake Brand Citrus" refers to the Los Angeles neighborhood that was home to Walt Disney's Hyperion Avenue studio). Select furnishings' countertops contain pieces of green glass from wine bottles, a stylish nod to California wine country.

\*Due to the nature of construction, dates and designs are subject to change.

# Tomorrow Lands

## Extraordinary array of new experiences on tap for Disney Parks

**D23 Expo:** Whether evading a chef in a restaurant kitchen, boarding a train with a “Goofy” conductor or exploring a planet at the galaxy’s edge, Members and guests will make memories in a dizzying array of new worlds in the years ahead. Here’s a quick recap of the headline-grabbing Disney Parks news unveiled during the recent D23 Expo – The Ultimate Disney Fan Event in Anaheim, Calif.

**Cutting ‘Edge’ experiences:** Disney announced an official name and opening cadence for the highly anticipated, 14-acre *Star Wars*-themed lands now in development at both Disneyland Park in California and Disney’s Hollywood Studios in Florida. ***Star Wars: Galaxy’s Edge*** lands are scheduled to open in 2019, first in California and later in the year in Florida. Guests will live their own *Star Wars* stories, making reputation-shaping decisions as they pilot the iconic Millennium Falcon, engage in a battle between the First Order and the Resistance aboard a Star Destroyer and more. Eliciting cheers from discerning fans, an image revealed that Rex – beloved pilot of the parks’ original Star Tours flights – will find a new job (as a DJ) on this alien planet. For those looking to spend more than just the day immersed in the *Star Wars* universe, a new ***Star Wars*-themed hotel** at Walt Disney World Resort will present a first-of-its-kind experience in which guests engage around the clock in a multi-day adventure in a galaxy far, far away.

**More ‘space’ at Epcot:** While new *Star Wars* stories take Disneyland and Disney’s Hollywood Studios guests to the galaxy’s edge, new and re-imagined Epcot experiences will expand the park’s explorations of our own galaxy, including an epic adventure for the galaxy’s guardians. A thrilling new “E-ticket” attraction based on Marvel Studios’ blockbuster ***Guardians of the Galaxy*** films will bring new energy to the former

site of Ellen’s Energy Adventure, while the nearby **Mission: SPACE** attraction has, since the D23 Expo, debuted an updated “Orange Mission” to Mars and a new “Green Mission” around Planet Earth. Future plans call for a new **space-themed restaurant** to land near Mission: SPACE, inviting guests to enjoy an out-of-this-world dining experience.

**Coming to America:** Imagined France welcomes an import from actual France as the highest-rated attraction at Walt Disney Studios Park at Disneyland Paris scurries into the France pavilion at Epcot. Inspired by the Academy Award-winning Disney-Pixar film, the ***Ratatouille*-themed attraction** shrinks guests to the size of a rat before sending them on an unpredictable race through a restaurant kitchen. For the China pavilion at Epcot, Imagineers are developing an innovative new camera system to shoot a **seamless, 360-degree film** that’ll mark the latest evolution of Walt Disney’s famed “CircleVision.” Speaking of China, another overseas sensation comes stateside as the highest-rated attraction at Shanghai Disneyland Park makes its way to the Sunshine State. Look for the thrilling, **TRON-themed, coaster-style attraction** to rise near Space Mountain at Magic Kingdom Park.





*Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge*  
Disneyland Park and Disney's Hollywood Studios



*Ratatouille*-themed attraction  
France pavilion, Epcot

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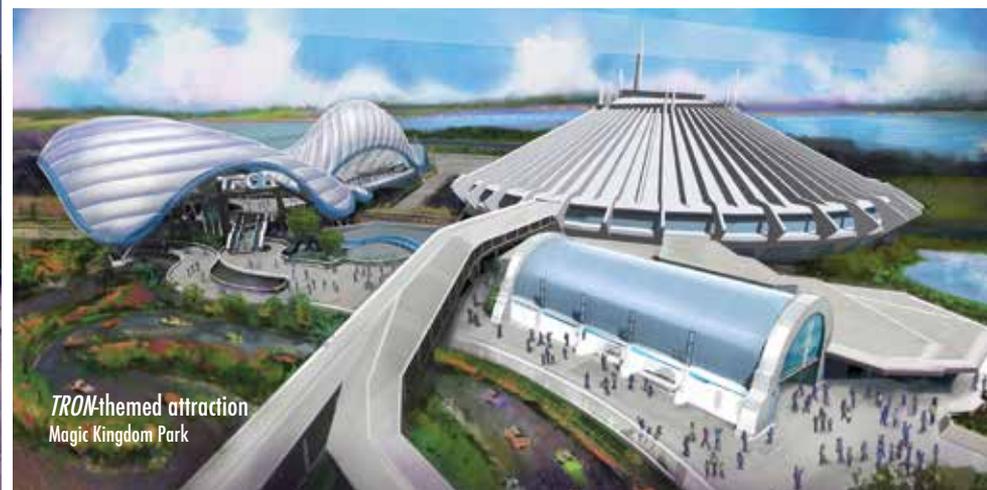
*Star Wars*-themed Resort hotel  
Walt Disney World Resort



*Guardians of the Galaxy*-themed attraction  
Epcot



Space-themed restaurant  
Epcot



*TRON*-themed attraction  
Magic Kingdom Park

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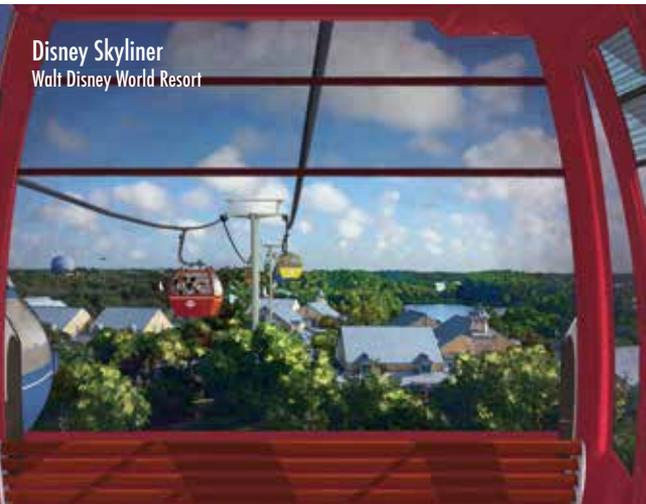


Live-entertainment theatre  
Magic Kingdom Park



Pixar Fest  
Disneyland Park

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Disney Skyliner  
Walt Disney World Resort



Minnie Van Service  
Walt Disney World Resort



## Next in the neighborhood

Disney Vacation Club has announced that its proposed 15th resort will be Disney Riviera Resort, a new property located near Epcot at Walt Disney World Resort. This resort is not yet registered or available for sale. Watch *Disney Files Magazine* for updates.

**On to the theatre:** Main Street, U.S.A. at Magic Kingdom Park will welcome a new, **live-entertainment theatre** inspired by the iconic Willis Theatre in 1920s Kansas City, where a young artist named Walt Disney got his start in show business.

**Train crazy:** Disney's "first couple" will get their first ride-through attraction, complete with an original story and theme song. **Mickey and Minnie's Runaway Railway** at Disney's Hollywood Studios will invite guests to travel through the screen, into the wacky world of Disney Channel's Emmy Award-winning "Mickey Mouse" cartoon shorts and onto a train engineered by Goofy (what could go wrong?) for a state-of-the-art "2 1/2 D" experience that creates envelope-pushing 3D illusions that don't require 3D glasses. While the expo presentation didn't announce the attraction's opening date, it did confirm that the park's previously announced **Toy Story Land** is slated to open in summer 2018.

**Pixar paradise:** Paradise Pier at Disney California Adventure Park will become **Pixar Pier** in summer 2018, taking on a new look inspired by *Toy Story*, *The Incredibles*, *Inside Out* and other Pixar favorites. This permanent enhancement is set to debut along with a limited-time **Pixar Fest** across the way at Disneyland Park, complete with a new fireworks spectacular.

**Lucky seven:** Disney Cruise Line, which previously announced the addition of the fifth and sixth ships to its fleet, with scheduled launches in 2021 and 2023, revealed that it's filling that launch gap with a **seventh ship**, slated to debut in 2022. Each of the three new ships will utilize the latest in clean-burning liquefied natural gas and will be roughly equivalent in size to the Disney Dream and Disney Fantasy ships.

**Marvel-ous makeover:** Disney's Hotel New York at Disneyland Paris will soon become **Disney's Hotel New York - The Art of Marvel**, adding galleries of art, costumes and more from such cinematic worlds as *Iron Man*, *Spider-Man* and *The Avengers*.

**Getting there is half the fun:** Shortly after the expo, select Walt Disney World guests began utilizing the new **Minnie Van service**, using their smartphones to order personal transportation between Walt Disney World destinations aboard vehicles inspired by Mickey's favorite mouse. Also on the horizon is the **Disney Skyliner**, an elevated gondola system that will offer an aerial view of Walt Disney World Resort as guests travel between Disney's Hollywood Studios, International Gateway at Epcot, Disney's Art of Animation Resort, Disney's Pop Century Resort, the proposed Disney Riviera Resort (see image above) and Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort.

Watch *Disney Files Magazine* for updates about these and other stories breaking at Disney destinations as new details become available.



# BUZZWORTHY

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**Adventures by Disney:** Iceland is joining the diverse list of global destinations through which families may enjoy active guided group vacations with Adventures by Disney. Beginning in 2018, Iceland joins a portfolio of itineraries that already includes more than 30 destinations in Asia, Africa, Australia, Central and South America, Europe and North America. Learn more about Adventures by Disney options online at [disneyvacationclub.com](http://disneyvacationclub.com) (go to Plan Vacations, Disney Collection, and then select Family Adventures from the Vacation Type drop-down menu) before calling Member Services to book your adventure.\*

**Disneyland Resort:** Presented in the former home of the “Disney Junior – Live on Stage!” show at Disney California Adventure Park, the new “Disney Junior Dance Party” features music from a mobile DJ, Disney Junior animation on a 14-foot-by-20-foot digital screen and live appearances by favorite characters from “Mickey and the Roadster Racers,” “Doc McStuffins,” “The Lion Guard” and “Sofia the First.”

**Walt Disney World Resort:** A record 35 global food-and-wine marketplaces celebrate 35 years of Epcot during the 22nd annual Epcot International Food & Wine Festival, taking place over 75 days (Aug. 31-Nov. 13). The festival

once again presents opportunities to enjoy bites and beverages from the aforementioned marketplaces, mix and mingle with celebrity chefs, experience hands-on culinary workshops and demonstrations, enjoy nightly “Eat to the Beat” concerts and more. For more information, including details about special ticketed events, visit [epcotfoodfestival.com](http://epcotfoodfestival.com).



▲ **Walt Disney World Resort:** When the National Basketball Association tips off its 2017-18 season this fall, Central Florida’s home team will sport an extra touch of “Magic,” thanks to a jersey-sponsorship agreement between Disney and the Orlando Magic. The multiyear agreement elevates a relationship that already saw the Walt Disney World Cast working with the team on community outreach initiatives as an Orlando Magic “Champion of the Community” partner.

**Walt Disney World Resort:** The recent debut of the new Happily Ever After fireworks spectacular at Magic Kingdom Park has sparked a solid question among Members and guests whose favorite view of the former Wishes fireworks show wasn’t found on dry land: what’s become of the “Ferrytale Wishes” dessert cruise? *Disney Files Magazine* is pleased to report that this ship (or ferry boat) continues to sail – albeit with a new name. The rebranded “Ferrytale Fireworks: A Sparkling Dessert Cruise” takes place most Sundays and Mondays aboard the iconic General Joe Potter ferryboat (named in honor of the Disney Legend who played a key

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role in the construction of Walt Disney World Resort). As many as 150 cruisers sail the Seven Seas Lagoon from the Transportation and Ticket Center, enjoying decadent sweets, specialty beverages (with or without alcohol) and one-of-a-kind views of the fireworks. Disney Vacation Club Members receive a 10 percent discount\* off the cost of \$99 for adults and \$69 for kids ages 3-9 (price includes tax and gratuity). Looking for another way to enjoy the show from the “seven seas?” The “Pirates & Pals Fireworks Voyage” departs each evening from Disney’s Contemporary Resort, where landlubbers enjoy a spread of seafaring snacks (from popcorn and ice cream to lemonade and Pirate Punch), and meet Captain Hook and Mr. Smee before setting sail. Once aboard their custom craft, voyagers sing sea shanties with the roguish pirate Patch, test their Disney-trivia knowledge and drop anchor to watch the fireworks light up the sky before returning to port to meet a surprise special guest. The cost for this voyage, inclusive of tax and gratuity, is \$72 for adults and \$43 for kids ages 3-9. Call Member Services for reservations for either voyage.

**Walt Disney World Resort:** Club 33, the private club dreamed up by Walt Disney for 33 Royal Street in New Orleans Square at Disneyland Park and since expanded to Tokyo Disney Resort and Shanghai Disney Resort, is coming soon to Walt Disney World Resort. Florida’s Club 33 members will have access to four private locations inspired by Walt’s worldly adventures with his beloved wife, Lillian. To inquire about Club 33 at Walt Disney World Resort, send an email to [WDWClub33@disneyworld.com](mailto:WDWClub33@disneyworld.com).

**Tokyo Disney Resort:** An official preview video is giving fans a sneak peek at new developments in the works for Tokyo Disneyland Park, including a *Beauty and the Beast*-themed Fantasyland expansion that will transport

guests to Belle’s village, where they’ll find a new attraction, theater, restaurant, merchandise location and more.

**Hong Kong Disneyland Resort:** The Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has officially approved the proposed Hong Kong Disneyland expansion plans referenced in the spring edition of *Disney Files Magazine*. Plans call for the development of new attractions, entertainment and themed areas from 2018-2023, including new *Frozen*- and *Marvel*-themed areas, a lively stage show in a new Moana’s Village Festival entertainment venue and a complete transformation of Sleeping Beauty Castle.



▲ **Disney Cruise Line:** Bookings have begun for Disney Magic cruises to new ports from New York in Fall 2018, including voyages to Bermuda and Quebec City (pictured here). Visit [disneyvacationclub.com](http://disneyvacationclub.com) (Plan Vacations, Disney Collection) to learn more about these and other 2018 Disney Cruise Line itineraries (from New York-to-Walt Disney World sailings to departures from San Diego, Calif., Galveston, Tex., Miami and Port Canaveral, Fla.) before calling Member Services to book your voyage.\*

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## Celebrating life in the Land of the Dead

**Disney·Pixar's *Coco* opens in U.S. theaters in 3-D Nov. 22**

Once every year, our ancestors come back to our world to see family and friends, but no living person has ever visited *their* world...until now. Disney·Pixar's *Coco* takes moviegoers to the colorful Land of the Dead, where the spirits of lost loved ones remain alive for as long as they're remembered by the living.

Despite his family's baffling, generations-old ban on music, Miguel (voice of newcomer Anthony Gonzalez), dreams of becoming an accomplished musician like his idol, Ernesto de la Cruz (voice of Benjamin Bratt). Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself alive in the Land of the Dead following a mysterious chain of events. It's there that he meets charming trickster Hector (voice of Gael García Bernal), and together, they set off on an extraordinary journey to unlock the real story behind Miguel's family history.

The film is directed by Lee Unkrich (*Toy Story 3*), co-directed by Adrian Molina (story artist on *Monsters University*) and produced by Darla K. Anderson (*Toy Story 3*).

Filmmakers visited a variety of Mexican cities and small towns to deepen their knowledge of the country's people, places and customs.

"In addition to drawing visual inspiration from incredible places, we studied how different families in different regions approach holidays like Dia de los Muertos, the Mexican tradition of welcoming ancestors' spirits home each year

for a festive celebration," said Adrian, whose mother is from Mexico. "While the celebrations vary from place to place and from home to home, what they share in common is an emotional connection to family and a passion for remembering loved ones through stories and, notable for our film, music."

Mexico's rich tapestry of musical styles led the filmmakers to ask the kind of question that has sparked countless Pixar films: "What if?"

Adrian recalled the team asking, "What if you had a passion for music and lived in a place filled with music but were part of a family that forbid it? That gave us some really fun territory to play in."

Much of that fun extends to characters seldom associated with fun on film: skeletons.

"Our film's skeletons aren't at all lifeless," Adrian said. "They have names, personalities and stories. You get to know who they were in life, and who and what they loved. There's a great deal of heart in those stories, and a lot of humor in the way they move through their world, throwing caution to the wind because, after all, they're already dead."

Ultimately, *Coco* is about an impossible journey made possible.

"We've all heard stories about relatives we never had a chance to meet," Adrian said. "Imagine meeting those people and hearing their stories straight from them. Would they be the same stories you've heard?"





### **Olaf's Frozen Adventure opens in U.S. theaters in 3-D with Coco Nov. 22**

From Emmy Award-winning directors Kevin Deters and Stevie Wermers-Skelton (*Prep & Landing*) and Academy Award-winning producer Roy Conli (*Big Hero 6*) comes the next destined-to-be-classic holiday featurette from our friends at Walt Disney Animation Studios.

Sledding into cinemas this fall with Pixar Animation Studios' *Coco*, *Olaf's Frozen Adventure* takes audiences to the first holiday season since Anna and Elsa have reunited as sisters and the castle gates have reopened, making this the first opportunity to host a festive celebration for all of Arendelle. When the townspeople unexpectedly leave early to enjoy their individual holiday customs, the sisters realize they have no traditions of their own.

Determined to see his friends enjoy this special time of the year, Olaf combs the kingdom for traditions to bring home to Anna and Elsa.

The 21-minute featurette introduces four original songs by Elyssa Samsel and Kate Andersen, and reunites the all-star lead voice cast of *Frozen*, including Josh Gad as Olaf, Kristen Bell as Anna, Idina Menzel as Elsa and Jonathan Groff as Kristoff.

"We pitched several ideas for an Olaf-starring holiday film, everything from a story involving Olaf's bizarre twin – named Loaf – to one in which Olaf hosted a Christmas variety show," Kevin told *Disney Files Magazine*. "The team quickly zeroed in on the more emotional ideas,

particularly those involving family traditions. Our film was born from this idea that Olaf is, in many ways, a child. He's new to the world and therefore doesn't have established traditions. He's as naïve as he is enthusiastic. So this idea of Olaf venturing out in search of traditions became a great springboard for us.

"There's a lot of heart and humor inherent in the idea of traditions, which often make sense only to those who share them. Imagine you go to a friend's house during the holidays, and they serve turkey with candy sprinkles, just as they do every year. To you, it's crazy, but to them, it's tradition."

Stevie added that, while Christmas is at the core of *Olaf's Frozen Adventure*, the filmmakers drew inspiration from a variety of winter holiday traditions.

"In every culture, everywhere around the world, you find traditions that families hold dear, whether or not they celebrate Christmas," Stevie said. "So there was no shortage of inspiration."

Asked if, at any point in the creative process, the filmmakers paused to ponder the possibility of *Olaf's Frozen Adventure* joining the pantheon of seasonal films that families include in their own holiday traditions, Stevie answered, "You certainly try not to. If you think about that too much, it'll paralyze you. As filmmakers, you just focus on telling a universally relatable story. If you do that, and do it well, it can stand the test of time."





## We'll always have Paris

A silver-anniversary look at Disneyland Paris

By Tim O'Day

This year marks a special milestone as Disneyland Paris turns 25. I was fortunate to be part of the opening team for what was then known as Euro Disney Resort. I relocated to France for almost a year and saw first-hand the creation of what was the most ambitious Disney project to date (and today stands as the No. 1 tourist destination in Europe).

As a publicist, I helped tell the incredible story of the resort's creation and grand opening and, in the process, worked closely with the astounding array of Walt Disney Imagineering talent that was assembled to dream and build this most impressive Disney resort property.

Leading the creative development of Euro Disneyland (now known as Disneyland Paris) was Disney Legend Tony Baxter, then senior vice president of creative development for Walt Disney Imagineering. Tony's well-known work before Paris included leading the creative teams behind such popular stateside attractions as Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, Star Tours, Journey Into Imagination and Splash Mountain.

I recently sat down with Tony to reminisce about the resort's 1992 opening and get his thoughts about a recent trip he made to Marne le

Valle, France, to help celebrate the resort's silver anniversary.

**Tim: You spent many years working on this project. What moments stand out most for you?**

**Tony:** Well, aside from opening day, the day that blew me away was Oct. 12, 1991, and the castle unveiling ceremony we had – the first time the public and media were going to see our newest and completely different theme park castle. The ceremony consisted of this enormous faux curtain stretched across Main Street, U.S.A. When Michael Eisner and Frank Wells pulled the lever, our beautiful Le Chateau de la Belle au Bois Dormant was revealed. It was spectacular. We had just pulled the scaffolding down the night before. We were working so hard and so fast, and were quickly approaching winter. It was just a triumphant moment for everyone. That was a special day.

**Tim: When you look back on 25 years of Disneyland Paris, of what are you most proud?**

**Tony:** Everyone who had an effort in leading the design ... We thought, "Is there a way we can take this thing that we all grew up with and know – the original Disneyland with its charm and wonder – and try to



imbue the new park with that, but with modern efficiencies?” One of the rules we lived by from a creative and design perspective was this: 40 feet wide is not 40 feet; it’s 20 feet twice. Meaning that two 20-foot walkways are charming; one 40-foot walkway feels urban and like Grand Central terminal. We scaled things back to being people friendly and avoided oversized esplanades and massive walkways through Disneyland Paris. We were creating something in the heart of France, a country known for spectacular spaces, history and artistry, so we wanted to create something that would complement that by way of beauty and charm.

**Tim: What do you recall being among the project’s biggest “game changers?”**

**Tony:** The biggest game changer was placing the Disneyland Hotel at the entrance to the park ... We were presented with a million reasons why we shouldn’t do that. Nobody thought giving guests a hotel where they were essentially in the theme park would be popular ... The hotel has, obviously, proven to be very successful.

We had a motto of “Spend better, not more” and, in the case of the arcades of Main Street, U.S.A. (ornate, indoor walkways that run behind the Main Street, U.S.A., shops), that’s exactly what we did. Paris experiences inclement weather not unlike Tokyo Disneyland, where World Bazaar is under a glass canopy. That’s great because the Japanese love shopping, but a canopy limits the kinds of entertainment you can produce, and it dulls the daylight. The French don’t shop as much, and they dearly adore their sunshine when they get it, so we opted to keep the cover off Main Street.

We then looked at how much it would cost to build two arcade walkways, one on each backside of Main Street. It turned out that building the arcades (the Liberty and Discovery Arcades) was a third of the cost of building a canopy, so we had money left over to create some of the most detailed and ornate shops in any Disney park in the world, plus you are

able to reach Frontierland or Discoveryland through these beautiful arcades without ever encountering bad weather.

The innovation in Pirates of the Caribbean was the sword-fighting pirates. We didn’t want to simply apply 1967 technology in 1991 ... We thought we should have the figures do something that, as a human being, we would be afraid to do, so dueling with sharp swords was the answer. It remains a great effect. I was thrilled on my recent trip that guests were still astounded by the robotics.

Space Mountain represented the first time we had ever placed on-board audio on a roller-coaster vehicle and choreographed it to the ride itself, including three loops – another first for us. It was also the first time we ever utilized a 45-degree catapult system to launch a roller-coaster. All of those elements pushed Space Mountain to new levels.

The uniqueness of placing Big Thunder Mountain Railroad in the middle of the Rivers of the Far West was another innovation. It resulted in Big Thunder truly being the centerpiece of Frontierland and resulted in, perhaps, our most thrilling version of the attraction.

**Tim: You mentioned your recent trip to Paris. What went through your mind as you explored the park?**

**Tony:** First, it still seems like a brand-new park to me ... After a quarter century of growth, the landscaping has transformed the park from what we thought on opening day was a beautiful place to what I feel is now the most beautiful of all Disney parks ... As I walked through the park, I thought about the wonderful Imagineers responsible for creating this place. And I thought about just how beautiful the castle remains. In a land of stunning fairytale-like castles spread throughout Europe, ours remains distinctive ... I had bicycled around Paris earlier in the trip, and when I then returned to Disneyland Paris, I thought, “This is as beautiful as anything I saw today in the city.”

# The SEAcret History of S.E.A.

By Jim Korkis

The amazing new Miss Adventures Falls attraction at Disney's Typhoon Lagoon Water Park is a notable addition for a variety of reasons. With a ride time of about two minutes, it ranks as the park's longest attraction. And, by having guests seated in rafts ascending to the top of the slide on a conveyor belt, Miss Adventure Falls eliminates the traditional stair climb associated with most water park attractions.

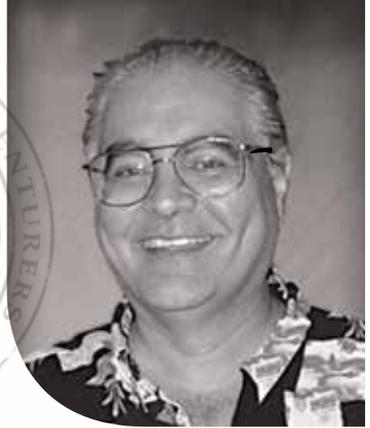
However, for me as not only a Disney historian but a longtime Disney *fan*, what I love most is the attraction's tie to the story of treasure-hunting heroine and world-famous oceanographer Captain Mary Oceaneer.

Savvy Members may recognize Mary from spaces that bear her name aboard the Disney Cruise Line ships, as the popular Oceaneer Club and Lab locations (for guests ages 3-12) honor her high-seas exploits. According to legend, Mary is a member of the famed Society of Explorers & Adventurers (S.E.A.), an organization you know well if you spent any time at the Adventurers Club – a favorite Walt Disney World watering hole from 1989-2008.

Captain Mary's goal was to sail the seven seas and collect treasures from numerous ports of call to share with the rest of the world. Unfortunately, her ship was caught in an unexpected storm and swept to Typhoon Lagoon, where her deep-sea artifacts were scattered throughout the location.

Guests enjoying the new Miss Adventure Falls attraction see some of these scattered treasures, as well as the damaged hull of the ship from which Mary's diving-partner parrot Duncan continues to scan the terrain.

While S.E.A. Membership is by invitation only to the brightest and most enterprising minds on the planet, I'm sure they wouldn't mind my sharing some of their secret history, collected from evidence scattered throughout some of your favorite Disney destinations.



Formed by fearless adventurers on Aug. 12, 1538, S.E.A. began attracting the attention of Disney fans in 2001 with the opening of Tokyo DisneySea. There, in the Fortress Explorations area of the Park, a museum of sorts showcases a variety of treasures, including a seismic recording station embedded in Mount Prometheus, where S.E.A. members tracked and recorded the volcano's activities. A nearby bronze plaque at the water's edge reads: "*We, the members of the Society of Explorers and Adventurers, herewith establish Explorers' Landing in order to promote the sharing of nautical and scientific knowledge for world exploration.*"

Also at Tokyo DisneySea is the magnificent Hotel Hightower, home to the Park's Tower of Terror attraction. Built by prominent S.E.A. member Harrison Hightower (who bears an uncanny resemblance to Walt Disney Imagineer Joe Rohde), the hotel displays photos in its lobby of Harrison absconding with priceless ancient treasures from around the world, much to the dismay of the local populations. As the story goes, on New Year's Eve in 1899, at an exclusive party to show off his ill-gotten collection, Harrison disappeared after an unfortunate incident with a cursed idol known as Shiriki Utundu. The hotel remained closed until 1912, when it re-opened to guests as part of a preservation effort. Strange things have been happening at the hotel ever since, much to the delight of Park guests.

Hong Kong Disneyland is home to another location steeped in S.E.A. history – Mystic Manor. The globetrotting Lord Henry Mystic, who collected his treasures more honestly than fellow S.E.A. member Harrison, befriended a mischievous monkey named Albert. Guests visiting the Mystic Manor attraction find the curious Albert playing with an ancient music box that grants life to the lifeless, sending Mystic's collection into chaos. The attraction's queue

features black-and-white photographs of the Manor's 1896 opening, along with portraits of S.E.A. members dating back to 1899.

Closer to "home" for most Disney Vacation Club Members is the Jungle Navigation Co. Ltd. Skipper Canteen restaurant in Adventureland at Florida's Magic Kingdom Park. The Jungle Navigation Co. was founded by S.E.A. member Dr. Albert Falls (noted namesake of the nearby Schweitzer Falls). Following Dr. Falls' passing, his cargo business went to granddaughter Alberta, who turned it into a Jungle Cruise tour operator before launching a restaurant in the company's headquarters. While most guests dine in the old Skippers Mess Hall, you can find a secret S.E.A. meeting room filled with interesting memorabilia just behind a corridor of bookshelves.

Just down the road in Frontierland is Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, long the stomping grounds of S.E.A. member Barnabus T. Bullion, President and Founder of the Big Thunder Mining Company (whose portrait in the attraction's queue looks suspiciously like Disney Legend Tony Baxter, leading many fans to surmise that the "T" stands for "Tony"). The drilling device that disturbed the spirits of Big Thunder Mountain was invented by Jason Chandler, another member of S.E.A.

Many believe that additional evidence of the secret history of S.E.A. is waiting to be discovered at a variety of Disney destinations, and I have it on good authority that intrigued Imagineers are on the case. Could the famous Captain Nemo be a member? Are other popular places hiding secret connections? Will researchers discover entire S.E.A. locations previously hidden from view? Something tells me there are many stories left to be told.



▲ Among the distinctively Disney details at the new Miss Adventures Falls attraction are foreign symbols beneath the phrase "Nautical Treasures" on this dive bell. Those symbols, written in the Atlantean language developed for the 2001 Walt Disney Animation Studios film *Atlantis: The Lost Empire*, translate to "I come in peace," suggesting that Captain Mary Oceaneer's adventures may have included expeditions to the lost world of Atlantis.



Keep a weather eye out for Captain Mary's diving-partner parrot Duncan among the wreckage as you ride the conveyor belt to the top of Miss Adventure Falls.



# FAMILY ALBUM

Meet Our Members!

1. Matthew of Massachusetts, Member since 2000, sets an unofficial record for taking *Disney Files* Magazines to the highest heights - 4,062 feet above sea level.

2. Ending Matthew's stay atop the record books are Pennsylvanians Michael and Mary, Members since 2006, who took the magazine to Maui and posed for this photo at 9,740 feet. (Show offs.)

3. Pluto follows his nose to a new friend - young Kaede of Tokyo, Japan, whose proud grandfather has been a Member since 2012.

4. From left, Brandon, Sherry and Kyle of Florida, Members since 2008, have a great time reading together atop China's equally great wall.

5. A curious koala at an Australian zoo is itching to hear the news shared by Sarah of Ontario, Canada, whose parents have been Members since 2009.

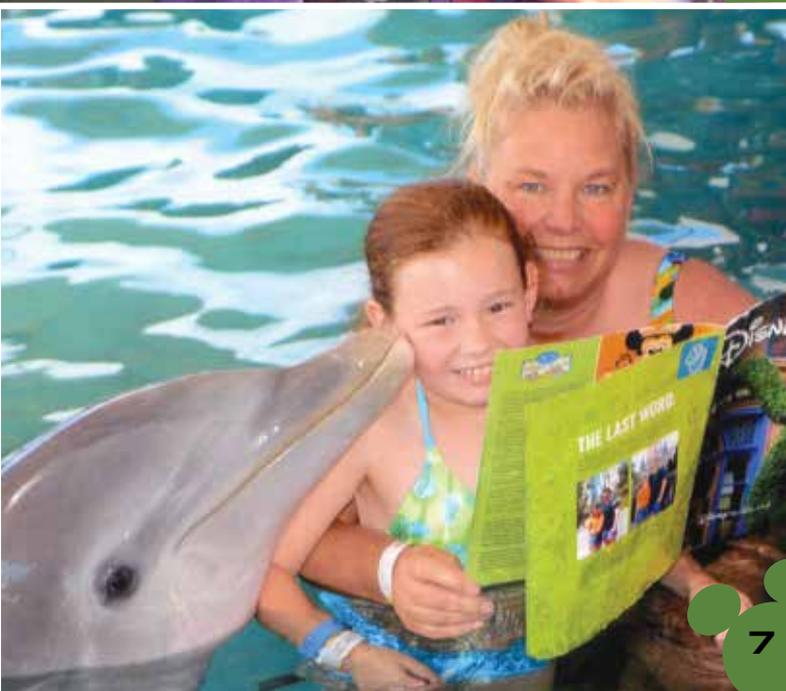
6. Young Samuel of Massachusetts, whose parents have been Members since 2014, visits the Main Street Barber Shop during his family's Walt Disney World vacation to get his first haircut. Here's lookin' at you, kid.

7. Dashing dolphin Clarence steals a kiss from young Adysen of Louisiana, whose family has been part of the Member community since 1998, as a delighted Shannon reads the news.

8. Baby Hunter, whose New Jersey family has been around the neighborhood since 2002, takes a Bibbidi Bobbidi bite out of Cinderella at Magic Kingdom Park.

Send your photos (keeping copies for yourself as we won't return ours) to *Disney Files* Magazine, Disney Vacation Club, 1390 Celebration Blvd., Celebration, FL 34747. Remember to include your name, hometown and "Member Since" year, along with a signed release form for each person pictured. The form is available online at [disneyvacationclub.com/releaseform](http://disneyvacationclub.com/releaseform).





# MARTY SKLAR

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A handwritten note from Marty Sklar was the ultimate expression of gratitude. Countless Cast Members, including yours truly, preserve those notes as prized possessions. Each one means that something we did mattered to a man who matters so much to us. Calling Marty a mentor and *Disney Files Magazine* columnist was one of the great honors of my career. Calling him a friend was one of the great honors of my life. So as we bid farewell to a Disney Legend who appreciated all of you as much as you appreciated him, it seems fitting to thank him, not with a typed column, but with a handwritten note. I trust that, somewhere, Marty is smiling...and criticizing my penmanship.

Ryan March, Editor  
*Disney Files Magazine*

Marty,

On behalf of the young me  
who called you a hero,  
the not-so-young me  
who called you a friend  
and the countless  
*Disney Files* readers who  
cherished your every  
word, thank you. Our  
world is better, not  
only because you were  
in it, but because you  
helped create it. We  
will be forever grateful.  
Farewell, my friend.

-Ryan

