

Celebrity waiters just one highlight of GAC fundraiser

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Mike and Tracy Busse invite everyone to join them at Garlic Mike's on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 5:45 p.m. for dinner and entertainment to celebrate the Gunnison Arts Center. Celebrity waiters will be serving dinner, entertainment will be provided by Ron Earl and friends, and you never know what Garlic Mike has up his sleeves.

"The only waiting I will be doing is waiting for our celebrity staff to pick up their food and get it out while it's hot!" Mike said. "It's very important for us as business owners in a small community to give back as much as we can," added Tracy. "We are happy to support the arts center for such a great event."

Here's a sneak peak at who'll be your celebrity waiters for "Broadway at Mike's."

Tim and Lois Cashman

Tim and Lois Cashman both work at Gunnison Valley Hospital, where Tim is the financial officer and Lois is the discharge planner/case manager.

"We deem it crucial to have a vibrant and creative arts community to integrate with other key assets, such as a solid health care delivery system," Tim said.

As for any waiting experience? Lois put herself through school working at a pizzeria in Minneapolis. Tim worked as a bartender during the latter part of his college years.

The husband-wife team has helped the GAC in the past by bringing the play, "CUPS," to the center's stage.

Steve and Linda Moorhouse

Steve is in his 14th years as pastor of the Community Church and Linda has been a teacher at Gunnison Elementary for 10 years. Prior to Gunnison, they started the Oh-Be-Joyful Church in Crested Butte and spent 10 years as missionaries in Taiwan.

Steve says they support the GAC because they "appreciate creation in all of its various expressions and the inspiration it brings."

Doug and Kaylonn Tredway

The Tredways are both educators who have worked in the community for many years. Doug currently serves as the principal of Gunnison Middle School.

They credit the arts in general, and the GAC in particular, as being part of a well-rounded education that this community provided for their own children.

They also have nearly 60 years of combined experience with Lunch Duty in the schools. "Hope everyone is ready to get in line and clean up their mess!" Doug exclaims.

Cindy McKee and Emily Kowal

Cindy and Emily are both teachers in the Gunnison Community School. Their husbands are going to have to buy tickets to see this dynamic duo in action.

"I support the GAC because it enhances our community," Cindy explains. "I love Sundays @ 7. I look forward to Sonofagun all year. My daughters have both had great experiences in GAC classes, and my husband and his band, Iola, love to play the art center's events."

Emily was born and raised in Gunnison. Faithful fans will remember her as a past performer in Sonofagun. She worked for *one day* at a Chinese restaurant in Greeley while in college. Enough said. ...

Julie Feier and Paul Morgan

Julie and Paul both work for Western State College. Julie is the associate vice president for finance and administration and Paul ... well, no one knows just what he does. He loves sidewalks and has been known to hang around dumpsters.

But don't worry. Garlic Mike will ensure that Paul washes his hands before serving pasta. He will also be wearing an apron.

As for Julie, she lived and worked in Gunnison while attended Western State in the early-to-mid '90s and perhaps comes into "Broadway at Mike's" with the most extensive restaurant resume.

Her waiting experience includes dropping a chicken fried steak in a customer's lap at the Cattleman's, making bean burritos at the Seabar — "which included my first experience with lard," she recalls. She dished out pizza at Angelo's in Crested Butte, cocktailled at The Trough and was the deli maid at Three Rivers.

"I think I have the valley covered," she says.