Everything Old Is New Again

Restored Theatre Preserves Many Original Details
by Thondra Lanese

When the Sunrise Theatre first opened in 1923 it offered every amenity of the day, from a $10,000 Foto Player organ to the finest seating then available—leather and wood chairs that cost an extravagant $5.50 each. Even the theatre's Typhoon cooling system was state-of-the-art, with six electric fans changing the air in the auditorium every few minutes.

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In 1993 when I first began working in Fort Pierce, I remember a large vacant building on South Second Street. The building was tan with peeling paint and had a marquis with lights that appeared not to have worked for some time. Once a month, the building opened its doors to Friday Fest. All of the tables, tokens, bathroom facilities and signs were stored in the building to aid in the street party that encompassed only one small block along Second Street.

If you were brave enough to ever venture into the dark, musty building, you could see a theater that time had passed by: the maroon, tasseled curtain, the faded presidium, tiled water fountain featuring Bok Tower and old, dusty and broken theatre seats. The days of Tom Mix or Sally Rand on stage was way before my time, but just to think of the impact their presence made on our community on the stage of the sunrise is incredible! If the walls could only talk!

The Sunrise was the heart and soul of the Fort Pierce community and provided hours of entertainment for residents and the troops that trained here. It was a social activity that drew crowds on a Thursday night for “Bank Night” when lucky ticket holders could win as much as $100 or a Saturday night out with your date. What fond memories the theatre has here for many people.

Today, with the restoration and reopening of the Historic Sunrise Theatre, generations that remember the older days of its glory can reminisce and younger theatre goers can begin to formulate their memories of what the theatre means to them. The reopening of the Sunrise Theatre will once again be a source of entertainment and enjoyment for future generations. It has been a long process with hard work and often times criticism, but the tireless dedication of Main Street Fort Pierce, namely Doris Tillman and Tom Kindred, has paid off and our community will benefit from this cultural icon. Thank you!
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Dionne Warwick
Sunrise Theatre, 461-4662

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WHAT: Dionne Warwick – Sunrise Theatre Opening Night Performance
WHEN: Saturday & Sunday, January 14 & 15
WHERE: Sunrise Theatre
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Website: www.sunrisetheatre.com
Doris Tillman: The Woman Behind the Dream

by Joanne Davis

Last month Doris Tillman surprised me by inserting a story about my resignation as a Main Street staff member. This month due to the Sunrise Theatre's grand opening, I found it fitting to return the favor and write a story about the one woman whose vision and determination turned the Sunrise Theatre dream into reality.

I have had the honor of working beside Doris for approximately seven years. I have seen her pick up trash off the street after community events and I have seen her in fancy suits accepting awards for Main Street Fort Pierce accomplishments or speaking to groups about the importance of community revitalization. She is well respected in the Main Street community and Fort Pierce is frequently used as an example of a successful downtown revitalization. Doris is a visionary who can not only see the entire picture but can also put together the resources to complete the projects she envisions.

The Sunrise Theatre dream began with the first Main Street Board of Directors and its Executive Director, Tom Kindred, Jr., in 1988. At the time, the Sunrise was still owned and cared for by the local family that built the Theatre, the Koblegard's. Other than a few occasional rentals, the Sunrise shut its doors to the public in 1983 when its single picture screen could no longer compete with the local multiplex theatres.

After Tom Kindred, Jr. resigned from Main Street in 1991, Doris was hired as its Manager. One of Doris' first projects was the restoration of the Historic City Hall building. She gained experience working with grants, contractors, and architects during the Historic City Hall restoration. After that project was complete, the City of Fort Pierce hosted a public charrette in 1995 that led to the City's Master Plan for development. One of the requests from the 1995 charrette was for increased cultural activities. With public support for the Sunrise project, Doris knew it was finally time to begin preparations to restore the downtown theatre.

Historic theatres within Main Street districts are viewed as assets with great potential. They once served as public gathering places and most were built with architectural features unique to the era of their design. The Sunrise Theatre was built in 1923 around the beginning of Florida's land boom and features a Spanish Mediterranean architectural style that was found in many of the structures built in Florida at the time. Historic theatres are also key instruments used for revitalization of small downtown communities. Communities with restored historic theatres have benefited from an increase in restaurants, retail shops, residential communities, and local jobs. These factors benefit the community as a whole because the more tax revenue that is generated from the increase of people eating out, shopping, or visiting the area equals more money for county and city projects.

What is truly amazing about the efforts of Doris Tillman and the Main Street Board is that a project of the Sunrise Theatre's magnitude is normally paid for and completed by local governments, not small not-for-profit organizations with 1 to 2 staff members. Doris knew from the experience of other Main Street communities across the country just what the Sunrise Theatre could do for its community. Cultural venues such as the Sunrise Theatre have the potential to increase property values,
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Doris and the Main Street board first sought the advice and resources of the National Trust for Historic Places and League of Historic American Theatres to determine if the Sunrise Theatre was a viable project. After months of review, the experts agreed that if the Sunrise was restored, the surrounding area would support it. Doris immediately began writing state grants to assess the architecture, purchase the building, and begin historic restoration. By the time she finished writing, Doris had accumulated over $3,000,000 in state and federal grant dollars to restore the Sunrise.

In 1997, St. Lucie Preservation (a sister corporation of Main Street Fort Pierce) bought the auditorium portion only. After consulting with several experts it was agreed that in order to properly restore the building, the entire building would need to be purchased. In 1999, St. Lucie Preservation bought the storefront, parking lot, and second-floor offices of the Sunrise Theatre building. A team of architects was hired to prepare the architectural and structural changes that were needed to take the building back to its original 1923 design. Sunrise Theatre, Inc. was formed and a separate Board of Directors was developed to oversee the operations of the Theatre after restoration.

Together Main Street Fort Pierce and Sunrise Theatre, Inc. raised over $2,000,000 in private donations for the Theatre's restoration.

After the private donations and state grants were obtained the local governments were approached to help contribute to the completion of the project. Once finished, the Sunrise Theatre will become the property of the City of Fort Pierce and the public.

I wish I could say that everyone saw what Doris saw from the beginning, but even I was skeptical at first. The Sunrise Theatre was a huge undertaking that was 15 years in the making, but as the theatre progressed I and many others eventually began to see what Doris was so excited about. Now as I walk through the nearly completed lobby, the backstage, the balcony, or the auditorium, I am bursting with pride. Most of our community is not yet aware of the impact that the Sunrise Theatre will have on our future, but I can say with confidence that it will be very positive.

The story of the Sunrise Theatre is a great one. There have been many private and public monetary supporters and many special volunteers that have contributed to the Sunrise Theatre dream over the years. One person could not have accomplished the entire project on their own, but one, extraordinary person has worked extremely hard on the project from its beginning and has endured throughout the length of the project to ensure its completion.

Thank you Doris.
As we celebrate our 10th Anniversary, we would like to extend a special thanks to all of our clients, family, friends, and vendors who have helped to make the past 10 years such a success.

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How do I have a successful fitness program?

**Answer:**

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2. **Variety:** You should vary your workout program. This will keep you from becoming bored. Also, your body needs a variety of workouts so that all the muscles get worked and others get a rest.
3. **Track your progress:** This should be more than the scale! Your body changes in many ways. You should be tracking your measurements, weight and changes to your body fat and body mass index. Again, this should be checked every thirty days before working out.
4. **Support:** The fitness center you choose should make you feel comfortable when you enter. The staff should be caring and spend time with you. The gym should not be an intimidating place.

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- To boost mood
- To help prevent and regulate diabetes
- To improve flexibility, joint range of motion and functional movement
- To improve cardiovascular strength
Extraordinary Challenges, Extraordinary Benefits to the Community, and Extraordinary People to Thank

by Doris Tillman

In 1988 the City of Fort Pierce became a Main Street City. The goals of the National Main Street program are four steps; economic restructuring, design, promotion and organization. Tom Kindred, Jr., was hired as the first manager of the program. It was his vision that saw the Sunrise Theatre restored to revitalize downtown Fort Pierce.

In 1991, Tom Kindred, Jr., decided that he was going into the private sector and Doris Tillman was hired. Tom’s vision was contagious and the Board of Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc., caught the Sunrise bug. One of Doris’ primary goals was to work with the County to acquire a grant to start some renovations and open the theatre for community events. It was quickly discovered, however, that the only way to get the grants was to own the building. The group’s next step was to purchase the Sunrise Theatre.

The Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. Board joined the League of Historic American Theatres and took advantage of their one-time free consulting program. This is where the dream began. A beautiful picture of what the theatre could be and what it could mean to the community emerged. A group formed and started meeting on how to accomplish the restoration.

In 1997, St. Lucie Preservation Association, Inc., an arm of Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc., purchased the auditorium of the theatre for $50,000. K & K, Inc., the owners of the building, had just put a new roof on it for approximately the same amount. Design work began, but it was quickly realized that more space than just the auditorium was needed to make this a top quality performing arts center. It was imperative that the rest of the building be purchased. The purchase of the office/retail building connected to the theatre took place in 1999. Appraised at $410,000 the building was purchased for $405,000, of which a State of Florida Historic Preservation Grant paid half of the purchase price. The remaining land parcels were purchased for the tax appraised value of that year. With all the pieces to the puzzle in place, design work for a 1,200 seat auditorium began.
Realizing that the project was going to be a large undertaking, the Board of Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc., formed a new nonprofit called the Sunrise Theatre, Inc. A separate board was chosen and the responsibilities were divided into two parts; the new board would work on the business development and organization and Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc., would work on the construction of the project. Both groups would work on fund raising.

From the beginning of the demolition in 2000 and throughout the restoration, which began in October of 2002, the project has run very efficiently. There have been no increases in the budget and the funds are in place to complete the project, debt free. The City of Fort Pierce has been the largest contributor, however, about six million dollars has been raised from private contributors and other government sources.

The grand opening of the Sunrise Theatre for the Performing Arts will be January 14, 2006. The Sunrise Theatre will mark history once again on this memorable day as it will be the largest performing arts theatre on the Treasure Coast from Melbourne to Palm Beach.

Our community will have the luxury of many wonderful entertainment venues such as the Lyric Theatre, Indian River Community College McAlpin Center, Riverside Theater, The King Center and many others...

If only there was enough space in this column to thank all of the wonderful people who helped the restoration efforts of the Sunrise theatre. There have been countless hours of donated services that helped the project along. These special individuals gave endless hours of their time to raise funds and generate enthusiasm for the project. Most importantly, thank you to everyone who believed the Sunrise Theatre dream. Without you the project would never have become a reality.
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Downtown Heroes: Eddie Enns
by Joanne Davis

There are many downtown heroes that should be recognized for their contributions to our community. I am honored to write about one such hero who stood up for Fort Pierce and changed the way others viewed it. The hero I speak of is former Fort Pierce Mayor, Eddie Enns. He is a personal hero of mine, one that I will always remember as an example of leadership at its best.

In 1988, when Fort Pierce was awarded its Main Street designation, long-time residents and community supporters were in the process of trying to revitalize the city's image, economic status, and visual appearance. Most of these concerned citizens grew up in Fort Pierce and had fond memories of a once vibrant downtown and adjoining neighborhoods. Suburban strip centers and shopping malls had long since enticed consumers to shop outside of downtown. As a result, downtown storefronts were vacated, crime increased, and property values declined. Fort Pierce, like many small towns across America at the time, needed strong leadership to reverse the damage that started generations before.

When Eddie Enns was elected Mayor in 1994, he was determined to continue the progress that the previous Mayor, Dr. Bill Dannahower, and his administration began. At the same time Mayor Enns was elected a new City Manager and City Planner were also hired. A public charrette was held in 1995 and many ideas that were generated from that charrette became the backbone of the City's Master Plan.

With a plan in place to improve the City's appearance, Mayor Enns began a campaign to improve the Fort Pierce's image. He began hosting a once-a-month Coffee with the Mayor event. He took a strong stand when a local newspaper frequently published articles that negatively impacted Fort Pierce and neglected to write about the positive stories.

As Mayor, Eddie Enns, was a strong supporter of the Sunrise Theatre. Even though the City of Fort Pierce's monetary support of the Sunrise Theatre was controversial, he knew the future economic benefits would far outweigh the Theatre's restoration costs.

The Master Plan that was designed shortly after Eddie Enns took office in 1995 is in the process of becoming reality, piece-by-piece. Most of the improvements began in the commercial districts and will eventually spread westward throughout the neighborhoods surrounding downtown Fort Pierce and the Avenue D corridor. Millions of tax dollars have been spent and millions more of private investments have followed.

Fort Pierce needed a strong leader to back the improvements that have lead to a surge of investment and property values. Eddie Enns was that leader. No longer is Fort Pierce looked upon as the depressed area between other vibrant communities. It is now one of the most vibrant communities on the Treasure Coast.

I have personally witnessed the transformation of the City's image over the past ten years. When I was
in high school all of my friends were anxious to leave the area because they felt the City had nothing to offer them. Now young people are moving to Fort Pierce to settle because of the variety of activities and opportunities that have become available since the City's officials began planning Fort Pierce's future.

Eddie Enns is a Fort Pierce native and has seen his city go through many stages and changes over the years. Fort Pierce was and is fortunate to have city leaders like Eddie Enns that truly care about their community as a whole.

Eddie Enns is very supportive of projects that improve Fort Pierce. When the Sunrise Theatre held an event to raise restoration funds, Eddie volunteered as an "usher" to help raise money. Here he helps Bud Adams to his seat.

... Restored Theatre, continued from front page

Some seventy years later, one of the biggest challenges facing the theatre's restoration team was maintaining the original elegance while creating a modern performing arts center capable of serving the community well into the future.

The project began with a full restoration of the outside of the Mediterranean-style building, including double-hung wooden windows on the upper levels, a richly colored stucco exterior, and barrel tile fronting along the roofline.

A restored entrance draws visitors into the theatre under a historically accurate recreation of the original lighted marquee and through double oak doors accented by a period terrazzo floor. Just beyond, the wall between the original entrance and the old Whizateria restaurant has been removed, creating a beautifully expanded lobby.

While drawings and photographs existed to guide the recreation of the structure, little information survived about the decorative details—until historical painter Jarrett Ellis joined the restoration team. Ellis carefully removed layers of paint and dirt to reveal elaborate stenciling throughout the theatre's interior.

The rich colors of an ornate crest featuring the theatre's monogram became the basis for the decor. The textures and colors of the theatre's original textiles were also...
Sunrise Theatre Schedule

With more shows to be announced in the coming months...

January 14 & 15, Saturday & Sunday – Dionne Warwick
January 21, Saturday – Treasure Coast Opera
February 14, Tuesday – Leslie Gore/Bobby Vee
February 17 & 18, Friday & Saturday – CeCe Winans
February 24 & 25, Friday & Saturday – Jazz Festival
March 4, Saturday – Treasure Coast Opera
March 11, Saturday – Bo Diddley/Fabulous Thunderbirds
March 24, Friday – Bjorn Again
March 28, Tuesday – Susan Anton
April 1, Saturday – Carl Hiassan
April 2, Sunday – Treasure Coast Opera
April 6, Thursday – Charleston Ballet
April 11, Tuesday – Joseph Bologna/Renee Taylor
  (in the Broadway hit “If You Ever Leave Me I’m Going With You.”)
April 15, Saturday – Ramsey Lewis
April 29, Saturday – Pink Floyd Experience
May 1, Monday – River City Brass Band
May 20, Saturday – Four Bitchin Babes

Meet the Sunrise Theatre Super-Staff

The music starts, the lights come down, the curtain goes up and the show begins... but before the doors even open, patience and professionalism are at work behind the scenes. Recently, Executive Director, David Jenkins, has appointed two new men assist the growing Sunrise Theatre staff. Ted A. Geiger, Technical Director of the Sunrise, has worked with a variety of Broadway truck and bus shows over the past 30 yrs. At one time, he was a Carpenter Rigger for a large Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, N.J. That experience changed his life when he was exposed to the theatre end of the business. Ted’s latest job


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was for The Coral Springs City Center as Technical Director and Director of Operations. He currently lives in West Palm Beach with his wife of twenty-three years. They have three children and one grandchild. When asked what attracted him to the Sunrise Theatre position, he said “I wanted a new challenging project and recognized that David Jenkins and Doris Tillman were focused on keeping the historical renovation of the Sunrise on track and accurate.”

New Box Office Manager/Director of Operations, Les Alberts, has a very gentle, charming Australian accent because he spent most of his life in Brisbane, Australia. Les now lives in Port St. Lucie with wife Ardella, and is the proud dad of seven children and granddad to three youngsters. The theatre industry has taken Les all over the globe; London, Australia, Chicago and sunny Florida. Prior to coming to the Sunrise, Les was at the Maltz Jupiter Theatre for two years as Box Office Manager and Programming Coordinator. Les worked at the London Palladium in the 70’s where he spent five years learning the art of stage lighting and worked with famous starts like Josephine Baker, Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra and many others.

Ted and Les join David Jenkins and Linda West to help ensure the backstage operations run smooth for opening night and the 2006 season.

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Fred Fee (1888-1939) • Frank Fee (1913-1983)
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recreated, including the dramatic burgundy and gold florasal carpet and gold fabric-covered walls.

Lay-in acoustic tiles were removed to reveal the original plaster ceiling. Consultant Robert Tanner worked with the team to develop an acoustic design that leaves the restored architectural coffers and moldings visible.

At the back of the auditorium, a separating wall was replaced with a half wall like the one architect John Sherwood originally designed. An acoustic curtain buffers sound during performances, then opens to a spacious, elegant outer lobby featuring a restored Mediterranean-style tile fountain.

The theatre's balcony has also been rebuilt to reflect the original design. The cantilevered steel balcony brings the theatre's seating capacity to over 1,100 and provides a stunning view of the restored theatre's careful blending of past and present.
Happenings at the Library

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It is a reading program designed to help children increase their reading skills. Children will read to a therapy dog for a period of 20 minutes. Our volunteers will assist the children as necessary in learning to read. Children may bring in their own books to read or one will be selected by the volunteer.

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Our Downtown Neighbors: Hibiscus Park Crime Watch and Neighbor Association

By Leslie Olson

As our community brings vitality back to downtown, our adjacent residential neighborhoods have new life-blood flowing through them, creating the foundation for a vital and whole community. Just as the tragedy of post-World War II suburbs lies in the fragmentation of work from home, play from shopping, our neighborhoods are thriving on the heartbeat of a downtown within walking and biking distance.

Hibiscus Park, roughly bordered by Georgia Ave., Beach Ct., 13th St., and Ohio Ave., is an exciting success story in progress. What began around 2001 as a Crime Watch with longtime local residents Tommie MCDermid, Laurie Cox and Syrelda Troy at the helm, the neighbor association has persevered and grown. Hibiscus Park is now a Crime Watch and Home Owners' Association with a large and active membership, advocating for a wide range of neighborhood initiatives, such as better infrastructure (underground power lines, sidewalks), providing support to neighborhood families hit with tragedy, and organizing February's Annual Hibiscus Park Winterfest.

On Saturday, February 25th, between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM, the initial Annual Winterfest will be celebrated in Glidden Park at 10th Street and Parkway. Headlining the event will be the last performance of the Jazz Society's Jazz Week. “You will see jazz performances, a chili contest with a little good natured neighborhood competition, lots of food, a historical exhibit bringing together the past 60 years of the Hibiscus Park neighborhood, games for children and some special surprises. The most important thing you will see is a spirit of giving and sharing. Best of all, there is no entry fee.” says Cecelia DeFilipis, the Winterfest fund raisning chair. She adds, “All donations are gratefully accepted, as profits earned are earmarked for National Night Out—Crime Prevention 2006.”

Hibiscus Park’s President, Chris Dzadovsky and Vice President, Laurie Cox created a powerful team in getting things done. "Good relations with elected officials are key, knowing that we have to assimilate government, community activism with community participation." The neighborhood recently completed a charrette with the city and set exciting goals. Hibiscus Park’s success both feeds and is fed by the success of downtown. Dzadovsky says, “I think this is really a symbiotic relationship. If we do this right, we all play a part in the success of a growing community.”

For information on Winterfest or about Hibiscus Park, call Chris Dzadovsky at 772-834-8539.

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High Tides Ahead for City Marina

By Dan Dannahower

Totally devastated by the ravages of hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in the fall of 2004, Fort Pierce has a plan to return the City Marina to its status as one of the highlights of the downtown area. When complete, the new design will be more storm-proof, more ecologically friendly, and a state of the art facility concentrating on both local and transient boaters.

Fort Pierce City Marina has a long and rich history of ups and downs, having begun its legacy in 1938 when the “yacht basin” was turned over to the city. Since that time it’s been leased to private operators and returned to the city several times with varying results. In the late 1980s it underwent a major revitalization and re-design under the leadership of then Mayor William R. Dannahower and the City Commission. The popular floating docks were added on the east side of the marina. A new entrance channel from the Intercoastal Waterway was dredged. The popular Original Tiki Bar was built and the marina established itself as a full service facility, attracting local charter boats, seasonal and transient boaters, restaurant patrons and more.

Marina Manager Dean Kubitschek has been running the marina for nine years and has been involved in many of the improvements that defined its status before the destructive storms. Until September 2004 he had 280 slips to manage. By the time Hurricane Jeanne left town he had 16! Many of you will remember photos of boats piled upon boats that made the front cover of not only local papers, but national news. Marina damage was estimated at 28 million with 13 million of that being boat losses.

By March of 2005 the carnage of the storms had been cleared and work began to restore the docks on the west side of the seawall. Today the entire dock structure west of the seawall has been rebuilt and the marina now offers 137 slips, about half what was available before the storms. The new docks are

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The most exciting news for the future of the marina is the current plan to surround the area that used to house the floating docks by a series of dredged spoil islands that will protect the marina east of the seawall from future storms. Manager Kubitschek says the city is in the permitting process and in cooperation with FEMA plans to replace spoil islands that were destroyed by the storms with newly dredged islands protecting marina property east of the seawall. Conceptually, a series of islands would be created that start at the seawall in the vicinity of Orange Avenue and curve out into the river east and then north, creating a protective barrier around the river east of the marina and allowing protection for a new series of docks to the east of the seawall. This series of islands would provide storm protection for new docks and also mitigate shoaling of sands that hamper channel entrances to the marina.

The new islands, planted with native plants for stability, might eventually be designated for public use such as fishing, picnicking, etc.

Our marina has a rich history. Future plans are promising for a thriving marina that’s highly desirable to a wide variety of boating activities. Future articles will detail the history of how our marina got to its present state.
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Downtown Fort Pierce Welcomes Two New Restaurants

As we ring in the New Year historic downtown Fort Pierce welcomes two new restaurants: Cobb's Landing and the Yellowtail Grille and Raw Bar. Cobb’s Landing, formerly the Manatiki Restaurant, will offer an upscale steak and seafood cuisine with enticing menu items such as Dolphin Martinique, Certified Angus Beef on a wood burning grill, and Cobb’s Caribbean Bouillabaisse. The establishment’s owners, Ian and Colin Lloyd also own the Original Tiki Bar located at the City Marina. The Lloyd family has owned the Tiki Bar since 1998. Ian and Colin acquired the restaurant from their father in 2003. Both brothers are prominent Fort Pierce attorneys who rely on their manager, Diego Larroude to assist with day-to-day operations. Ian and Colin both attended the University of North Carolina for their undergraduate education. After they earned their undergraduate degrees, Ian went to Law School at Stetson University in Deland, Florida and Colin attended the University of Florida Law School. Both passed the Bar Exam in February 1999.

The Lloyd brothers are very active in the community they live and work in. Ian is on the Sunrise Theatre Board, and was a past director of the Manatee Education and Observation Center Board. Colin is a past director of the Main Street Fort Pierce Board and his wife Sara, is currently on the Board of the Sunrise Theatre. The Cobb’s Landing building is currently in the process of undergoing major renovations including a new air-conditioning system, new kitchen equipment, and numerous exterior structural repairs.

The Cobb’s Landing namesake came from the long dock that once extended from the Indian River shoreline in front of Peter P. Cobb’s general store. The dock was used to unload supplies shipped to the area in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries by steamships. The Indian River was the primary source of transportation before the railroad system reached Fort Pierce in 1894.

The Grand Opening of Cobb’s Landing is expected on January 1, 2006. The restaurant will be open seven days a week and will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. A live entertainment schedule is also planned.

In contrast, the Yellowtail Grille & Raw Bar will offer “bistro” style cuisine. Owner, Dominick Collura also owns the successful Domenick’s Corner Grille on the corner of Jenkins Road and Orange Avenue. Dominick has been in the restaurant business in Fort Pierce for over 12 years. The Yellowtail Grille will continue booking bands for Friday Fest (First Friday of every month) and will keep up the tradition of hosting the popular Thursday Bike Night. The Grille will be open six days a week for lunch and dinner. The Yellowtail Grille is located at 101 North 2nd Street (the former home of Gately’s Grille) at the intersection of Orange Avenue and 2nd Street.