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2 Years Ago & Today: LEGENDS

It's 2 years later after the first showing of the Rocky Horror Picture Show at the Meadowbrook Cinema. The first night here was awful. On the first nights in the other 7 local theatres that had previously shown Rocky, they had almost always been big nights, with big crowds. Not here. It was a dud. Luke & Sherry, the owners, wondered what had gone wrong. Russell wasn't saying anything. Hell, he didn't even know us. WE didn't know HIM, OR what to expect from him.

The next night, things picked up good & we enjoyed the usual early Rocky success most places do enjoy. The other unique thing about the Meadowbrook was the audience. Like Russell, they didn't say anything. They didn't know us. This was an unusual feeling to us because we had just left the Cumberland Twin Cinemas after 126 weeks and everybody there knew us except the virgins every week. Here, no one did. Yet, they looked the same, dressed the same, talked the same, ect. It was noted in RIR # 2 that this was going on. And that it would gradually go away. And it did. You all know us now, right? If we went back to Cumberland to do the show, we'd be strangers again.

Two years. People go away & become names. Gina, Ellen, Dave, Lori, Kenny, Wayne, Paula, Janet, Sheilarae. These people did a lot of shows here. Now they're gone. Mention of these first names brings a face to mind for the veteran cast & audience members. Others have left too, only to come back later.

This is today (Wow). We've developed new faces & future memories that have started right here in the Meadowbrook. And THEIR legends are still being built. "Legends," you ask? "Isn't that a bit strong? This is ONLY the RHPS. No big deal."

Wrong. This is no JOB, some stinking lot where people have to go to get by. You wouldn't be there for free, would you? This is no BAR, a crummy hole where all activity centers around legal drugs. Most who go there are only there because they feel they have no other choice. So remorseful I am to kick those 2 institutions. Ironically, the biggest thing you hear about Rocky is - SAME movie. But it's at the job & especially at the bar that the SAME old thing happens every time. NOT here at the RHPS. Everybody who is here WANTS to be here & has a REASON to be here, even if they don't know it yet. This is a voluntary, open-ended society we have. We have "something" in our grasp here. It's unique. It's ours. It's free & unlimiting. That's why we have SOMETHING. That's why we are building LEGENDS. RR

***** EXTRA LOOOOONNNG PRESHOW SATURDAY night at the MEADOWBROOK. *****

Hello, Cable Car & Eric. Next time, we'll talk about Cable Car Legends.

LAST WEEK at MBC

ATTENDANCE	BOOK PRIZE	*****
FRI 34	Julie Viveiros	"Some people make things happen, some watch
SAT 61	Sandi Prosnite	things happen, & some wonder what happen."