

A Night In Monte Carlo - February 12

by Lynne Belluscio

The LeRoy Historical Society's annual Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday evening, February 12. The festivities will begin at 5:30 with a silent auction, a cash bar and appetizers.

The catering will be by the D & R Depot and they are presenting an elegant menu that includes a spinach and asparagus salad, a main course with three entrees of pork loin, tilapia and chicken breast. The special dessert will put everyone in the mood for an evening of brisk bidding on some very special auction items.

Once again we are most appreciative of Bill Kent and his family of auctioneers who will be on hand to auction 40 unusual and one of a kind items. (I have a lead on a Lamborghini that will be donated and a couple of bottles of exclusive French wine.)

I've also heard that the ghosts of Princess Grace and Prince Rainier have reserved a table right across from James Bond and a few of the Bond girls. (As you know several of the James Bond 007 movies were filmed in Monte Carlo.) The first movie about this Riviera city starred Jeannette MacDonald in 1930. Monaco, is located at the edge of the Southern Alps, on the



Mediterranean Ocean, surrounded by the French Riviera. The country has a population of about 30,000 and 3,000 of them live in Monte Carlo. Historically the country was

known for oranges and grapes, but when the economic prosperity from agriculture declined, the country decided to follow the example of some of the small towns in Germany and as early as 1863, Monte Carlo became known for its elegant casino.

Eventually it also became known for the Circuit de Monaco Grand Prix for formula one automobiles. Monaco is synonymous with the Grimaldi family and most everyone remembers the story of Prince Rainier and Princess Grace. Their son Prince Albert will be marrying Charlene Wittstock this July in a Royal wedding. (I suspect their social calendar is pretty full, so I have not sent invitations to them for our event.)

Although few of us will ever have the opportunity to visit Monte Carlo, we hope you will consider joining us for this once in a lifetime opportunity at LeRoy House. Tickets are available for \$40 per person by calling 768-7433. It promises to be a fun evening, with elegant food, good company and an opportunity to help support the LeRoy Historical Society.

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