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## The Clambake - A Tradition 80 Years Young

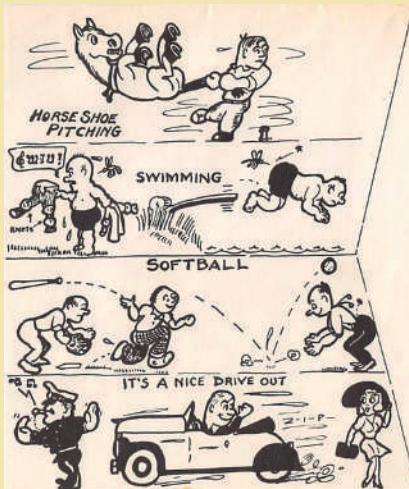
There is a rich history of camaraderie that underlies The Moles' annual Clambake as it marks its eightieth year. Since its inception in 1938, The Clambake is a beloved tradition that continues to flourish in the heat of early August. The four initial Clambakes in 1938 thru 1941 were immensely popular but WWII caused the annual event to be discontinued until 1946. The initial outings were held at Greenwood Landing near Roslyn, Long Island at a facility known as Karatsonyi's Resort where the attendance was limited to 650 guests. In those early years a steam powered passenger boat was provided to transport the group from the east side of Manhattan directly to Greenwood Landing. The assembly at the dock provided an excellent opportunity for a group photo and thus there are several great photos that have survived the past eighty years (see pages 4 and 5). Very few details were recorded as to the actual program for the Clambake's early years until 1946, when it was highlighted in *Holing Through*. Like today's events, it started at 12:30 PM and included playing golf at a nearby course followed by

horseshoes, spike driving and an egg toss. The day's games also included an event known as the "Erection Contest"; unmarked pieces of an approximate 6 foot tall prefabricated steel space frame was erected by teams using typical bolting techniques on a timed basis. The event could better described as a "Big Boy" version of a toy erector set that many played as children. Hopefully with a little more "digging", enough details of the original contest will be unearthed making it possible to incorporate a similar event into the 2019 Clambake program! A significant departure from the current Clambake's activities was the after-dinner show, typically an elaborate, professionally staffed, dance troupe. These floor shows continued into the late 1950's, when for some "unknown reason" they were dropped from the program.

In 1948, the annual event was moved to its current location – the NYAC Travers Island site, where it was held for the next twenty years. Initially 675 Moles and guests were in attendance, but by 1950 the event was so popular that the number grew to over 1000 guests, a hundred more

than the attendance at either the 2017 and 2018 Clambakes. The popularity of the Clambake at that time may also have been aided by the elaborate post-dinner "floor shows", which were described in *Holing Through* but seldom documented with photos. Due to specific orders of then Moles secretary, Irene Lizotte, the pictures rarely made it to print in the *Holing Through*. Apparently, she had the final word as the Editor-in-Chief (some things never change). In those years the softball game was a major event and included huge spectator interest. The teams were the Moles members vs. the staff of the NYC Department of Public Works, the agency that once included almost all the individual NYC agencies we know today. Incidentally these early Clambakes were held as late as the third Wednesday in August, pushing the scheduled date much later into the month of August.

The event continued into the mid-1950s at Travers Island relatively unchanged until 1955, when the guests were allowed to swim in the new NYAC pool installed that year. This made a *(continued on p. 4)*



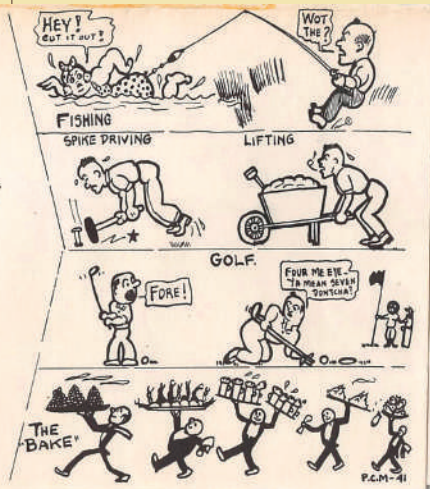
**THE MOLES'**  
**ANNUAL CLAM BAKE**  
 Wednesday, August 20th, 1941  
**KARATSONYI'S**  
 Glenwood Landing Long Island

Buffet Luncheon at 12:30 p. m. Clam Bake and Show at 7:00 p. m.  
 Free Beer served throughout the day  
 Be on hand for lunch and spend a full day  
 Feature Soft Ball Game at 3:30 p. m.  
 New York City Department of Public Works -vs- The Moles  
 for  
 Founder's Challenge Trophy  
 This is for blood — they beat us last year

SPORTS GAMES FISHING SWIMMING  
 or  
 Play GOLF at nearby Engineer's Club — Greens Fee \$1.25

Desirable Prizes for Members and Guests

Stag Tickets \$6.60 Stag  
 Tickets must be obtained in advance — Use return envelope for reservations  
 Make checks payable to THE MOLES, 11 West 42nd Street, New York, N. Y.  
 Telephone Longacre 5-1830



# KEEPING UP WITH THE MOLES

**T**he Moles is comprised of an impressive array of individuals who continue to make a mark in the industry and in their efforts to improve the lives of others with their philanthropy:

**Carl Cosenzo** is being honored by the MFL Foundation for Cancer Prevention, at its 10th Anniversary Gala on October 27, 2018 in Jersey City, NJ. The MFL Foundation was created by **Frank LoRe's** wife Madeleine.

**John Kolaya** is the event organizer and chairman of the Parkinson's Foundation's Moving Day being held in Clark, NJ on September 29, 2018. Fundraising dollars will be spent on Parkinson's research and, just as importantly, the money raised will be spent on improving the quality of life for those who have PD. Additional information can be found on its website: [Movingdaynewjersey.org](http://Movingdaynewjersey.org). Team Holy Moley has been set up on the website for those interested in participating or donating.

The National Academy of Construction (NAC) will induct 38 new members at their Annual Meeting in San Diego on October 11th. The following 7 new members are also members of The Moles: **Jamey Barbas, Tom Gelormino, John Kolaya, Jim Marquardt, Denise Richardson, Mike Traylor** and **Dave Woods**. The overall NAC membership will increase to 297 members, of which 40 are also

Moles members. Congratulations to all well-deserving new members.

**Julius Nimorwicz**, who at the age of 97 has been enjoying his Emeritus status membership for over 35 years, was recently interviewed in the Sarasota **Herald Tribune**. A veteran of WWII, he was stationed in Iran constructing a major wharf allowing the unloading of multiple ships while ambient temperatures reached as high as 116 degrees. Julius was a long-time employee of J. Rich Steers and worked on numerous major bridge projects such as the Verrazano Narrows, the Sunshine Bridge in Louisiana and the Newburg Beacon Bridge. He is presently living in Bradenton, Florida. The Moles wish him well and continued good health!

Moles Members, engineering students and faculty are invited to attend "A Conversation with **George Tamaro**", a discussion about the World Trade Center Slurry Walls, on Sept. 18, 2018 at 3:30pm in the Kelly Commons 4AB on the Manhattan College Campus followed by a reception. RSVP to Janet Horgan at [janet.horgan@manhattan.edu](mailto:janet.horgan@manhattan.edu) by September 10, 2018.

## Moles Students Day: October 19<sup>th</sup> !

Once again, The Moles will host a tour of the tunnel caverns of the East Side Access Project beneath Grand Central Station. In order to provide required PPE to all of the approximately 400 students in attendance, we are requesting donations of one or two boxes of hard hats, vests and eye protection from member companies. Kindly send to: The Moles, 50 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Suite 102, Montvale New Jersey 07645 by early October.



**H**olding Through is published by The Moles three times a year. You may have noticed that the *Holding Through* editions are being mailed out on a somewhat different monthly schedule. To allow more real time reporting of Mole Events we have changed the Code of Procedures to move the April newsletter to be released in the month of May. That shift allows us to report much sooner on the proceedings from the May Members Dinner where new officers and new Mole members are announced. Similarly, the July issue is now being delayed until August to allow coverage of our annual Clambake that always occurs during the first week of August. The November edition will remain as previously distributed since it allows coverage of the proceedings of the early November Fall Members Dinner which traditionally announces the winner of both the Member and Non-Member Moles Award recipient. The Executive Committee believes that it will allow our mem-

bership to stay more current concerning Moles news and business activities.

Please e-mail newsworthy updates to: Executive Director and Editor of *Holding Through*: Thomas J. Groark, P.E. [tgroark@themoles.net](mailto:tgroark@themoles.net). The Moles office is located at 50 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Suite 102, Montvale, NJ 07645. Office: (201) 930-1923.

The Moles website, [www.themoles.net](http://www.themoles.net), provides current calendar events including links to hotel reservations, additional photos in the photo gallery, as well as archived copies of *Holding Through*. Members are encouraged to keep their Member's Page updated and utilize the mobile-friendly version of the website to stay connected! Members' home contact information remains private unless a member approves its display to other members.

Thank you to Bob Radske for capturing the essence of the Clambake, photos on the back page and more on website!

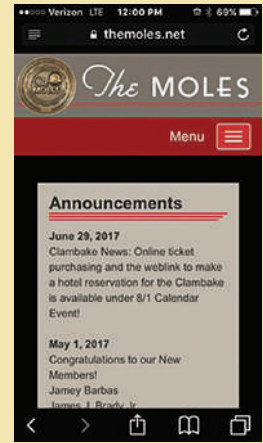
# The Moles' Website at Your Fingertips!

Some things bear repeating: a cautionary tale, a quote from your favorite movie, a great joke and the instructions for accessing the The Moles' Website from your smart phone! Look up colleagues' contact information or quickly check the Calendar right from your mobile phone!

You are a few quick, short steps away! Using any Smart Phone please be guided by the following steps:

Step 1: Using your Smart Phone Safari log into [www.themoles.net](http://www.themoles.net) and this screen will appear (*Photo A*):

Photo A 




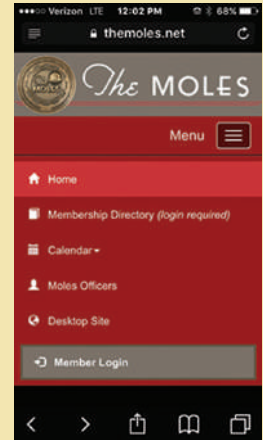
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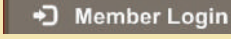
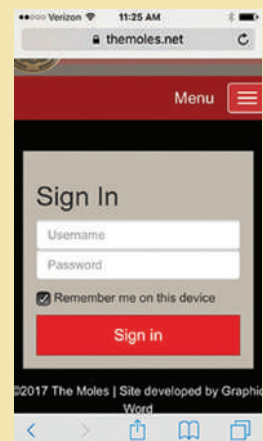
Step 3 – Click on Member Login  and this screen will now appear (*Photo C*):

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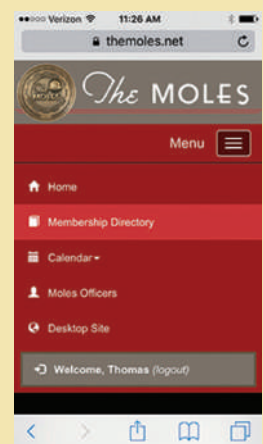
A. Simply enter your User Name (originally set as your Moles 4 digit # unless you changed it previously) and your Password (originally set as “themoles” unless you previously changed it previously)



B. Then tap *Sign in*  and this screen will appear (*Photo D*):

Photo D 

You are now logged in and your phone will remember your User Name and Password automatically for all future logins!



You now have access to all current Moles information including Officers, Committee Members, Updated Calendar of Events and Upcoming Committee Meetings. Please note that you now have easy access to our **Membership Directory** similar to what was previously published in the Moles annual Membership Directory. Simply click on Membership Directory and begin typing the first or last name of member until you see the name appear – then simply click on the name and the associated contact information will appear. Give it a try!

Please note that since this mobile feature is tied to our main website, make sure you have logged into our main website either from a desktop computer or a smart phone at least once in order to allow the smart phone feature to operate.



welcome addition considering the NYAC Clubhouse was not air conditioned at the time. Kindly note that the door prizes were very coveted in those years since the typical prizes included modern clock radios and the very popular new "portable" radios. In the late '50s there was the addition of a Pile Driving Contest; the prize for the winner was an electric food blender!

The annual Clambake continued to enjoy popularity into the late '60s at Travers Island but in August of 1967 the event was moved to Tammy Brook Country Club in Cresskill, New Jersey. It was held there annually through 1977, returning to the NYAC in 1978. On August 7, 1978 The Moles experienced the worst weather that has ever been associated with its Clambake. In mid-afternoon, 1.65 inches of rain fell in approximately a one-hour time period at Travers Island accompanied with wind gusts of nearly 30 MPH. In this terrible weather, Dick Weeks demonstrated his expertise in pitching horse shoes and was a recipient of the event prize that year. In August of '81, the event moved to Colonie Hill in Hauppauge, Long Island where it remained until 1983.

In 1984, the Clambake made its heralded return to Travers Island and has remained there to the present. Our records indicate that the popularity of golf in the '80s and '90s was much greater than today and the players were

forced to play at one of three different reserved golf courses. In 2018, all 107 golfers played a shotgun start tournament at Pelham Country Club. Presently there are discussions to explore the possibility of an entirely separate Moles Golf Tournament scheduled some time in the fall season, which many Moles members may enjoy.

The ever-popular tugboat ride pushed off the dock for the first time in 1995. Consideration of bringing that popular water excursion back to the 2019 Clambake is being discussed. Next year, high tide will be approximately 4:30 PM which may allow for better access to the dock than this year when the low tide occurred during the mid-afternoon hours.

In 1995, one of the star softball players for the Consultants Team was none other than current Executive Director Tom Groark. [Side note to the game: a long string of annual wins by the Contractor's team was snapped by an 11 to 10 upset victory by the Consultants Team. Memory triggered, Tom now remembers why he had a different color Moles shirt hidden away in his closet for the last 20 plus years until his wife finally threw it out!]

The most recent Clambake, held on August 7<sup>th</sup> started out very hot and humid and was very oppressive for the early morning golfers but by noon a

welcome breeze off Long Island Sound cooled things down and allowed the afternoon events to be enjoyed by the 900 Moles members and guests in attendance. The new tradition of displaying a few classic cars continued and welcomed the arrival of Chris Adam's beautiful Duesenberg, Jack Daly's 1935 Cadillac Limousine, and a beautiful 1965 Corvette convertible owned by Jim DeFalco, Tom Maxwell came rumbling in with his 1930 Ford Model A (as shown below with Dick Weeks), Tom Groark brought his 1952 MGTD, and Jesse Jameson came roaring in with a 1952 Hudson looking like he was ready for a drag race at Raceway Park. A beautiful white early '70s MG Midget was on display. Many guests enjoyed the unique cars including



Dick Weeks & the 1930 Ford Model A



Denise Richardson who let it be known that she has a very special love for classic cars. Denise sat behind the steering wheel of one of the most unique and rare automobiles ever made – a Duesenberg boat tail speedster! (above)

A couple new activities were added to the program this year (perhaps to make up for low-tide!) including a speed pitch

booth, with first place tied by Tony Canale and Matt "H", with an impressive 69 miles per hour speedball. The women's division was won by Meg McKensie; her early softball years came in handy! The Cuban cigar table was a new concept that was appreciated by many and waved off by others! Additionally, the good old American staple, foot-long hot dogs, were available to all under the tent adjacent to the endless supply of beer. Don't even think about it – there will be NO Hot Dog eating contest on the program next year!

This year's traditionally upbeat and relaxed Clambake was bittersweet as it coincided with the news that just four days earlier The Moles lost a good friend and business associate, Mike

McHugh. Many individual member's conversations during the event were devoted to reminiscing about what a truly unique and wonderful Mole "Big Mike" was. To mark Mike's passing, a moment of silence was observed at 4:30 PM and a photography drone was in place to capture the moment from its elevated position. The aerial picture as shown here, and also on our website, captures the enormity of the love, respect and camaraderie that exists among Moles members. The photo documents nearly 900 people participating in a moment of silence in memory of one of their own. Rest In Peace "Big Mike", you will truly be missed.



# MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**JACK E. DOWNEN** passed away on March 31, 2018 at the age of 93. He was honored for being a 40 year Moles Life member in 2012. Retired, following a long career with Atlas Powder as their Vice President of Marketing, Jack and his wife enjoyed RV-ing to many destinations throughout the US from his home outside of Dallas.



Jack Ely

**ANDREW “JACK” ELY** passed away peacefully on June 18, 2018. A native of New Jersey, Jack landed his first job as a young man cutting

brush for the New Jersey Turnpike. He eventually went on to become involved with numerous of underground construction projects including overseeing the first major shaft raise boring program for City water Tunnel #3 – raising 42 shafts with a total footage of 15,000 LF. A proud member of Local 147 – NY Sandhogs and a 40-plus year member of The Moles, Jack worked and held top management positions for such notable companies as DeLeuw Cather, Johnson Drake and Piper, Walsh Construction and MacLean Grove & Company, Inc.



**RAYMOND J. FINNEGAN** (above) passed away on June 19, 2018 after a long, courageous battle with cancer. A 1970 graduate of Manhattan College, Ray started with the Port Authority of NY & NJ and spent many years with its Materials Group, which he managed into the mid-80’s and later lead the PA’s

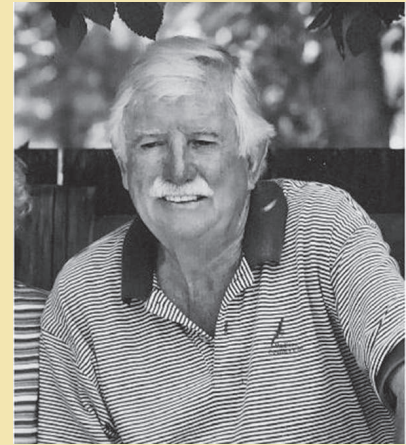
Construction Management Division. Ray was on the 51<sup>st</sup> Floor of 1 WTC when the WTC was bombed on Feb 26, 1993 and was again in WTC Tower 1 when the planes hit the buildings on Sept 11, 2001, experiencing the trauma associated with not one, but two terrorist attacks. After retiring from the PA, Ray briefly worked for Parsons Brinkerhoff, before his ten-year tenure with Ferreira Construction. His favorite phrase was “LIFE IS GOOD”; Ray is survived by his wife Maureen, two daughters and countless friends.

**WILLIAM O. GOODRICH** passed away on September 15, 2015 following a battle with leukemia. A career employee of Morrison Knudsen Company, he began his career on a tunnel project in Boston and subsequently served on numerous projects throughout the US and the world. In 1965, he was assigned to support the US Military efforts in Vietnam and spent 2 years there building numerous military support facilities. Similar to many of the M-K staff in Boise, Bill enjoyed hunting and fishing in the nearby Idaho and Wyoming mountains.

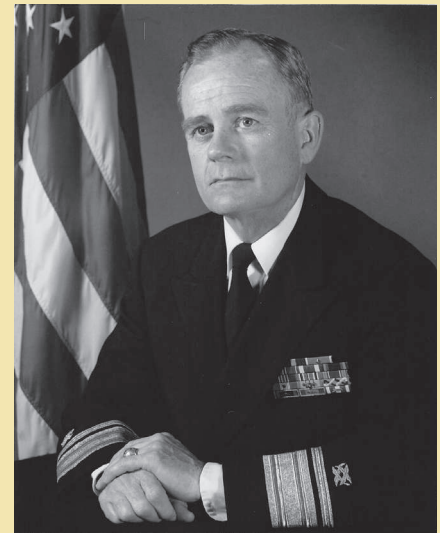
**JOHN J. GRAHAM** passed away on August 8, 2018 at the age of 95 in Darien, CT. A World War II veteran who flew 40 combat missions as a B-24 bombardier, Jack was also a collegiate athlete, excelling in football and hockey at Boston College. His talent for the game of golf nearly allowed him to play golf professionally. Jack began his career with the Atlantic Cement Company and eventually retired in 1998 as President of Lone Star Cement Co. He is survived by his wife Marian, six children and 14 grandchildren.

**ROBERT E. HAINES** passed away at the age of 88 on December 26, 2017. A 1949 graduate of Duke University he eventually spent 36 years in the area of Engineering and Construction. Beginning as a concrete laborer, then blacksmith helper, then driller on a rock cut, he later joined the Army Corps of Engineers and did extensive survey work in the Philippines. After spending a few years with S.A. Healy, Robert joined J.M. Foster and later became its Presi-

dent and Chairman before his retirement in 1987.



**JOHN E. “NED” HUGHES** (above) passed away on June 12, 2018 at the age of 91. Ned was a Penn State University alumni and entered the U.S.A.F. during the Korean War, where he completed pilot training and flew the F-86 Sabre, the first fighter aircraft to exceed the speed of sound. He was a long time career employee with the Atlas Powder Company. Ned recently became a 40-Year Life Member.



**REAR ADM. ROBERT F. JORTBERG**, Civil Engineer Corps US Navy, (above) passed away at the age of 90 on July 8, 2016. A 1948 Naval Academy graduate, he eventually went on to become the Officer in Charge for the Department of Defense construction program in Vietnam. For his efforts he re-

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ceived the Navy Distinguished Service Award, the Meritorious Service Award and the Bronze Star. Following his retirement from the Navy he joined the Lummus Company in Bloomfield, NJ and served in a series of executive positions.

**FRANK MANNA** passed away following a long struggle with cancer on June 4, 2018. Following graduation from RPI with an Electrical Engineering degree, he started his career working with his father's company, the Manna Electric Company. Frank managed the electrical portions of numerous huge projects both in the US and internationally and later became the CEO of Fischbach and Moore, a national electrical contractor headquartered in NYC. More recently Frank was a valuable technical expert overseeing electrical aspects of the Design/Build/Maintain/Operate Project at JFK airport. Just weeks before his passing he celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with his wife Mary Ann. Frank loved golf and being with his family. His enthusiasm and love of life will be missed.



**JOSEPH M. MARTOSELLA** (above) passed away on June 17, 2018 at the age of 87. Joe was a most trusted and valuable employee of Buckley and Company for over 60 years, where he was Vice President and General Counsel. Joe was an expert in all aspects of the construction business, including field operation, administrative and legal matters.

**MICHAEL M. McHUGH** passed away on August 3, 2018 at the age of 59 suddenly at his home with his wife

Valerie at his side. Born in Yonkers, New York, he attended Manhattan College where he served on numerous advisory boards. Known to many as the New York face of Moretrench America Corp., Mike was an expert in ground water control, foundation installations and support of excavation. Mike was an "active" Mole, serving for many years on the Education and Membership Committees. At the time of his death, he was a Trustee on The Moles' Executive Committee. Mike was also past president of the Lower Hudson Branch of ASCE, active with the GCA of NY and was very involved with DFI and the George Fox Conference. The 2019 ACCNJ Scholarship Foundation will honor Mike's commitment to the industry and student mentoring with a scholarship in his name. He was also involved with The Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick. Mike's unique way of incorporating levity with the difficult challenges of the Heavy Construction business will be long remembered.

## Boca Raton Site of 2019 Winter Meeting

It is hard to believe, but in a short few months, we will be in the throes of winter weather and the current complaints of heat and humidity will be replaced by those of bitter-cold temperatures and too much snow (at least by Moles residing in the north!). The solution? Head to the Waldorf-Astoria's Boca Beach Resort & Club in Boca Raton, Florida, for The Moles annual Winter Meeting!

Moles will be convening at the Boca Beach Club from February 28 - March 3, 2019 for great food, warm weather and even better company! On average, 90 Moles including guests attend the weekend-long festivities and the *Lady Atlantic* has already been secured for the Saturday evening intracoastal dinner cruise.

Reservations can be made directly through the link available on our website, [www.themoles.net](http://www.themoles.net) under the Calendar Event, Winter Meeting, where additional information is also available.

### **Boca Beach Club room rates are available through Jan. 29, 2019:**

Run-of-the-house rooms ("ROH"): \$489/night\* - best room available at arrival.  
Elegant Skydeck rooms: \$689/night\* complete with sun deck and ocean view.  
King "Ocean Vista" rooms: \$659/night\* - for this room type, please make your reservation online for the ROH room and then call our travel agent, Laura Paynter at the Village Traveler, to upgrade. Laura may be reached at (908) 658-4804.

Hopefully, our Emeritus members residing in Florida will join the group! Any questions, please call the office at (201) 930-1923.



The Skydeck Room (limited availability) comes with a sundeck and view!

# Clambake Candida

